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HASKELL WILL ENTERTAIN DISTRICT CONVENTION

HARLEY SMITH WRITES OF WORK IN FAR OFF SOUTHERN BRAZIL

The Rio Grande do Sul Brazil State Convention held its meeting during the first days of November. In many respects it was a marvelous meeting.

1. Our church members needed to hear the topics which were discussed in the meeting. Even though our congregations were small and our people poor, in comparison to the conventions in the United States, we took an offering for state and foreign missions which represented real sacrificial giving. God was with us in that hour.

2. Our churches decided to publish and give out thousands of tracts. The first ten thousand of these tracts are ready and will be distributed this coming week.

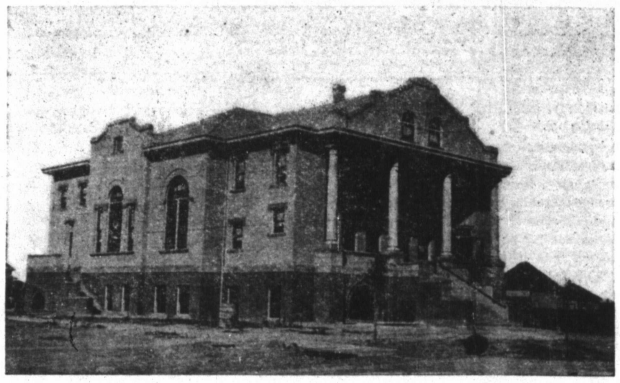
3. The convention gave one afternoon to an intensive evangelistic campaign. Because of its being Decoration Day thousands were going to the cemetery, seeking to pay tribute to their dead. Hundreds and thousands of candles were burned to light the way out of purgatory. Multitudes wandered around in search of something better—for a vital contact with God. In the midst of all this there were five of us who stood for more than two hours and preached the unsearchable riches of God's grace. There were at least three thousand people who lingered to hear the word of God. They listened to every word. They seemed not to be tired when darkness drove us away. We doubtless could have continued to preach and sing for hours longer without tiring the people. They are thirsty for the word of God. Eternity will reveal the results of this meeting.

4. There are four large daily papers here in this city. They have published photographs and articles almost without number, small and large about our work. I have never known of such an intensive campaign to be put on in the history of our work in Brazil.

5. Our school work continues to be a marvel to us and to all those who know of its real progress. There were four graduates this year and four to receive certificates. We are looking forward to even a more successful

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First Baptist Church Building, Haskell, Texas



PASTOR WHATLEY GIVES WELCOME TO CONVENTION

For months the Haskell Baptists have looked forward to the coming of the Baptist Training Union and Sunday School Convention. We are glad that the time is about to arrive. We take this opportunity to extend a hearty welcome to the Baptists of the 17th district and visitors from other sections of the state.

The convention has meant much to every church that has sent representatives, but it always leaves a special blessing with the church that entertains it. We stand in need of this blessing. We are expecting Haskell Baptists to be informed and inspired to a degree that it will mean a new day in our church.

The homes of our people are opened to every visitor. Free bed and breakfast will be furnished all the visitors that remain over for the night and we are anxious that all will come for the first service and stay through the last.

There are a number of first class cafes in the town where splendid meals will be served.

We trust that no one will yield to the temptation to miss this convention. The inspirational addresses and the conference hours will mean much to all of us. A warm welcome awaits you.

HOST PASTOR



REV. H. R. WHATLEY CLOSES EIGHTH YEAR WITH HASKELL CHURCH

On last Sunday evening the First Baptist Church, Haskell, observed the eighth anniversary of the pastorate of Rev. H. R. Whatley. The Presbyterian and Methodist churches united with the Baptists of Haskell in a joint service at the evening hour. Pastor Whatley recently declined a call to become pastor of the First Baptist Church, Wellington, and the services Sunday night were expressions of appreciation of the worth of this fine pastor and citizen to the community and an occasion of rejoicing over the fact that he had decided to remain in the city

The First Baptist Church, Haskell, is located one and one-half blocks from the city square on Highway 30. The auditorium has a seating capacity of around 600. The Sunday School is one of the largest and best in that great section of West Texas.

The main services for the District 17 Sunday School and B. T. U. Conventions will be held in the auditorium of the church. Class rooms in the church building and the city library across the street will be used for conference meetings.

