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Practically every report concerning the victory fall round-up is encouraging. Pastors are taking this seriously. We found the Sunday School superintendents about all ready to join their pastors to help finish raising the million dollars for missions. It was our privilege to meet a large number of them along with their pastors during the past week. They are such a fine set of fellows. When the pastor and Sunday School superintendent join in a task in a church they usually get the job done. Let all of us pray with them for victory.

In Jones Association the pastors present at a recent meeting voted unanimously to lead in this important task. Some of them are having three to five minute talks by different members of the church each Sunday morning until the fifth Sunday when they are to take the love offering. One day's income plus a Sunday's offering from the churches using the budget plan and a love offering from all the rest will result in the salvation of large numbers of souls and the training of thousands of lives. Let's do it, FOR JESUS' SAKE.

The workers' meeting in Aspermont of the Stonewall Association was well attended and a splendid program was presented, ranging around the fall round-up. Brother H. R. Whitley, Haskell, was the feature speaker. He always does the job well.

On Monday the Fisher Workers' meeting was in session, also. Since I was at Stonewall during the morning I did not get to enjoy the most of the program. But the part I did get to hear was excellent. Well, one part was not so good. I brought the closing message. A good crowd was there in spite of the fact the people were right in the middle of harvest.

Mr. W. J. Lites, J. M. Cook, and C. A. Powell make a trio hard to equal as traveling Powells. We spent the past week touring the district in interest of the Sunday School work. They are good speakers and conference leaders. The people proved their interest in this fine field of activity by leaving their harvests and attending the meetings. Then, the people where we met were the finest of hosts. They furnished meals for all who came and had everything ready. We take this means of expressing our thanks. The editor, Mr. Dudley, went with us part of the time. He thought he was in good company. We appreciate his efficiency as editor of the West Texas Baptist. He is treasurer of the district also. Those of us who know him best consider him one of the best Christian gentlemen we know. He needs more cooperation on our part. Let's give it.

The work piled up on us this week. Three workers' meetings and two an-

EVENTS TO COME

- October 5-6—Cisco Assn., Gorman.
- October 12—El Paso Association, Grandview Church, El Paso.
- October 15—Southwide Laymen's Day.
- October 28—Tierra Blanca Association, Happy.
- October 29—Training Union contests, in individual unions.
- November 3-5—State B. S. U. Convention, Hardin-Simmons U.
- November 5—Training Union contests, in churches.
- November 12—Training Union contests, in associations.
- November 14-17—Baptist General Convention of Texas, San Antonio.
- November 20—Training Union contests, in districts.
- November 30—State Training Union contests, Austin.
- November 30-December 2—Texas B. T. U. Convention, Austin.

Abilene Brotherhood Invites Baptist Men of West Texas

LAYMEN'S RALLY MEETS TUESDAY EVENING, OCT. 10

All Baptist men of West Texas are cordially invited by the Brotherhood of First Church, Abilene, to attend a district rally at the church at seven Tuesday evening, October 10. Preparations are being made for the largest gathering of men in the history of the church.

Dr. John W. Raley, the popular president of Oklahoma Baptist University, and one of the outstanding public speakers of the Southwest, will deliver the principal address.

Supper will be served at seven in the church dining room which has accommodations for 300. The freshman class in nursing of Hendrick Hospital, directed by Miss Lola Wilcox, dietitian, will serve. A nominal charge of 25 cents per plate will be made.

Although the occasion is the regular monthly meeting of the First Church group, it will be expanded to a rally for not only Sweetwater Association but all District 17.

Men from other districts are included in the invitation to hear the distinguished speaker. They are requested to make reservations in advance, notifying the president of the host group, Leroy Jennings, 450 Pine, Abilene.

Mr. Jennings will preside, introducing visiting delegations, and presenting Superintendent E. M. Collier of Hendrick Hospital, who is Brotherhood president in Sweetwater Association.

Mr. Collier will extend greetings to visitors, especially recognizing visiting associational presidents.

Judge E. S. Cummings, Brotherhood president of District 17, will use five minutes to stress Laymen's day observance on October 15.

Dr. N. A. Moore, representing Hardin-Simmons university, will present the speaker of the evening.

The Brotherhood of the host church has attracted wide attention through their outstanding work in carrying on a mission and a free clinic in cooperation with Hendrick Memorial Hospital and Baptist physicians of the city. Rev. and Mrs. James Alexander are city missionaries in the Brotherhood sponsored project.

FALL REVIVAL TO CLIMAX GREAT YEAR AT CLYDE

On October 8th the Clyde Baptist Church will begin a revival to continue one week or longer.

Rev. Lawrence Trott, pastor, First Baptist Church, Rotan, will do the preaching. The singing will be in charge of the local choir director, Mr. Archie Pee. Miss Anna Belle Tabor will be at the piano.

In all of our work we seek to reveal more clearly the will of God and the work of Christ; to deepen the spirituality of the church; and get the Christian people to really live the Christian life, work at the job, bringing the lost to Christ.

The past month of September has been the best month in Sunday School work the church has had in at least six years, that is as far back as records are available. Mr. L. M. Green has not missed Sunday School more than four times in the five years he has been superintendent.

The past year has been the best year in Training Union work the church has had for many years. Mr. R. P. Adams is now director.

The W. M. U. under the direction of Mrs. W. L. Sikes continues to do very, very good work. In addition to their regular program, missions, study and benevolence, they have been making clothing and canning fruit and vegetables for Hendrick Memorial Hospital and Buckner Orphans Home.

The church plans to observe State Missions Week of Prayer, with special emphasis placed on this work by each department of the church. In addition to the budget a special offering will be made.

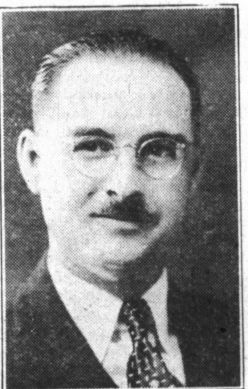
J. S. TIERCE, Pastor.

The annual meeting of the West Texas Mexican Association will be held at Abilene, October 27 to 29. Approximately 300 messengers are expected, representing an area from Ranger to Pecos and from Brownwood to Amarillo.

Brotherhood Leaders



JUDGE E. S. CUMMINGS
Brotherhood President, District 17



E. M. COLLIER,
Brotherhood President, Sweetwater Association



LEROY JENNINGS,
Brotherhood President, First Church, Abilene

TRAINING UNION GROWING AT SOUTH SIDE CHURCH

Out of an enrollment of 220, 192 were present at South Side Church, Abilene, for the Training Union service, Sunday, October 1. A goal of 250 enrollment and 200 average attendance has been set for October with the aim to enlist half of the Sunday School enrollment of 650 by the end of the year.

Last winter the Training Union in this church had an enrollment of 89 with an average attendance of 45. The September average was 168. Credit for the gain is given to the cooperation of the membership of the church in following Pastor's Assistant Byron Fletcher, who is also Training Union director.

