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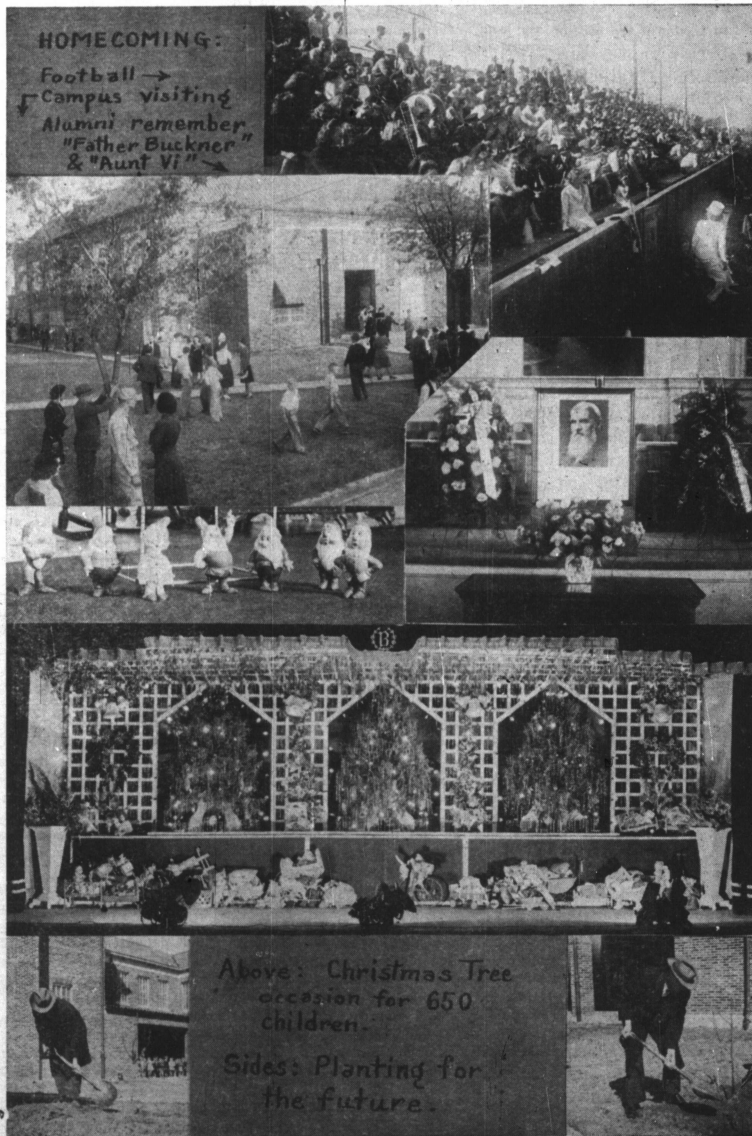
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Campus visiting
Alumni remember
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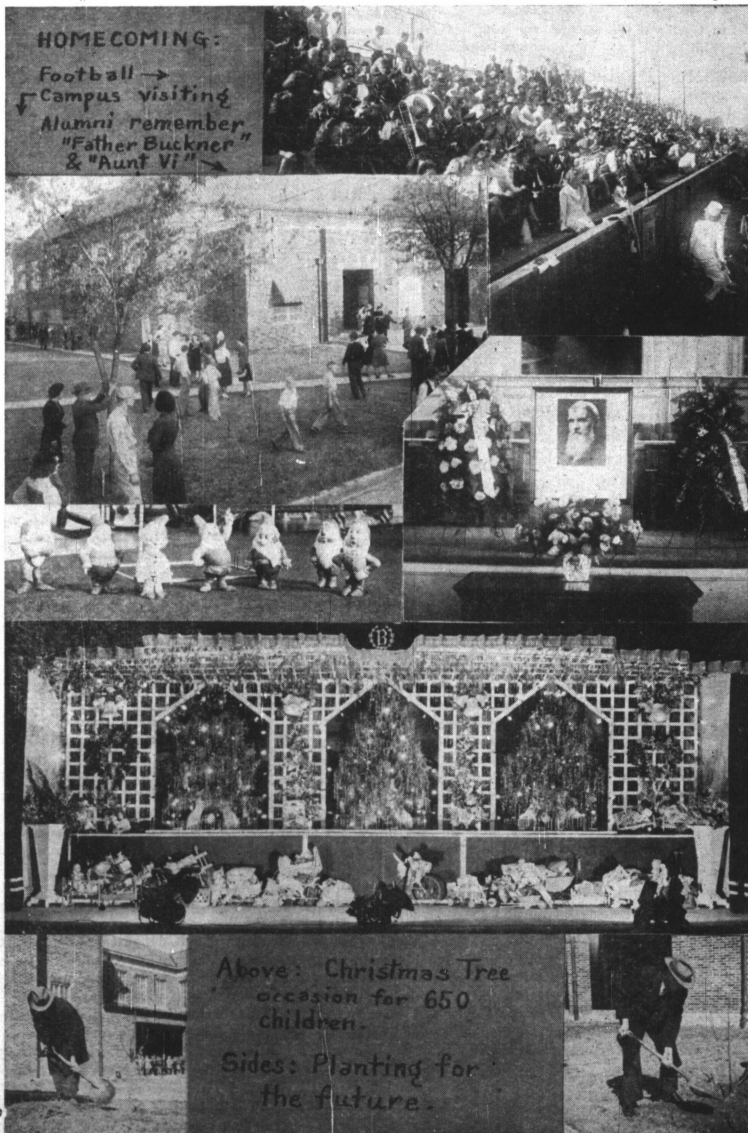
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AND NOW—WAR

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So, we have prepared for and talked objectively of war for months that stretched into years. We have been saying to each other that we were in the war already, what with desultory skirmishes at sea which have resulted in the sinking of some ships and some loss of valuable lives. But when the lightning war struck in force we were stunned as if the thought of such an eventuality had never crossed our minds.

It is too early on Monday afternoon to appraise the situation or to predict possibilities, except to observe that every patriotic American is fired with a determination for victory. The spirit which has swept the land in the last 24 hours is like that which surged from coast to coast with the cry, "Remember the Maine." Since that day in the spring of 1898, there had been no parallel to this in American sentiment. If Japan had remembered the Maine, possibly some other course would have been followed last Sunday.

We cannot foresee the days and months ahead, but this much let us do in the name of Christ as we advance from this solemn hour:

If we must fight, and fight we must, let it be done with pity and not hate. Hatred breeds brutality and poisons the soul that harbors it.

Let us go our length in conserving and nurturing spiritual values among our men in uniform.

Let us shield in all love and tenderness those whose loved ones are called to posts of duty and danger.

Let us not forget, in the excitement of the hour, that we expect America to remain and to be a better and happier land in a more peaceful day. To that end let us carry on, at perhaps a greater sacrifice, our churches and all the institutions and ministries which they foster. This will be no easy task but we are living in heroic days and, at whatever cost, we must be heroic for Christ.

Finally, let us pray as we have never prayed before. Not pagan imprecations against a hated enemy; not pattering petitions that God may be on our side; these must not be our prayers in our hour of trouble. Rather, we will approach the Throne of Grace in humility and contrition, confessing our sins and the shortcomings of our fathers, many of which have had their part in bringing us to this dire day.

In our repentance and yielding to the will of God, we are taught that we may be heard. In quietness and confidence we may have strength for hours of disappointment and sorrow, which will doubtless be our lot. Having lost our lives in consecration and devotion, we may find them again, richer and fuller for suffering, sacrifice and compassion.

Many Gethsemanes may be strewn along our way in the months that are ahead. But God has promised to be our refuge and our strength. So, though the heavens fall, let our faith not be shaken. Whatever comes, we will not forget that the Almighty is on His throne and that His Son has promised that the gates of hell shall not prevail against his church. Therefore, will we be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might.

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At a ripe old age, the Founder laid aside his burden, having served well his day and generation. Two able and consecrated sons continued his tasks. One of them has gone on to the Home where no one is an orphan. Now we find a son in the third generation, ably assuming an increasingly greater portion of the load. Beside these three generations of men have continuously labored three generations of able helpmeets.

Still, as in the beginning 63 years ago, these homeless and dependent children, now numbering nearly 700, are brought daily to the Lord's table, dependent for their very need upon the free will offerings of the Lord's people. In difficult times neither we nor our fathers suffered them to go cold nor hungry. In a better day, we will this year share with them our prosperity.

It is fitting that the dining hall of the Home be called Manna Hall. For the Israelites in the wilderness were not less dependent upon the daily and miraculous appearance of the manna upon which they fed than are the children of Buckner Home for the scarcely less miraculous appearance of food upon their tables. The difference is in that the Lord had no one else to give the manna, while He has us to set the table at the Home.

News Notes

January has been designated as the month for Enrollment, February for Enlistment, March for Enlightenment, April for Evangelism.

Rev. J. W. Bailey, well known Negro evangelist, has moved from Marshall to Los Angeles.

Pastor A. B. Lightfoot has resigned at SSmith Chapel to accept the call of the Rankin Church.

First Baptist Church, Burkburnett, where Rev. Jack Manning is pastor, had 41 additions during November with 26 for baptism and over a thousand dollars in offerings.

Dr. Edward B. Jenkins is assisting Pastor D. E. Simpson conduct a study course at Miles this week.

First Church, Sweetwater, is broadcasting the Sunday morning services over Station KXOX this month.

Missionaries Wilson Fielder and H. H. McMillan arrived safely and well at Shanghai on November 26. The next day Misses Ruth Ford and Auris Pender arrived in Hongkong from the states.

Pastor J. M. Sibley of First Church, Sweetwater, was the principal speaker in programs in three of the San Angelo churches during the Lottie Moon Week of Prayer.

Dr. Jas. W. Middleton, pastor at First Church, San Angelo, conducted services for Religious Emphasis Week at West Texas Teachers College, Canyon. Morning services were held in the college chapel and the evening meetings at the First Baptist Church, of which Dr. Roy B. Johnson is pastor.