With the growth of the training service, preaching attendance has increased by one-third and offerings have shown a marked growth.

Plans are underway for a study course beginning October 25. The church is also expecting to furnish four cars of leaders and officers to the Training Union convention at Austin, Thanksgiving.

Pastor W. C. Ashford will conduct an installation service of officers in the unions Sunday evening, October 8.

First Church, Vernon, has set November 5 as the date for dedication of their building.

OKLAHOMA EDUCATOR TO ADDRESS BROTHERHOOD



DR. JOHN W. RALEY

Dr. John W. Raley, president of Oklahoma Baptist University, humorist, pulpit orator, educator, will address the men of First Church, Abilene, Tuesday evening, October 10. Because of the prominence of the guest speaker, laymen of all West Texas are invited to attend.

Although a native Texan, his mature life has been spent in Oklahoma where he has reached an eminence unusual for his years.

Concerning the distinguished visitor, a Texas friend has written the following brief sketch for the West Texas Baptist:

John W. Raley, a native Texan, was born and reared on a farm in Milam County where his father still lives an honored and respected Christian citizen.

He was educated at Baylor University, the Southwestern Seminary, took his doctor's degree at the Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Philadelphia. During his educational career he had taught school in several places. He returned from the Seminary to the pastorate. For several years he attracted wide attention for the growth of his church at Bartlesville, Okla.

Five years ago he was asked by the board of trustees of Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, Okla., to become its president. The school was in financial difficulties to which was added internal frictions in the administration and faculty. The progress of the institution under his leadership has been outstanding along all lines. The finances have been enlarged, internal differences smoothed out; the faculty unified and enlarged; and the Baptist constituency of the whole state rallied to its support as never before in its history.

Gifted Orator

Among his most marked talents is his platform ability. He is truly a master of assemblies; a speaker of persuasive powers; a thinker, a wit, and over it all a devout and reverent faith in the Bible and the Southern Baptist program of service in the Kingdom of God. He is young man for such large accomplishments, in his early forties, with bright prospects of still larger achievements ahead.

ABILENE CHURCH REPORTS 280 ADDED IN TWO WEEKS

A total of 225 additions, with 75 for baptism, were reported by First Church, Abilene, during the Hyman Appelman revival, September 18 to August 1. There were also 55 additions Sunday, September 17.

Besides these 280 additions in the fifteen days, there were 16 other public professions, three rededications and two who surrendered for special service.

High hours of the revival were services the evening of September 19, when hundreds filed by, placing a right hand on a Bible in token of renewed consecration of their lives; and Sunday morning, October 1, when families assembled, standing in groups, pledging cooperation in a Christian home.

The evangelist drove to his home in Fort Worth after the Sunday evening service and opened a meeting at Brownwood Monday evening.

Rev. Aubrey Short, pastor at Rochester, is engaged in a revival at New London.

DISTRICT LEADERS LAUD CAMP LUEDERS EXPANSION

The expansion of the grounds of the Lueders Baptist encampment through the securing of the Lueders city park property as reported in the West Texas Baptist last week has brought forth a chorus of acclaim from leaders in the encampment work.

The property secured had been under private lease for some years and with the long term lease on the city land, the camp acquired valuable improvements, including a stone building which First Church, Hamlin, has purchased for \$500. The terms of the deal provide a total cash consideration of \$900 for the lease and improvements.

A representative of the West Texas Baptist had opportunity to discuss the acquisition with a few of the leaders in encampment activities with such responses as follows:

It is the best thing that could happen for our encampment. Nearly all of our discipline troubles in past years have arisen from the presence of undesirable people on this property which we could not control. It will not only improve the morale but will add to the beauty and utility of the grounds.—Mrs. J. B. Buckley, W. M. U. president, District 17.

From the standpoint of physical property, this leaves us nothing to want. It makes our property 50 per cent more valuable.—Rev. Dick O'Brien, president of District 17 convention.

It is the most forward-looking step for the encampment since the debt-paying campaign. It almost doubles the usefulness of the camp and protects us from outside interests which might cause embarrassment.—J. D. Riddle, camp faculty member.

To my mind this is a very great advance for Lueders encampment.—Rev. Chas. A. Powell, president of District 17 executive board.

There are 20 fine building sites on this property and the best swimming pool in this part of the river.—Camp Manager J. Henry Littleton.

We are deeply indebted to Henry Littleton for saving this property for the use of the encampment.—J. M. Cook, district Sunday School superintendent.

THREE HUNDRED EXPECTED AT VERNON S. S. CLINIC

More than three hundred Sunday School teachers, general and departmental officers and class officers of adult, young people and intermediate departments are expected at a Clinic at First Church, Vernon, Thursday evening, October 5.

The meeting will open with a brief song service and devotional at 7:30 o'clock, after which will follow a 45 minute conference period. During the conference period the workers will meet in nine classes. The conference leaders and the conference they will conduct are as follows:

For Adult and Young People Department Teachers, to be supplied.

For Junior and Intermediate Department Teachers, Rev. Alton Reed, Lamar Church, Wichita Falls.

For Elementary Department Teachers, Mrs. J. O. Wright.

For Class Presidents, E. A. Scarborough, educational director, First Church, Wichita Falls.

For Membership Vice-Presidents and Associate Departmental Superintendents, Volus Norsworthy.

For Stewardship, Vice-Presidents and Department Superintendents, Dr. E. S. James.

For Ministries Vice-Presidents, Mrs. W. N. Martin.

For Fellowship Vice-Presidents, W. N. Martin.

For Class Secretaries, and Department Secretaries, and Classification Officers, Mrs. J. E. Ray.

After the conference period, we will assemble in the auditorium for brief reports, a solo by Mr. Scarborough, and the closing message.

GOOD SERVICE AT SHEP

Shep Church, where Rev. Clyde Jackson is pastor, had a great day on the fourth Sunday in September. There were 105 in Sunday School as compared with an average of 70 for 1939, and 75 in Training Union compared with a total enrollment of 50 for last year. Forty tithers pledges were received at the service.

Lucian Jackson is superintendent of the Sunday School and J. C. Hamilton, Training Union director.

DISTRICT 8



R. ELMER DUNHAM
Missionary, District 8
600 East 4th St., Big Spring

Two Important Meetings

The men of Mitchell-Scurry Association will meet with the First Baptist Church of Snyder Tuesday, June 10, at 7:30 p.m. for their first associational Brotherhood. This falls on the same day as the associational Workers Conference but this was unavoidable due to other meetings crowding out the original night. A free barbecue supper will open the meeting, served jointly by Wastella and Snyder. The program is as follows:

7:30—Song and Prayer Service, Mr. Willard Jones, pianist, Rev. Ira Harrison.

7:30—Barbecue Supper in the basement of First Church, Snyder.

8:00—"Why the Layman Should Be Interested in the Brotherhood," address by President Joe Williamson, Wastella.

8:15—"Why I am for a Brotherhood in Every Church in Our District," address by District President Lyman Wren, Snyder.

8:30—Special Music, Male Quartet of Snyder.

8:35—"Why the Pastors Should Be Interested in the Brotherhood," District Missionary R. E. Dunham.

8:50—"Why I Want a Brotherhood in My Church," two-minute testimonies from all men.

9:05—Brief business session and adjournment at 9:15.

The Other One

Is the Brotherhood meeting of Big Spring association, meeting with Midland First Church with a luncheon at 40c per plate. President Greene and his committee have asked Rev. Williamson of Stanton to lead the invocation, Mr. Taylor White the opening song service, and Rev. Fred Stump of First, Big Spring, to furnish special music. Speakers will be District President Lyman Wren of Snyder, District Missionary R. E. Dunham and Vice-President Taylor White of Midland. Mr. J. Boyd East of Midland will lead the closing congregational song service. This meeting is to be Thursday, October 12, and begins also at 7:30 P. M.

Workers Conference Ahead

The Big Spring Workers Conference will meet with Immanuel Church at Odessa Tuesday, October 3. Rev. B. A. Rogers is host pastor, and this is the first associational meeting to be held with this new church in its new building. Mitchell-Scurry Association, as stated above, meets the same date as their Brotherhood, but with Fluvanna Church and Pastor Nipp as hosts. Miss Nella Casement of the Training Union department will be a guest speaker. Convening at 10 a.m., it will not conflict with the Brotherhood meeting later in the day. Sparenburg is host to the La-

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REVIVAL BEGINS OCT. 15 AT UNIVERSITY CHURCH

Rev. Perry F. Evans, field worker for Buckner Orphans Home, will preach in a revival at University Church, Abilene, from October 15 to 29. Rev. Evans is an experienced pastor and evangelist with a forceful message.

University Church appears to be on higher ground than at any time in recent years. In addition to much physical improvement, there is marked progress in all departments of the work. The church has sponsored several mission revivals, reaching out into unchurched sections.

There have been more than one hundred additions to the church in recent weeks, a large portion of whom are Hardin-Simmons students.

Pastor Charles A. Powell and Assistant Pastor Clyde R. Campbell are leading the church in prayer for a deep and far-reaching revival during these two weeks.

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HYMAN APPELMAN

Evangelist Hyman Appelman stands alone, unique among Gospel preachers of his generation. His work is an example of what the Almighty can do with one man who surrenders his every thought and action to winning the lost.

He has been designated as a human dynamo because of his unwearying labors, his dynamic driving power, his ability to enlist others in the work which is the breath of his existence.

His constant and exhausting exertions, speaking, as he generally does, four times daily, is a source of worry to his friends who have often urged without avail that he take a less strenuous gait. Of the numerous suggestions for conserving the energy and extending the ministry of this invaluable soul-winner, here are some that seem especially constructive:

One suggests that he arrange his schedules so that when he closes one meeting on Sunday night the next will not open until the following Sunday morning. Such a plan will permit him to refresh his worn body, rest his tired voice and meet engagements without the necessity of hard, dangerous drives. While this system will reduce the number of meetings which he holds, it will undoubtedly increase his efficiency and lengthen his life.

A very thoughtful layman suggests that a co-worker who is deeply consecrated, and not a press agent, could greatly assist the work of the evangelist by going into a church, one week before the revival preaching begins, to organize prayer services and to enlist and inspire personal workers.

One who has had part in three Appelman meetings suggests that his greatest need is a competent and consecrated secretary to relieve the evangelist of a vast burden of details.

Whatever may be decided upon, we sin if we permit a man so used of God to wear himself away before his time. And the greatest thing which we can do for Hyman Appelman, or any other evangelist or pastor-evangelist, is to make such preparation of prayer and reconsecration before the meeting begins that he can appeal directly to the unsaved instead of wearing out his strength in warming cold Christians.

It is difficult to think of a more thankless and exhausting work than to appeal to people to do what they know in their hearts that they ought to do but which they have no notion of doing.

FALSE DAWN

Have you ever stopped to think what would be the result if an unregenerate, sinful world should enter upon a millenium of uninterrupted peace and prosperity?

At some time or other all of us have dreamed of a time when, freed from war and want, the human race might expand to the full-est enjoyment of the riches of earth. In every age mankind has returned to the pursuit of this evanescent Utopia at the foot of the rainbow, and in every age the vision has been rudely shattered against ugly and uncompromising facts.

The first and most notable reason for this failure is that every era of peace has been disrupted by some scheming Caesar who would make the rest of the world his slaves. As often as free institutions and peaceful peoples have arisen in the past, they have been ground down by some military tyrant, lifting himself to power on a pyramid of skulls.

Yet there have been all too brief periods from time to time when the war drums were stilled and that golden age seemed just about to dawn. One of these was at the time when Christ was born. Another was in the decade following the World War when battleships were being destroyed instead of being built, when national debts were being reduced and when it seemed that every family would soon have two automobiles and would soon need to work only to give zest to play.

These times of peace were marred by widespread degeneracy, debauchery and corruption. Our own country entered a great crime wave with gangster rule terrorizing and strangling business, undermining confidence and burdening the nation with a cost equal to that of a major war.

Those booming times saw the greatest slump in religion and morals of our history. Many denominations had appalling losses. Baptist gains fell with the ebbing tide until the record business year of 1929 found them at the low point of the generation. Moreover, 1936, the year of greatest business recovery, showed a decided drop in both baptisms and in net gains.

One wonders whether the moral let-down of the twenties is so much the fruit of the war as of the silk-shirt era of war-time prosperity when easy money engendered easy morals; if that were not the sowing of the wind which grew to whirlwind proportions.

One is forced to the conclusion that a millenium of peace and prosperity in a world of sinful men could only result in a hell instead of a paradise; and the only reason that we have not reached that direful end is that in the mercy of God we return to Him in our seasons of distress.

Should we then welcome times of war or depression? God forbid. Work and pray, rather, for the coming of the day when "the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea"; for the day when the prophetic visions shall come into their fullness according to the will of God.

News Notes

First Church, Lubbock, last Sunday observed the third anniversary of the pastorate of Dr. C. E. Hereford. During this time there have been 1,694 members added, a net gain of resident members of 870.

Editor J. I. Cossey of the Arkansas Baptist has resigned effective January 1 and Dr. L. A. Meyers, educational director of First Church, New Orleans, has accepted the position.

Missionary A. C. Donath, assisted by Mark Short, song leader, recently held a revival at Conroe resulting in 117 additions, 68 for baptism.

A movement is in progress to organize a new association out of Union Association, which is the oldest association in Texas as well as one of the larger in area and certainly largest in church membership, reporting 48,700 last year. The new body would include three or four counties.