Joe Evans and Lee Stulce of El Paso were featured in a zone Brotherhood meeting recently at Hatch, N. M.

Evangelist Truman L. Crouch of Abilene will begin a meeting December 14 at First Church, Big Spring. The church is without a pastor at this time. Irby Cox is director of music and education.

Dr. W. R. White was guest preacher at First Church, Paducah, December 7.

Rev. and Mrs. Hooper Campbell are assisting Pastor Wilbur Strickland and local workers in a Training Union study course this week.

Dr. C. E. Matthews, pastor at Travis Avenue Church, Fort Worth, is reported recovering satisfactorily following surgery at a Fort Worth hospital last week.

Rev. Ira Harrison of Abilene supplied at First Church, Big Spring, December 7.

Rev. O. D. Henley, moderator of Fisher Association is interested in making contact with a capable Baptist Mexican missionary who would be interested in moving on that field.

Out of a Training Union enrollment of 45, Calvary Church, Abilene, recently had 30 in a study course with 24 earning awards.

"Bullets and bombs will not destroy God's work, because it is one's heart," declared Rev. Buford Bicholls, returned missionary from China in a recent address in the chapel at Mary Hardin-Baylor College.

LETTER TO DR. OLSEN

Breckenridge, Texas,
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Dr. Julius Olsen,
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Dear Dr. Olsen:
The Hardin-Simmons Alumni and Ex-Students Association of Breckenridge, Texas, express to you our deepest love, appreciation, and debt of gratitude. We are all ex-students of yours, and we can never get away from the influence of your noble life and teaching. No one was ever appreciated in Hardin-Simmons more than you because of your devotion to the higher things of life. You hold an exalted place in our hearts which time can not erase. Your broad vision and consecrated life proved one of our very highest and noblest inspirations.

Each of us love and appreciate you from the depths of our hearts. Sincerely,
Resolution Committee,
Andrew J. Morgan,
E. O. Bone,
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DIST. 17 WMU PROVIDES NURSING SCHOLARSHIP

By Mrs. J. S. Tierce
A scholarship to the Hendrick Memorial Hospital School of Nursing was established as a new scholarship of the district, and a simultaneous school of missions in February was suggested at the regular fall meeting of the executive board of the Woman's Missionary Union of District 17, in session at University Church, Abilene, November 25.

Mrs. J. B. Buckley, district president, presided and Mrs. Harry Hays led the opening devotional. Association presidents, Mrs. Norman Coffey, Eastland; Mrs. Pat Crawford, Cisco; Mrs. L. L. Trotter, Fisher; Mrs. C. R. Simms, Jones; Mrs. F. T. Whitaker, Stonewall; and Mrs. John R. Spaulding, Sweetwater, were present. Mrs. Bob Speck of Haskell Association was absent on account of illness.

Mrs. L. Q. Campbell, corresponding secretary-treasurer, reported that three associations had met all apportionments in full and the others lacked only small amounts.

The report of Mrs. O. B. Woodrum, young people's secretary, showed an increase in tithers, in the number working on forward steps and the ranking system, and successful camps at Lueders. She urged all counselors to take the leadership course, emphasized the value of A-1 organizations, and asked each associational young people's leader to the monthly council for the different auxiliaries.

A rising vote of thanks was given the young people's committee, composed of Mrs. O. B. Woodrum, Miss Jaxie Short, Mrs. Cooper Waters, Rev. L. L. Trotter, and Mrs. J. B. Buckley for the splendid young people's program rendered at the state W. M. U. convention in Abilene, Monday evening, November 10.

Mrs. D. O. Gray, stewardship chairman, stresses the importance of teaching stewardship books to all the organizations. She asked that each church sponsor a stewardship night for the young people, also that each society glean for the Lottie Moon Christmas offering, and enlist more memberships in the Hundred Thousand Club. She suggested stewardship institutes in each association during the first quarter of 1942.

Missions Chairman Mrs. Ed Hahn urged that we observe the weeks of prayer instead of just having an all-day meeting.

Mrs. Judson Prince, periodicals chairman, gave the following periodicals apportionments for Royal Service, Window of the Y. W. A., and World Comrades:

Asan.	R.S.	Win. W.C.
Callahan	35	7 20
Cisco	120	20 30
Fisher	30	8 20
Haskell	60	8 20
Jones	55	10 30
Stonewall	20	7 5
Sweetwater	150	22 35

Mrs. A. A. Palmer, mission study chairman, suggested that each association hold the mission study institute the first week in February and then an all-church school of missions during the third week, if possible. Books suggested were on world conditions and Latin American countries. She announced that Mrs. E. F. Lyon would be in the district January 19 to 25.

In the afternoon, Mrs. George Paxton reported on benevolences, expressing joy in the benevolence work done by the young people of Jones Association. She requested any societies which have not sent clothing apportionments to Buckner Orphans Home do so immediately. She asked for at least a 10 per cent increase in gifts to Ministers' relief next year and reminded the societies to send jellies, preserves, linens and other gifts to the hospital.

The largest number of women engaged in systematic Bible reading was reported by Mrs. C. M. Caldwell, Bible chairman. She told of a new book for the fourth year of systematic Bible study, prepared by Mrs. Theron Fouts.

Mrs. N. A. Moore, education chairman, reported nine students in H-SU who were being aided by the Hardin-Simmons fund. She urged each church to set aside a day for Christian Education, to ask the pastor or some one else to speak on Christian Education and take an offering for one of our Christian institutions.

Margaret Fund Mother, Mrs. J. H. Littleton, stated that Marian Moore and Bennie Mae Oliver were our Margaret Fund daughters. She urged that we remember them with cards and letters. Each society was asked to send a gift to the Burney Fund.

The report of the Methods and Finance committee was read by Mrs. D. W. Arnette. It will be carried in an early issue of the West Texas Baptist.

The committee voted to discontinue serving noon and evening meals by the hostess church or association at

Sunday School Lesson

December 14, 1941

CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

Read and Study 2 Corinthians 8:1-9; 9:6-7

In the teaching of Jesus, stewardship was pictured in the parable of the talents (Matt. 25:14-30), confirmed from the parable of the unjust steward (Luke 16:9-13), and contrasted from the conduct of the rich young ruler (Luke 18:24-30).

In his letters to the church at Corinth Paul announced a good financial plan (1 Cor. 16:2), commended the churches of Macedonia for their liberality (2 Cor. 8), and in advance expressed appreciation of the cheerful giving of the Corinthians for the relief of their poor brethren in Judea (2 Cor. 9).

1. Summons to Christian Stewardship (2 Cor. 8)

THE GRACE OF GOD involves the summons to stewardship.

The churches of Macedonia had heard that summons. They were in much affliction. Their poverty was deep. Their surroundings were unfavorable. Nevertheless their Christian joy was abundant and they were richer in liberality than in property. Paul bore glad witness to their generosity. He declared that they had contributed not only according to their power, but even beyond their power. Moreover, they gave not under compulsion but freely of their own accord. Hence, giving with them amounted to a grace. Their fellowship was nowhere finer than in their ministering to the saints, and the secret of Macedonian liberality was found in the fact that they first gave themselves to God. Then they placed themselves under the leadership of the apostle. And so the will of God was manifest in their gifts as in every phase of their lives.

The church at Corinth was now exhorted to similar liberality. Indeed, Titus had already made the beginning in this direction. Let the church co-operate with him in completing the grace of giving. Paul added his own word to that of Titus. He was aware of the fact that the Corinthian saints abounded in great faith, in effective utterance, in knowledge of the truth, in consuming earnestness, and in the crowning quality of love. Now he urged them to abound in the grace of liberality in order to make their stewardship symmetrical. His plea was not a matter of apostolic command, but simply a call for an expression of the sincerity of their love.

The grace of the Lord Jesus not only set a divine example before them, but afforded the greatest possible inspiration. He was rich as the universe itself. He became as poor as the poorest but he made the sacrifice in order that he might make men infinitely rich. Such an example can be found nowhere else.

2. The Spirit of Christian Stewardship (2 Cor. 9)

THE LOVE OF GOD inspires the spirit of stewardship. We are reminded of three laws:

There is the law of the harvest. We know that a short, thin crop is all that can be gleaned where the sowing has been thin and short. And we know that it takes bountiful sowing to produce a bountiful harvest. That is as true in liberality as it is in land.

There is the law of the heart. Each man must bear individual responsibility. What is done by him he must do. What he gives tough to be a matter of purpose and not haphazard. And the purpose ought to be formed in the heart as much as in the head. Thus the giver is benefited and the gift will be more effectual.

There is the law of the happy. Giving should be unforced and ungrudging. Otherwise it brings no joy to the giver and little joy to the receiver. But hilarious giving is a blessing to everybody concerned, and even God himself looks on with love.

Gold in the Golden Text

It is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful.—1 Cor. 4:2.
Faithfulness is keeping faith. And to keep faith we must have faith. The faithful life is the life full of

the district meetings. The annual district convention will be held at Stamford, April 14 and 15. Mrs. C. R. Simms, of Stamford, and Jones Association president, invited the women of the district to eat the evening meal with them on April 14.

A vote of thanks was given the women of University Church, hostesses for the day.

faith. That is, it is motivated and guided and dominated by faith. It extends to the minutest detail of obligation and conduct. And it is trustworthy under the strain of great responsibility.

The first qualification of a steward is not that he be handsome and congenial, intelligent and interesting, sociable and gifted, skillful and capable—none of these, primarily; but that he be faithful. That is the basal trait in a true steward.

Daily Bible Readings

Dec. 15—Christ Seen from Afar. Isaiah 9:1-7.
Dec. 16—The Word Became Flesh. John 1:1-18.
Dec. 17—God Our Savior. John 3:13-21.
Dec. 18—Christ Our Redeemer. 1 John 5:1-10.
Dec. 19—The Eternal Sacrifice. Hebrews 10:5-17.
Dec. 20—The Alpha and Omega. Rev. 21:1-7.
Dec. 21—Jesus' Birth Announced to Shepherds. Luke 2:8-14.