Houston churches are planning a simultaneous revival to begin next Easter. Dr. Truett has been invited to assist in the campaign.

Pastor E. L. Redden has recently resigned at Nugent.

Judge J. O. Rouse, Vernon, spoke September 24, at Thalia in the absence of Pastor W. M. Lawrence and the Sunday before at Crowell.

Rev. P. D. O'Brien supplied Sunday at Tabernacle Church, Fort Worth. W. J. Lites of the Sunday School department spoke at the morning service at Stamford and Rev. W. C. Taggart preached in the evening.

Chairman C. A. Powell has called a meeting of the District 17 executive board at Anson, Monday, October 9, at 2 p.m.

University Church, Abilene, had an impressive installation service Sunday morning, October 1.

Rev. W. C. Taggart supplied for Pastor W. C. Harrison at Odessa on September 23.

The Taylor County Training Union Federation will meet at University Church, Abilene, Sunday, October 8, announces Rev. C. N. Gilbert, director. The meeting was postponed from the first Sunday in the month on account of services in the Hyman Appelman revival at First Church, Abilene.

Leo E. Waite of Lubbock conducted a Sunday School enlargement campaign at Carlsbad, New Mexico, last week.

Directors of Lueders Baptist Encampment have been called to meet in the First Baptist Church, Anson, at 2:00 Monday afternoon, October 9.

Rev. Houston Scott, recently from California, was a visitor at Hebron Church last week-end and, upon invitation of Pastor Melvin Byrd, preached Sunday morning, relating many experiences in California. He is a former pastor at Hebron.

The state board of the W. M. U. met at Brownwood September 28 and 29.

Columbus Avenue Church, Waco, last Sunday dedicated the Kate Lattimore Spencer home which Mrs. Spencer's sons and daughters reconditioned and donated to the church for class rooms and social occasions. An oil painting of Mrs. Spencer, contributed by friends, was unveiled and hung in the building.

Rev. Pedro Hernandez, Mexican missionary for Sweetwater Association, will preach at the Mexican mission in Sweetwater next Sunday.

DISTRICT BOARD CALLED

Rev. C. A. Powell, chairman of the Board of District 17, is calling for the board to meet in regular quarterly meeting at the First Baptist Church, Anson, Monday, October 9, at 2:30 p.m. This notice is to urge you as a member of the board to be present, if at all possible.

As the members of the board also serve as directors of the Lueders Baptist Encampment, I am quite sure there will be a meeting of the camp directors following the board meeting.

If there has been a recent change in the board members of your association please notify right ones to attend this meeting.

Rev. C. A. Powell, Board Chm.
J. S. Tierce, Sec'y.

SENTENCE SERMONS

By O. D. Henley

More are bowed in care than in prayer.

There is no substitute for love. God's commandments conform to His character.

The devil has no conscience. He who doesn't work for God will likely work with the devil.

He is fortunate indeed who has one friend.

Not bigger brains, but bigger aims are needed.

Family traits are more important than family trees.

The devil's products are highly advertised.

A few work, many wish.

God has no labor-saving devices. Hoarded religion hurts.

You either resist or assist the devil. Christian superiority must be in acts not in attitudes.

An empty heart is more tragical than an empty head.

Emotion does not guarantee devotion.

Life becomes better or worse.

Service surpasses sarcasm.

PROGRAM....

Workers Conference, Callahan Missionary Baptist Association, with Eula Baptist Church
October 10

Theme: Evangelism and Missions.
9:45—Devotional, Song and Praise Service, Mr. Roy Lee Williams, Abilene.

10:00—Evangelism in the Callahan Association, by Rev. E. L. Redden, Abilene.

10:30—Our State Mission Work, by Rev. S. L. Tidwell, Abilene.

11:00—Announcements, Recognition of Visitors, and Music.

11:15—Sermon, by Rev. C. A. Powell, pastor, University Baptist Church, Abilene.

1:15—Devotional, Song and Praise Service, Roy Lee Williams, H-SU, Abilene.

1:30—Board meeting (separate meeting for the ladies), All Departmental Heads of Associational Work be ready to give an account of your work.

3:00—Inspirational address, by District Missionary, Rev. B. N. Shepherd. (For Prayer, Information, Inspiration, and Christian Fellowship, come to the W. C. at Eula).

PROGRAM....

Workers Conference, Mitchell-Scutty Association, Fluvanna Baptist Church, Tuesday, Oct. 10

10:00—Song and Prayer.

10:10—"The Church and Its Mission," Rev. Elrod.

10:25—"The Place of the Sunday School in This Mission," Buster Edwards.

10:40—"The Work of the B. T. U.," Miss Nella Casement.

11:00—"The Place of the Brotherhood," Joe Williams.

11:15—"The Place of the W. M. S.," Mrs. Tom Patterson.

11:30—Sermon: "Local Church's Place in a World-Wide Program," Rev. E. F. Cole, Lamesa.

12:15—Lunch.

1:30—Board Meeting and W. M. S. 2:00—Ten Minute Talk on Missions, H. H. Eiland.

2:10—Business.

2:15—Inspirational Address: "Why Give One Sunday's Offerings to Co-operative Program," Rev. Elmer Dunham.

PROGRAM....

Fisher County Training Union, Roby Baptist Church, Friday night, Oct. 6
7:30—Song service, by the chorister.

7:40—Devotional, Albert George.

7:55—Departmental meetings.

8:25—Roll call, business and announcements.

8:35—Special music, Roby Church.

8:40—Security of the Believer, O. C. Byrd.

9:10—Adjournment.

Edwin Hohnson, asso. director.

WHAT IS YOUR GUESS?

One Chevrolet coach from the First Baptist Church of Granbury, says the Baptist Standard, carried the following representatives to the Baptist World Alliance: The pastor, pastor's wife, chairman of the board of deacons, church clerk, church treasurer, four Sunday School teachers, one intermediate Training Union leader, one intermediate Training Union sponsor, one president of intermediate union, one vice-president of adult union, one Bible reader's leader, three W. M. U. members, one moderator of association executive board. How many persons were in the party?

Our guess is two men with their wives and the intermediate age daughter of one couple. Now you guess.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

October 8, 1939

By Hight C. Moore

THE FORERUNNER OF THE KING

Read Matthew 3—Study Matthew 3:1-17

At thirty years of age Jesus entered upon his public life, heralded by John the Baptist and identified by his baptism in the Jordan.

The Ministry of the Baptist (verses 1-12) pointed directly to Jesus as the Messiah. It called the people to repentance. It announced the reign of Messiah. It was evident fulfillment of prophecy. It drew the multitudes out of the cities into the open country. It leveled lightnings of woe at the hypocrites of the hour. It heralded the approach of One who would baptize in the Holy Spirit and in fire—the cleansing, conquering, consuming Christ.