This Changing World

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shortages, is contemplating mass production of sterling silver flat tableware, to be sold at approximately one hundred dollars per set. This indicates that silver is plentiful.

Miami, Florida, has become the Number 1 "divorce mill" of the nation, far outstripping Reno, the nation's hitherto divorce capital. In the first ten months of 1941 Miami ground out 4,100 divorces to Reno's 2,902. Is this the road to prosperity?

The new draft bill, now before Parliament, raises the male draft age from 40 to 50, and the female draft age from 30 to 40. Women in England will be conscripted either for war industries or the non-combatant fighting services.

Example of "needless waste" in construction of government camps sprang up again last week when the Senate investigating committee reported that the Ordnance camp at Milan, Tennessee, had already cost the government \$51,000,000 on an original estimate of \$20,000,000.

Secretary of Agriculture, Claude R. Wickard, is really a dirt farmer. While other Washington bigwigs made a holiday of Thanksgiving, Wickard went to his 380-acre Indiana farm to repair his corn crib and feed his 750 hogs and 30 head of beef cattle.

There are a half million Jews in South America, most of them having become marranos, meaning "converted" Catholics, in order to be admitted to citizenship and do business. Immigration of Jews into South America has been rigidly reduced in recent years.

The Cathedral of St. John the Divine, the largest Gothic cathedral in the world, was formally opened on November 30, with ten thousand persons viewing the 600 feet of vestibule, nave, and sanctuary. It has cost nineteen million dollars. Ten million more dollars will be required to complete the two transepts and tower.

A correspondent asks that I repeat what the President said to the patients at Warm Springs. Quote: "In days like these, our Thanksgiving next year may remind us of a peaceful past. It is possible that our boys may next year be fighting."

Chicago has uncovered what promises to be the vilest chain of lawlessness in the long history of gangsters in that city. Even Mayor Ed Kelly professes to be "amazed." At least temporarily, the chief "joints" have been closed and a few persons arrested.

Field Marshal Fedor von Bock commands Germany's "do-or-die" drive to take Moscow. He said a few days ago: "Our profession should always be crowned by a heroic death for Fatherland." To which Russia's Timoshenko replied: "To retreat one more step is a crime none shall forgive."

The pope staid himself last week in his historic role as chief seer sifter by declaring: "The church does not want to mix in disputes about the opportunity, utility, and earthly efficacy of diverse temporal forms which are purely political institutions or activities."

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The name Baptist is a chosen by our enemies bec literal meaning, and given derision. Despised Ana-Ba the mind of those who o spiritual forefathers Bap term stood for an insigni of misguided, narrow-min foolishly stubborn heretics. spite of dungeon, fire and s we're still in heart and f free . . . and preach Thee, to knows how, by windy word tuous life." And now, Bap a respected people.

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number of girls, for example, rooming together, is comparable to the number of sisters, of a big family, who would have to share a single room.

The ninth building in which children live, is the Sallie Le Tulle Memorial Sunbeam Home, with facilities for 75 children from infancy through five years of age. This is a complete institution in itself, having bedrooms, dining room and kitchen, play room, space for the Beginners Department of Sunday School, and Kindergarten room. This unit, the result of 15 years of planning, pleading, hoping, and praying, on the part of Dr. Hal F. Buckner, before money for its erection was given, is so effective in the care of little tots, that social welfare officials of high position have joined us in rejoicing, and have sent social workers and institutional executives to see it.

Other aspects of the physical care are: the physical education program, the complete little hospital, and the method of clothing the children. Though Buckner Orphans Home was started in an era when most orphanages had uniforms, it has always adhered to the policy of clothing the children democratically, as to quality, but personalized as to pattern, color, and individual ownership. Therefore, when our children mingle with other groups of school children, as at the County Interscholastic meet, there is nothing about their garb to distinguish them from the rest, unless it is that most of ours have a little edge on the others in neatness.

The spiritual training of the children is conducted largely through Home Baptist Church; and the educational activities are centered in Buckner Home Academy. Mention must also be made of the present outstanding need, namely, for expanding the few vocational activities we already have, adding others, and coordinating the practical experiences they afford with systematic instruction, so that appropriate school credit can be given. To accomplish this, there are needed an occupational educational building, suitable equipment, and necessary operating income, all three of which we hope someone will make possible by large memorial gifts. Such a department would train the hands of every boy and girl needing it. To be frank, the majority need such practical training as will serve, at least, as a stepping-stone to a means of earning a livelihood. But, in spite of the fact that their mental ability averages a little under that of Texas children as a whole, the per cent of our boys and girls who start in the first grade and who actually graduate from high school, is higher than is the case in the entire state. Buckner Orphans Home has provided the opportunities, and the proper encouragements, to make possible this significant achievement. Is not this a function of a good home?

One of our former girls, who is now a college graduate and a school teacher, recently said to me: "You cannot imagine my feeling when I came back to the Home after my first year in college. You know, this is the only home I remember; and my heart was full and overflowing at the first glimpse of the dear old place."