The Baptism of Jesus (verses 13-17) revealed to John, and through him to the world, Jesus as the Messiah. From Nazareth to the lower Jordan came Jesus and called upon John to baptize him. Perhaps they had never seen each other before, but John shrank from baptizing one who needed repentance. But "to fulfill all righteousness" the ceremony took place. Father, Son, and Holy Spirit were manifest in that holy hour. And John knew that Jesus was the Christ.

JOHN HERALDED JESUS: Note:

(1) The Promise. The forerunner was forecast: Herald of the Messiah, preparing the way for his advent; a voice in the wilderness calling the people to smooth and straighten a highway for the coming of the king.

(2) The Preparation. The voice of forerunner was fraught with a single message heralding the approach of the Lord and calling upon the people to make ready for his advent as primitive countries made new highways for the convenience of their visiting monarch. There were gulches to fill up, trees and rocks to be removed, mudholes to be drained, ravines and rivers to be bridged, curves and grades to be eliminated, conveniences to be provided, and protection to be assured. The people themselves must be ready and help make ready for their King.

(3) The Person. John, who bore a name common after the Maccabean period, was the son of pious parents, Zacharias, the priest, and his wife, Elizabeth. He was a kinsman of Jesus and only six months older. He was a Nazarene and lived up to the name. He spent his youth in the hill country of Judea. Naturally he fulfilled his ministry in the uninhabited or sparsely settled portions of the country. His personal appearance fitted his surroundings and his mission. He was clothed with rough but durable cloth made of camel's hair. The loose garment was held in place by a leathern girdle about the waist. His food consisted of locusts (insects like grasshoppers), which were classed as clean by Levitical law, and honey which wild bees deposited in rock clefts and hollow trees. He was the New Testament Elijah. (4) The Proclamation. The forerunner called not only for repentance with its turning away from sin, but also for faith in the approaching Messiah. He sternly rebuked the hypocrites who claimed salvation because they were children of Abraham. Around him flocked the people from every part of Judea and almost emptying the city of Jerusalem. Under the spell of his burning words multitudes were convicted of their sins which they confessed and thereupon were baptized. (5) The Position. Was John a mighty man? He declared that the Messiah was far mightier than he and that, in fact, he was unworthy to stoop down as a menial and unfasten the sandal thongs upon the feet of the King. Moreover, John asserted that his baptism which had so startled the country was but a faint symbol of that spiritual cleansing which the Christ should accomplish by baptism into the Holy Spirit.

JOHN BAPTIZED JESUS. Note: (1) The Arrival. Jesus was thirty years of age and had lived in obscurity at Nazareth in Galilee since his infancy. It was now perhaps January 27 A. D. John was at the height of his fame. After a journey afoot of about sixty miles Jesus appeared at the fords of the Jordan near Jericho and presented himself for baptism. (2) The Authority. At once John shrank from baptizing One whom he realized was in no need of his baptism of repentance. Indeed, conscious of his own sinfulness, he felt that he should rather be baptized by his Guileless Companion. But Jesus in calm authoritative voice the Baptist dared

not disregard called for baptism in order that they both might complete every kind of righteousness required of them. Baptism identified Jesus to John and endorsed John as his forerunner; it placed Jesus visibly in the ranks of the true Israel; it made him a shining example for all his followers, who should, in their baptism, confess him before men; and it was a fitting introduction with its attendant circumstances, to his appearance and proclamation as the Messiah. (3) The Approval. After John had most solemnly baptized Jesus and as the two were emerging from the river, the rent heavens disclosed a sight and sound visible and audible to Jesus and John, but probably to no others. They saw the Spirit descend upon Jesus in the form and manner of a dove. They heard the voice of the Father identifying Jesus as Son and approving him as Savior.

Prepare the Way for Christ Today

(1) Accept the Christ of Prophecy. "This is he that was spoken of by the prophet Esaias." The smoking altar-fires of old anticipated the rising of the Sun of Righteousness. The most radiant outlook of the ancient seers forecast afar the coming of the Lord. The brightest pages of the prophets announced his coming and described his mission.

(2) Declare the Christ of History. "John the Baptist—the voice of one crying." The prophets could predict and the Baptist could herald, and the people could prepare the way for the coming King. And today messengers can go before his face like John crying out his Gospel, cutting down dead trees, casting up broken highways, and making ready for his reign.

(3) Call for Repentance Toward Christ. "Repent ye—bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance." God still delights to use that marvelous instrument, the human voice, in the spread of his cause. But only the consecrated voice carrying the Gospel message can ever bless the world. Men should know that to have their sins remitted they must repent and that having repented they ought to be baptized in obedience to the Lord.

(4) Magnify the Mercy and Might of Christ. "He that cometh after me is mightier than I." John was great and now on the apex of his greatness. Jesus himself declared that no mother's son ever surpassed the Baptist. And yet without "inferiority complex" but in correct appraisal he magnified the Messiah. Let the people look to the Monarch who was on the way to them and not to the menial who was even now running before him.

(5) Proclaim Spiritual Rebirth Through Christ. "He shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire." The baptism of John had its rightful place as Christian baptism does to this day. But baptism does not save. John baptized none except those who believed in the coming Messiah and repented of their sins. Jesus alone can save. And the spiritual baptism which he accomplished in the Holy Spirit produces the new life.

(6) Urge the Baptized Life in Christ. "Then cometh Jesus—to be baptized." He did not need to repent, for he had committed no sin. He did not need to profess faith in the Messiah, for he was himself the Messiah. And yet he walked sixty miles to be baptized. If we accept Jesus we ought to follow him.

(7) Recognize Christ in the Triune God. "Jesus—the Spirit of God—a voice from heaven." To the recognition of Jesus as the Messiah as given by the great baptizer and by the Holy Spirit who descended in dove-like form upon him there was added the voice of the Father which rang down from the heavens. "Truly this was the Son of God."

Gold in the Golden Text

Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Matthew 3:3.

The saving Lord, forecast by the ancient prophets and fulfilled in the days of John, comes to us offering salvation and service under him.

The ready way, now as in days of old, must be prepared for him or he will not come to us. He requires voluntary service. He enters the open heart and takes possession of the yielded will.

The straight paths of righteousness must be cast up in place of the crooked trails of wrong. The devious path dips downward to destruction; but straight is the path of the King (Continued on page 4)

FORMER PASTOR OF AREA REVISITING THE WEST

West Texas Baptist:

I feel constrained to express through your columns my appreciation for again enjoying the great privilege of visiting my children in Abilene and meeting again hundreds of my old friends and seeing rather than hearing (which deafness prevents) my dear brethren, Jenkins, Powell, Ashford and Reed, and joining with them in their several churches in worship in spirit.

This revives pleasant memories of the many years I lived among them from 1907 until 1922, during which period I served as pastor at Dora (on the divide), Mount Pleasant near Merkel, New Hope in Mitchell county, Flat Top in Howard county, and New Hope in Taylor county, while I was struggling to educate my children in Hardin-Simmons university. I assisted in organizing the church at New Hope in Taylor county.

Then in 1922 I moved to Post, Texas, where I was pastor and associational missionary of Garza county association which later merged into the Lubbock association. I organized several churches. My first wife went on to her reward on the 10th of November, 1926, and in 1928 while visiting my old home in Georgia was married again and since then have lived there.

In October, 1929, the dear old church where I was baptized in 1874, and went to preaching in 1880, called me as pastor. On account of physical disability in 1931 I retired from active pastoral work.

This bracing West Texas atmosphere has wonderfully improved my physical condition which I have enjoyed hugely for the past six weeks.

J. W. KING.

BAPTIST HISTORICAL MATERIAL REQUESTED

Dr. W. W. Barnes, professor of church history in Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, is issuing a call for any books, magazines or paper that may be of historical value to Southern Baptists. Dr. Barnes has been employed by the historical commission, which was authorized in Richmond by the Southern Baptist Convention, to write one of the two volumes of the History of Southern Baptists for our centennial anniversary in 1945.

Dr. W. O. Carver, chairman of the historical commission, is also president of the Southern Baptist Society. Dr. Barnes has visited library centers and public and private historical collections and will appreciate any individual gifts that may prove of value.

ZONE MEETING AT HEBRON SHOWS RENEWED INTEREST

At the first meeting of the new associational year, renewed interest was manifested in the zone meeting with Hebron Church, October 1, at 3 p.m., for SSunday Schools of Southwestern Jones Association.

An attendance of 102 represented eight of the 11 churches in the zone with five pastors present.

Stith won the efficiency banner for the third consecutive month.

Shiloh's inspirational program on the theme, "Life's Railway," was introduced by Dorothy and Donald Rutledge singing "Life's Railway to Heaven." Various phases of railway life were discussed, climaxed by the pastor, Rev. Melvin Byrd, in his message, "The Joys of Reaching the Terminal."

The next program will be by Hebron in the meeting with Compere Church, November 5.

—Mrs. V. L. Merritt.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLINIC AT STAMFORD MONDAY

A clinic for adult department workers in Sunday Schools was held Monday evening, October 2, at First Baptist Church, Stamford. Many outside workers joined local leaders in the discussions.

In the faculty were J. M. Cook, Abilene, who led a conference on teacher problems; Mrs. Henry Todd of Abilene conducting a conference for organized class presidents; Broughton Harden, Stamford, secretaries; J. D. Riddle, Abilene, stewardship and tithing; Rev. P. D. O'Brien, host pastor, class ministries; Mrs. J. M. Cook, social and fellowship activities; Mrs. J. L. King, Abilene, group captains and enlistment.

In addition to leading a conference, Mr. Riddle also spoke on "The Relation of the Department to the Individual, to the Sunday School and to the Church."

A REBUKE FOR SWEARING

By Wm. H. Joyner

Very prominent public men have recently used such language in public as "dam" and "hell," according to the newspapers. These gentlemen should be publicly rebuked for this. It does not become men of their station and influence. It encourages our sons to stoop to the use of profanity. Their influence is hurtful to youth.

What practical purpose does profanity serve anyway? Does it make a man's word stronger for him to end up a statement with an oath? Have folks so little confidence in what he says, that he has to tack on a curse word to every statement in order to induce them to believe that he is telling the truth? If a man is honest, upright, and truthful, he need not clinch every remark with an oath in order to get people to believe him.

When a man swears it proves that he has an exceedingly limited vocabulary. It does not take intelligence to swear. You can teach a parrot to do that. Many times when a person goes crazy he will use profane language. Men and women who have the character to refrain from falling into the habit of using profane language, will be held in far more respect by those with whom they come into contact. Christ said, "Swear not."

Every time one swears he clenches his fist in the face of Almighty God. Wilfully, flagrantly, defiantly he flouts his sin before God. And yet, if God should withhold the breath of life from him for a few short moments, that defiant violator of His name would grovel on the ground and die like an insect. Let these gentlemen, and all others who use profanity, repent and desist from this inexcusable habit.

CONCHO VALLEY ASSN. MEETS AT STERLING CITY

The Concho Valley Association, representing churches in eight large counties, met Monday and Tuesday with Sterling City Church. The host church entertained with a barbecue.

Heretofore the association has met on Tuesday and Wednesday but recently the date of the meeting was advanced one day.

The W. M. U., of which Mrs. E. E. Bradford, San Angelo, is president, met Monday morning and the business sessions of the association were held Tuesday.

Rev. N. E. McGuire of Immanuel Church, San Angelo, is associational moderator, Rev. H. F. Aulick, clerk, and Rev. Lawrence Hays of Park Heights, San Angelo, preached the annual sermon.

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

By L. A. Doyle

THE IMPORTANCE OF CHURCH ATTENDANCE

In-as-much as we believe that spiritual things are far more important than material things, our church is trying to increase the attendance upon church services. Wealth, position and education become mighty factors for the advancement of a people only when they are undergirded by Christian character. It is highly significant that wealth and education have followed the trail of the missionary and in that part of the world without Christian influence poverty and ignorance are undisputed masters.

Most parents love their children and want to do the best for them. We are very careful not to expose them to disease that will wreck their bodies and will vaccinate and inoculate against every danger. This is good common sense and needs to be carried over into the more important field of spiritual things.

Church Attendance is the Greatest Protection in the World.

Few girls who attend church services regularly become morally impure. Not many faithful church attendants become criminals. In fact, this is so rare that when one does it becomes front page news. Children who do not attend church are four times as likely to make shipwreck of their lives as the ones who attend church faithfully.

High ideals are a product of the church. Some who are not church members have this to a limited degree but it came from the teachings of the church. Christian principles have inspired the best in literature and in all the arts. The church is the place to get the best.

Eternal security or salvation is the most important thing that we can desire for our children. Very few people who are not church attendants will go to Heaven. When we stay at home and by our example and permission allow our children to stay out of church services we are almost certainly leading them to an eternal hell.

HOSPITAL ACKNOWLEDGES MANY NEEDED DONATIONS

Dear Mr. Dudley:

Please acknowledge in the next issue of the West Texas Baptist donations from the following:

Mrs. R. B. Persons, benevolence chairman, W. M. U., Quitaque, three boxes of jellies and canned goods.

Mrs. Robert Webb, for Potosi W. M. U., canned goods, lemons, and children's dresses.

Mrs. C. E. Poe, benevolent chairman of W. M. U., Cross Plains, 13 dresses and underwear.

Indian Creek W. M. U., six pillow cases.

Shining Light Sunday School, Class, University Baptist Church, six tea towels.

Dressy W. M. U., Dressy, six jars of fruit, one package of linens.

Clyde Baptist Church, 48 children's gowns, two scrapbooks, 20 pints of jellies and preserves, seven pints of canned fruit, four lbs. of green pepper, one-half bushel apples.