It is a good home. And its name is Buckner Orphans Home.

What's in a name? At the time of their birth, names are given to individuals by their parents, and to institutions by their founders. Such names have literal meanings. The given-name of the Founder of Buckner Orphans Home means "famous chef." He was not responsible for the literal meaning of his name, for he had nothing to do with selecting it. But he was answerable for that for which his name came to stand, by his mode of life.

The name Baptist is a nick-name, chosen by our enemies because of its literal meaning, and given to us in derision. Despised Ana-Baptist! In the mind of those who called our spiritual forefathers Baptists, the term stood for an insignificant lot of misguided, narrow-minded, and foolishly stubborn heretics. But, "in spite of dungeon, fire and sword... we're still in heart and conscience free... and preach Thee, too, as love knows how, by windy words and virtuous life." And now, Baptists are a respected people.

The name, Buckner Orphans Home, has a literal meaning, as well as certain connotations. In times past, an orphanage was a soup kitchen, and a corner in which to curl up and sleep while half cold. It was a place to keep body and soul together with little thought of cultivating either of them. Orphans were indentured, and farmed out as cheap servants. Oliver Twist comes to mind. "To escape whatever odium there was attached to the word orphanage," our Orphans

Home could have taken another name, like many a similar institution that has changed its name to children's home. But, "the conscience of Buckner Orphans Home could never have been satisfied by such a superficial measure. Instead, it has stuck by its 63-year-old name, and has sought to re-define the conception of an orphanage, by attacking and removing the opprobrium." And so, by its Christ-like compassion, by its practical lifting up, by its redemptive and transforming power, by its Christian culture; yea, by its faithfully following the Baptist pattern of, and the Lord's example of, a life of service, Buckner Orphans Home has changed the conception of an orphanage to all who know it.

It seems that it would be appropriate to put on the front gate, or over some door through which every visitor must pass, these words: "Come! See how the Lord has made orphanhood an honorable estate." Such an inscription would not only be a challenging invitation to inspect the property, but a triumphant declaration of child-life victorious over tragedy! Is not the heritage of a son of the King as good as one's lost patrimony?" Come and see!

What's in a name? All that you put into it by your living. "Ye are our epistle... known and read of all men." Living Epistle Paul, you were a masterful bondservant. Baptist, brave and quietly faithful New Testament Christian. "Simon... thou art Peter." Your biography, reduced to a word, is your name. Moreover, excepting the title, it is an autobiography.

What's in your name, Buckner Orphans Home? God grant that the answer ever may be: "For to me to live is Christ."

ATTENTION CALLED TO NEED OF RURAL YOUTH

By Robert Barrett

Young people should be an outstanding interest in every church. Where the young people are neglected and they are not present consistently in the church services there is always something lacking. In the town church it seems to be the general ideal that something special be always set out before the young people to keep them interested and tied on to the church. Certainly this is true, but is it not equally true of those young people out there in the quarter-time and half-time churches? They have the same kind of a soul and if given the same opportunity will far surpass those who neglect their opportunities as to achievements.

We are living in a day when methods of days gone by will not do among young people. Not advocating a new Gospel, God forbid, but advocating a new interest, a new emphasis, and a new day for these young people to see, feel, know, and realize their strategic position and responsibility, as well as their glorious opportunities. We do wrong when we withhold from them the very best.

College young people receive the very best of inspiration in our denominational schools through conventions, local and state; through B. S. U. programs, local organizations on the campus, and from the college church. But can we be satisfied to see hundreds of young people in our rural churches denied, defeated, and deformed spiritually just because they will never get the opportunity to attend college? When God calls a preacher, a special worker, or a missionary, many times He calls them from the rural church, or it may be better to say, out in the rough and rugged country, in the highways and byways. Who shall be the preachers of tomorrow, presidents of our colleges, laymen in the business and political world? It shall be some of these young people in the rural church, called by God, having received the inspiration from some one who saw the need as a whole and set out to do something about it.

Will your church be among those to help remedy the general condition as to the welfare of its young people?

REVIVAL AT CALVARY, MIDLAND

Calvary Church, Midland, Rev. Fred McPherson, pastor, is greatly revived following a tent revival conducted by Evangelist A. T. Willis of Fort Worth and Singer Mark Short. Visible results included 47 additions and professions of faith. At the conclusion of the meeting the church observed its first anniversary. Organized December 1, 1940, with 70 charter members, its membership has now grown to 200. The church is in a building program.

High School Graduates, Buckner Home Academy, May 1941



"BEG PARDON-I FORGOT"

By ALFRED CARPENTER
Superintendent of Camp Work,
Baptist Home Mission Board

Forgot what—that November was the month in our denominational calendar to subscribe for state papers and missionary magazines. Yes, I subscribed for all of them but desire now to send one or more to an army chaplain or some home man in military service asking him to place the publication on the reading tables.