Mr. J. D. Riddle, \$25 for charity work.

Mr. George S. Anderson, \$25 to install linoleum in hospital room.

It is quite unusual if a day passes that we do not receive a donation from someone. I believe this institution ranks next to Buckner Orphans Home in receiving gifts from the people.

We trust that we shall never betray your confidence and this institution shall ever bless humanity and honor Christ.

Yours truly,

E. M. COLLIER,

Superintendent.

NO ENLARGEMENT DRIVE—SUNDAY SCHOOLS SHRINK

An illustration of the importance of an accurate religious census annually for every church was reflected in the digest of letters from churches to the association, meeting the past week. Twenty-three of the 25 churches made reports, the same number as in 1938. The Sunday School enrollment of all churches as reported this year was 8,354 as compared with 10,021 in 1938, a decrease of 1,667. The reason is, we have not had an association-wide Sunday School enlargement campaign as we did in 1938. The result—a decrease of 15 per cent in Sunday School enrollment, and fewer baptisms.

Last year, in our association, it took 10 people the entire year to win one person to Christ. In our own church it took 20 people to win one. Let's improve that all-important phase of our work.

The above was written by an evangelistic, progressive pastor in one of the liveliest associations in Texas. It is concrete proof that visitation, evangelism and growth are three angles of the same triangle. We can't coast far on the upgrade.—Editor.

GULF COAST BAPTIST ENTERS THIRD YEAR

The Gulf Coast Baptist, launched by Missionary J. D. Brannon as a publicity medium for District 4, entered its third year of publication with its issue last week. Rev. Brannon went to District 4 from District 17 where he did a notable work and where he learned the value of a regional paper from his contact with the West Texas Baptist.

Backed by metropolitan Houston, with over 50 growing churches and the populous coastal area, The Gulf Coast Baptist has developed into a prominent factor in Baptist growth in that strategic field.

Missionary Brannon and Office Editor W. L. Robertson are to be congratulated upon producing a very creditable publication which shows continued improvement.

DISCUSSION TOPICS IN TRAINING UNION, OCT. 8

Junior: They Brought Their Brothers to Jesus. Younger Juniors: Jesus Talks About Happiness.

Intermediate: Thrills That Last. Senior: The Truth Pictured in Baptism and the Lord's Supper.

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TRAINING UNION WORK THROUGHOUT WEST TEXAS

Palo Duro Association-Wide Campaign

The Palo Duro Association is having an association-wide Training Union revival and enlargement campaign this week. Mr. W. S. Savage, Amarillo, is the associational director. Secretary T. C. Gardner is spending the week in this association, going to several churches each day. Other state workers assisting in the campaign are as follows:

Mr. and Mrs. Robert R. Patterson are working with the White Deer Baptist Church where Rev. Herman Coe is pastor.

Mrs. George Chamlee is at First Church, Pampa, where Rev. C. Gordon Bayless is pastor.

Mrs. A. Adamcik is with the San Jacinto Baptist Church, Amarillo. Rev. Lem Hodges is the pastor.

First Church, El Paso, has Successful Enlargement Campaign

Secretary T. C. Gardner recently conducted an enlargement campaign at the First Baptist Church in El Paso. At the beginning of the campaign there were 14 unions in the Training Union. At the close of the revival, the church boasted of 28 fully graded unions. Dr. I. L. Yearby is the fine pastor and Lee A. Stulce is the educational director.

Training Union Revival at First Church, Cisco

A very successful Training Union campaign was recently held in the First Baptist Church at Cisco, where Rev. Judson Prince is the fine aggressive pastor. Mrs. George Chamlee, state approved worker, assisted Bro. Prince in the campaign. Four new unions and four new departments were organized.

Enlargement Campaign at First Church, Breckenridge

First Church, Breckenridge, recently had a fine enlargement campaign. Mrs. A. Adamcik and Mrs. George Chamlee, both state approved workers, assisted Rev. Philip C. McGahey, the pastor, and his fine assistant, S. E. Kidd, in this campaign. The first night there were 185 present and the second night there were 29 new members.

Let us bounce upon our possibilities and not brood over our problems.—A. Hope Owen.

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TRIBUTE COMES FOR MISS HUMPHREYS FROM BRAZIL

Caixa 78, Recife, Pernambuco
September 21, 1939

Dear Mr. Dudley:

The news of Miss Viola Humphreys' death was indeed sad, but when I read the account of her life given by a friend, I rejoiced because such a fine servant of the Lord was at rest. Surely heaven was made happier at the entrance of such a noble servant.

I had the privilege of meeting Miss Humphreys a short time before I sailed for Brazil. We were in a series of mission schools together. Every one who heard her speak felt drawn closer to our Master. I heard so many people say, "What a marvelous Christian this woman must be to give such splendid spiritual talks." The children everywhere loved her and begged her to come back again and speak to them. She never seemed weary from a trip but was always so anxious to witness for Christ.

One day we had an all-day meeting in Brownfield and all of the missionaries present were given a few minutes to speak. Never shall I forget the inspiration I received when our beloved missionaries, Mr. J. Walton Moore, Mr. Nelson and Miss Humphreys spoke. These servants of God have gone on to rest and their labors are over, but the marvelous work and the great influence they had still lives on winning others for the task that is ours.

Tears came into my eyes when I read the statement that Miss Humphreys had hoped to win one hundred people to Christ this past year and she had won 96. Surely many will be saved by reading this article of her life in the West Texas Baptist, or from talks she made before her illness. She has sowed bountifully and the harvest will be great. How unworthy I felt when I read she had won 1,500 Chinese souls to Christ. May this inspire each of us to be busy about our Master's work.

"You surrender a dear friend at the call of death and out of her grave the real power of friendship rises stronger and more eternal in your life."

"Over our hearts and into our lives, shadows will sometimes fall; but the sunshine is never wholly dead, and heaven is shadowless overhead, and God is over all."

May I say just this word about the West Texas Baptist. I look forward to every copy and share it with my missionary friends here. There is a large group here from Texas and we all enjoy this splendid paper. Mrs. J. B. Buckley could not have sent a nicer Christmas present to me.

Sincerely, a worker for Christ,
MAYE BELLE TAYLOR.

TWELVE AND ONE-HALF TONS OF BLOOD DAILY

By J. E. Gwatkin

No engine ever invented by the skill of man is as efficient as the human heart. It is the most wonderful machine in the world. It pumps the blood to every part of the body over and over again as long as life lasts.

The average heart pumps four ounces of blood every beat. It beats 70 times per minute. That means 17½ pounds per minute, 1,050 pounds per hour, 25,211 pounds every day, or over 12½ tons.

Narcotics of every kind—nicotine, alcohol, opium in all forms, marihuana and others—greatly increase the work of the heart. It ranges from a very little up to 100 per cent, according to the nature and amount of the narcotic. One cigarette or cigar can raise it 10 per cent or more. Continued use often doubles the heart's work.