Libraries and reading rooms within the camps are in dire need of religious literature—especially Southern Baptist. Most state papers are sending several copies to the camps within their states. The Commission is being sent to more than 200 chaplains, yet this does not begin to supply the need, as in some camps there are as many as 20 reading rooms.

Will you subscribe for one or more of these publications to be mailed direct to someone you know in the camps or to the chaplains asking them to distribute same? Better still, why not send a given amount of money to the publishers asking them to supply the most needy places? Who will be the first to subscribe for 100 copies to be distributed through the Southland? One hundred West Texas Baptists will cost \$75.00, that many copies of The Commission would cost \$50.00 and the same number of Southern Baptist Home Missions would cost \$25.00. This is a good investment at Christmas time.

Rev. J. H. Dean, 1765 Sandefer, is doing graduate work at Hardin-Simmons. He is available for pulpit supply.

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SOUTH SIDE REVIVAL

There were 55 additions and professions of faith in the revival at South Side Church, Abilene, in the revival closing December 7 with Evangelist Truman L. Crouch assisting Pastor W. C. Ashford and Paul Counts, music director. The church is making great plans for moving forward.

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PROGRAM

Workers Conference, Lubbock Association, Wolforth Church, Tuesday, Dec. 16
Rev. A. E. White, Lubbock, presiding.
Theme: Foreign Missions.
10:00—Song service and devotionals, Rev. P. A. Powell, Acuff.
10:20—Our Mission Work in Mexico, representative from Slaton W. M. S.
10:40—Our Mission Work in Nigeria, Mrs. T. C. Lee, Idalou.
11:00—Our Mission Work in South Brazil, Mrs. Dewey George, Lubbock.
11:20—Special music, Calvary Church, Lubbock.
11:25—Sermon, Rev. Avery Rogers, Brownfield.
12:00—Lunch.
1:15—Executive Board and W. M. U. sessions.
2:00—Song service, Rev. P. A.

Powell.
2:10—Our Mission Work in Central China, representative from Abilene W. M. S.
2:30—Our Mission Work in South China, Mrs. Cone J. Merritt, Post.
2:50—Business.
2:55—The Lottie Moon Christmas offering, Mrs. J. T. Meek, Lubbock.

MISSIONARY MESSAGES—

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me we could get an offering at least once a month for our work, for I believe you will find someone in every church that would like to give something to missions monthly. I hope by January 1 that each church in the 17th District has made an offering through the Cooperative Program. If Baptists are to carry on the program for Christ as we should, then certainly we are coming to an hour when every church will be doing something every month for this cause.

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W. M. U. COMMITTEE URGES LIBERAL MISSION GIFTS

Report of Methods and Finance Committee to District 17 W. M. U. executive board.

The following recommendations were adopted:

1. All societies are urged to observe the Foreign Mission Week of Prayer and to give liberally to the Lottie Moon offering. The state goal is \$75,000.

2. Remember that the district goal for the Cooperative Program is \$7,000 for the year. The treasurer of the local societies will do their best to secure an accurate account of the amounts paid to this cause and report same to associational treasurer each quarter.

3. Our aim, "A debtless denomination by 1945," should be kept constantly before us. We, therefore, recommend a goal of 250 memberships to the Hundred Thousand Club for the district.

4. We recommend the continuance of the gift of two and one-half scholarships to the Southwestern Training School and that one of these be given to Carmen Arroyo.

5. We urge the district to strive to reach the maximum goal of \$1,000 for the Hardin-Simmons student fund.

6. We wish to remind the district to follow the state plan for Margaret Fund students and send the "Burney Gifts" to Mrs. Olivia Davis.

7. We recommend that the district accept a \$200 apportionment for the men's new dormitory at Howard Payne College, this amount to be paid in two years.

8. The state W. M. U. goal for the Annie Armstrong offering following the Week of Prayer for Home Missions to be held the first week in March, has been set at \$25,000. From the designated amount, \$1,800 has been set aside for the education of Mexican volunteers for religious service, meaning Mexican volunteers who are in our Baptist schools of Texas. This fund is to be known as the Ida Pearle Bell Memorial Fund.

9. We recommend that the district goal for Ministerial Relief be set at \$400.

10. The district will continue to use the West Texas Baptist for publishing the quarterly bulletin of the women's work. \$15.00 per quarter will be paid for the extra copies published.

11. We recommend that a nurse's scholarship be given to Hendrick Memorial Hospital.

12. We suggest that the local societies continue to collect and to send

They Come to the Home in Bunches



good magazines and other reading matter, particularly religious periodicals, to the hospital at Camp Barkeley and to the Hendrick Memorial Hospital.

13. We recommend that the district follow the state plan and elect two board members from each association to the district board, one of them to be the young people's secretary.

14. Our final recommendation is that the Y. W. A. house party be held at Hardin-Simmons University and that the date and program be left to the decision of the District Young People's Secretary.

Mrs. D. W. Arnette, Mrs. W. C. Ashford, Mrs. L. Q. Campbell, committee.