This is one reason why many people are dying from heart failure. Many sudden unexpected deaths are due to this but are not so attributed in the written accounts we read.

Some of your friends, maybe relatives, are running that risk. Men who smoke live on an average seven years less than those who do not, and who have no other like habits. Alcohol also kills its thousands. Many who use narcotics do not know their danger. This is the work of the devil. Jesus came to destroy the works of the devil. Are you telling people these facts? If not you are not doing all you can to save men. What will you do about it?

BOB JONES AT SEMINARY

Dr. Bob Jones, president of Bob Jones College in Cleveland, Tennessee, brought an inspiring address to the chapel audience of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary Friday morning, September 29. He spoke on the power of the Gospel to meet the needs of the world. Dr. Jones is conducting a union evangelistic meeting at Cleburne, September 17-October 15.

IN AFFECTIONATE MEMORY

Early, the morning of February 15, 1905, in the quiet farm town of Carbon, Eastland County, Texas, there was born to Rev. and Mrs. E. E. Mason a baby daughter. She was soon named Della Georgia. This baby girl seemed to be destined to a life of dutiful obedience and a growing, clinging love for parents. She lived her life in a quiet but deeply appreciative love for friends in her church, school and community life.

Nowhere can there be found one who loved children with a more enduring and motherly love than did she.

She, knowing the value of Christian influence in her church, made every possible sacrifice to keep them in all the services of her church, from cradle roll up until she was rewarded by knowing they were saved, saw them baptized and had the joy of seeing them take active part in the life of the church in their respective departments.

I had the sacred joy of baptizing her in August, 1914, while at Cook Church in Eastland County.

She suffered silently and without complaint for a year or more in her efforts to care for her children and keep home and meals for her husband. But on August 14 while on the operating table in a Big Spring hospital, the doctor discovered her trouble to be cancer in violent form. We took her to Baylor hospital only to be told these words, "No hope."

With sadness in our hearts, and with prayer of resignation on my lips, I brought her back to await the Lord's call to take her home. Not since I have been living have I seen any person more patiently suffer and more amazingly witness for the Lord than my dear daughter during her last 30 days on this earth.

At about 12:25 on the morning of September 20, she breathed her last after much physical pain and slipped away to be with the Lord.

We, her parents, children and friends have lost, Oh, so much, but she has gained far more—her eternal presence with the Lord, "who loved her and gave Himself for her."

Our faith in the immortality of her soul and the certain resurrection of her body makes us able to repeat in words of another:

"We cannot and will not say she is dead. She is just away."

With a cheery smile and wave of the hand she has entered into a heaven-known land.

And left us dreaming how very fair it needs must be since she lingers there."

—Her father and mother,
Rev. and Mrs. E. E. Mason.

PROGRAM....

Workers Conference, Floyd Association at Lakeview Church, Tuesday, October 3

Theme: "The New Testament Church."

10:15—Devotional, Laveal Merriott.
10:30—The Origin of the Church, Victor Crabtree.

11:00—The Ordinances of the Church, Virgil Lemons.

11:25—Sermon, A. C. Huff.

12:00—Lunch.

1:30—Board meetings.

2:00—Song service.

2:10—Special Music, Wayland College.

2:15—The Mission of the Church, R. C. Tension.

2:45—The Individual's Obligation to the Church, A. L. Shaw.

3:15—Business.

3:20—Inspirational Address, W. M. Joslin.

3:45—Adjournment.

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District 8 Doings

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mess Association, which meets Thursday, October 12. All of them are well planned and should be very profitable meetings.

To the Church at Pergamos

Continuing the missionary messages to the churches of yesterday, applying them to today, we observe that Pergamos was in the seat of Satan, yet held fast the name of God and denied not the faith. Some had actually undergone martyrdom, yet the church held on. Yet God had something against them. They held the doctrines of the Nicolaitanes, the teachings of Balaam, which seem to be definitely connected. These were a form of antinomianism, or the teaching that once one is free from sin through salvation in Jesus Christ, that one is free from the moral law, hence could live as one pleased, with reference to their obligations. There are many today who seek to hide from their obligation to give by saying that they are in the age of Grace, not the age of law. They excuse themselves and say "I don't want to obligate myself by making a pledge to give or to tithe." Does a man whose little daughter has been saved from death by an operation talk that way when the hospital asks him to sign a note covering the expenses he is not able to meet right then? Does he say, "Well, I don't want to obligate myself by signing a note." Surely not, for he already has the obligation. And so also does everyone have upon himself or herself already the obligation to tithe and to support God's great missionary program. Away with the side-stepping, excuse-making tactics of Balaam! Let him that hath ears hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches.

To the Church at Thyatira

God commends them for their works, charity, service, faith and patience. He says that they are working harder now than at first. This is unusual in a church and is to be commended. But against them the Spirit has this: that they tolerate corrupt living on the part of their members, either allowing literal fornication or figurative, which the Scriptures often mention to describe turning away from God or placing some false god ahead of Jehovah. That is a harsh way to describe those who put something else first, yet it is a true word. One who has accepted the salvation of Christ, made vows that should only be made to God, and then deliberately goes after something else as of more importance deserves the harshest terms. Two things kill churches. Corrupt living and covetous giving. Either one of them is deadly to a church. Family, job, pleasure, self-advancement, any or all can become a god and do become one when they are put ahead of the going-with-the-Gospel program. "Let him that hath ears hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches!" Next week we will mention the messages to others of the seven churches.

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Next Sunday, October 8, Brother B. N. Shepherd, with his wife and a state worker, will teach a Training Union course at our church, beginning on Saturday night.

Everybody is invited to attend.
Howard Martin, Pastor.

Missionary Messages

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nual associations are meeting. I had to have some help, but, thanks to the good spirit of our fellow workers, I secured it. Brother L. A. Doyle, Anson, will speak in my place at the Sweetwater Workers Meeting convening with Tuscola Church. My heart is cheered so often because when I call on others for assistance they are always ready to serve. I guess we have the best district in the state anyway.

We have several student preachers in H-SU and Howard Payne that need pastoral work. They need to preach and they need some support. Pastors, do all you can to help them make contacts. Somebody had to help you, and they did. Churches, I find these fellows do excellent work. A larger per cent of them get their work well done than in any other field. They are really fine men.

Sunday School Lesson

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and it leads direct into his everlasting kingdom.

Daily Bible Readings

Oct. 2—The King's Messenger. Malachi 3:1-6.

Oct. 3—The Forerunners' Office. Mark 1:1-18.

Oct. 4—Heralding the King. Matthew 3:1-6.

Oct. 5—Making ready for the King. Matthew 3:7-12.

Oct. 6—John Baptizes the King. Matthew 3:13-17.

Oct. 7—The Witness of John. John 1:19-28.

Oct. 8—The Power of the Gospel. Romans 1:8-17.

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