RUNNELS TRAINING UNION WILL MEET AT DRASCO

The Runnels Association Training Union meeting for the month will be held at Drasco Church, at 7:00 Tuesday evening, December 16. The program will be a Christmas pageant, "Follow the Star," with words and music, given by the Drasco Church. Following the pageant will be a fellowship meeting. Everyone is invited to attend.

Buckner Home Sends Greetings

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Fifteen cents will pay for a better meal.

Twenty-five cents will pay for an extra special meal on holiday occasions.

Sixty cents will cover all the cash expenditures per child day.

One dollar will pay for a play suit.

One dollar and 15 cents will pay for a better pair of shoes.

Two dollars and 25 cents will pay for a better pair of shoes.

Five dollars will pay for shoes and all other ordinary clothing for a child. Ten dollars for a youth.

Eighteen dollars covers the cost of a child per month, everything included. Multiples of the above items may be chosen to fit all ordinary individual or small church offerings, and may be used as a challenge and to encourage better support for the Home.

One hundred dollars will furnish completely a room for four children. One hundred and 80 dollars will feed the family for a day.

Two hundred and 16 dollars will cover the expenditures on behalf of a child for a whole year, everything included.

Three hundred and 60 dollars will cover cash expenditures per institutional day. Multiples of \$100 to \$360 as shown in items above will challenge and encourage larger offerings from the larger churches.

Particular calendar days may be chosen by friends and designated by us as memorial days—for instance, your birthday, or the birthday of a departed loved one—thus commemorating and memorializing the memory of a departed loved one.

That we might treat all of the children in fairness and keep down disappointment in the hearts of others, particular children cannot be designated as recipients of gifts which are made toward the support of the Home.

With the enlarged program of service and prices for everything soaring upward, there should be a 40 per cent increase in the financial support given the Home.

They enslave their children's children who make compromise with sin.—Lowell.

ATTENDANCE REPORTS FOR DECEMBER 7TH

Send reports on attendance to Box 1560, Abilene, any time during the week.

Church	Sunday School	Enr.	Att.
Amarillo, First			1845
Abilene, First			1106
Albuquerque, First			864
Vernon, First			850
Wichita Falls, Lamar Ave.			773
Breckenridge, First			696
Odessa, First			582
Brownwood, Coggin Ave.			551
Plainview, First			456
Borger, First			544
Sweetwater, First			462
Coleman, First			440
Big Spring, East Fourth			402
Burkburnett, First	719		401
San Angelo, Immanuel			324
Big Spring, First			324
Hamlin			280
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BROTHERHOOD ORGANIZED BY MEN AT ASPERMONT

The men of the First Church, Aspermont, were entertained Tuesday evening, December 2, with a turkey dinner. Rev. P. D. O'Brien was the main speaker of the evening, using the subject, "He Will Make You to Be- come." He emphasized that the important thing is not so much what we are, as what we are able to become through being touched by the power of God.

Ira Clements, associational president of Jones Association, spoke and aided in the organization of the Brotherhood. A good representation of the men was present for the organization, and Raymond Evans, local pharmacist, was elected president.

Rev. W. T. North, pastor at Peacock, gave the invocation, and Rev. C. N. Gilbert, pastor at Jayton, gave the benediction. Pastor Byron Bryant presided.

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By DICK O'BRIEN

I suppose the subject of this article is about the same all over today. We are all thinking of Pearl Harbor and all the things suggested by the action of the war. There even while they are tending to be trying for settlement with our government is by no means the first time like this has happened. I turn to the 55th Psalm, verse 1, "The Lord is my strength and my shield, my horn of salvation, and my rock of refuge, in a time of trouble he will save me from all my enemies." I believe in war as a means of international differences, war is thrust upon us there left for us to do but fight to win. The old Methodist in East Texas expressed his sentiments about the matter of it seems that a young preacher had spoken out in against a certain sin prevalent in the community and a citizen.

He approached the preacher and manded an apology. The refused to apologize, and with some warmth what he in the pulpit. The often decided to whip the preacher out second best in the er. The preacher was brought before the annual conference of conduct unbecoming. He was charged with fighting, and unhesitatingly guilty to the charge. He fought, and I refuse to let to this church court. I, we recount exactly what happened. I am ready to accept the this body." He went into relating all the circumstances some discussion the confided to exonerate him, reprimand him, and warn careful in the future. A decision had been announced brother was asked to lead. With much effort he got to knees, and in a quivering cular to old age he began he said, "keep our brethren fightin' if you can. But they have to fight, help 'em Amen!" If there was a when America had to fight and I want them to whip, need me or anything I had the job done my address ford, Texas, U. S. A., 110 Street, Telephone 296, Box 25.

No paper next week. Issue will be dated January 1, 1942.

EVENTS TO COME

January 26-29—Training Emphasis Week in all districts, H-SU.

February 24-25—District convention, Marfa.

February 26-27—District convention, Lamesa.

March 5—District 17 Rotan.

March 17-18—District convention, Coleman.

March 31-Apr. 1—District convention, Coleman.

April 2-3—District 10 Amarillo.

April 3—District 11 Vernon.

April 7-9—State Sunday Convention, Houston.

April 14-15—District 1 Convention, Stamford.