During the eight years that Brother Whatley has been with the church he has conducted six revivals in the community, besides many revivals in all sections of West Texas.

Our Baptist people all over West Texas join the Baptists and the city of Haskell in rejoicing over the fact that Pastor Whatley decided to re-class sessions as above.

VALLEY VIEW, RUNNELS CO.

There will be services at the Valley View Baptist Church Saturday night, Sunday, and Sunday night. Subjects will be discussed as follows: Saturday night "The Second Mile," Sunday "The Cry of the Unsaved," and Sunday night "Life's Greatest Decision."

Sunday School meets at ten o'clock under the direction of our superintendent, I. M. Turner.

You are invited to all services.

Fred Moreland, Pastor.

There are two great missionary seasons in March. First, the Annie Armstrong W. M. U. Week of Prayer for Home Missions—March 4-8; secondly, the Sunday School Mission Day—March 31.

CITY OF HASKELL EXTENDS WELCOM BTU-SS VISITORS

West Texas Baptist:

The business men of Haskell wish to join the First Baptist Church of Haskell in extending greetings to the B. T. U. and Sunday Schools of the 17th district of West Texas, at their meeting on the 14th and 15th of March, Our doors stand widely ajar to the Baptist hosts of West Texas and we wish you to feel while in our presence the cordial welcome that shall be yours.

We feel that the Baptist forces of this great immediate section of the west deserve our very best and we shall feel the great compliment paid to our city because of your presence within the confines of our little city.

Our hats are off to the Baptist denomination because of the wonderful constructive work they are doing for all of Texas and we honor you for it. The great work such as you are doing is not only a blessing to our immediate community but a real contribution to the world.

The business men of Haskell are with you and for you and we wish to extend you a welcome whole and complete.—Haskell Service Club.

TEXAS BAPTISTS MAKING PROGRESS ON ENLISTMENT

The churches giving from month to month are on the increase. We heard from 839 churches in November, 1,033 in December and 979 in January. The reason January fell under December is due to the fact that more churches gave on Lottie Moon in December than in January.

The following amounts were received on the Cooperative Program during these three months:

November	$27,381.68
December	43,363.36
January	47,987.12

Credit should be given to whom credit is due. This evident progress is largely due to the excellent work of the district missionaries. In the districts where these men are at work enlistment is steadily going on while in districts where missionaries are not employed enlstment is at a standstill.

STATE SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

The Texas Baptist Sunday School Convention will meet in Houston on April 9-10-11. Rev. H. E. Fowler, Dallas, is president, and Mr. G. S. Hopkins, Dallas, is secretary. They are planning a great program. Every church in Texas should send a large delegation.

DR. SANDEFER IMPROVING

Our readers will be glad to learn that President J. D. Sandefer of Hardin-Simmons University is recovering rapidly from an operation last Friday at the West Texas Baptist Sanitarium. The operation was the third major operation for Dr. Sandefer in eighteen months, but none was related to the other. The President returned to his home from the sanitarium yesterday, and it is expected that he will be back in his office within a few days.

District S. S. and B. T. U. Workers Will Meet For Session March 14 and 15

The annual meeting of the Sunday School and B. T. U. Convention of District 17 will meet with the First Baptist Church, Haskell, on Thursday and Friday of next week, March 14-15. The first session will open Thursday morning with Rev. J. D. Brannon, president of the B. T. U. Convention and missionary of District 17, presiding. The general theme for the first session will be "Conquest;" the slogan, "Reaching, teaching, winning, training and utilizing." The morning sermon will be preached by Rev. Sid Martin of Wichita Falls.

The convention music will be in charge of Rev. Virgil Reynolds of Abilene, pastor of Trinity Baptist Church.

The afternoon session of the first day will be in charge of Max Lanford of the Southside Church, Abilene, who is president of the district Sunday School Convention. Among the speakers for the afternoon will be Rev. Roy Shahan of Moran and Dr. N. A. Moore of the Bible Department of Hardin-Simmons University.

At the evening service Max Lanford will preside. Among the speakers will be Dr. M. F. Ewton, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Spur, and W. J. Lites of Dallas. The evening sermon will be preached by Rev. E. S. James, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Cisco.

Second Day's Session

The Friday's session will be led by Rev. J. D. Brannon. The sepeakers for the session will be Rev. C. A. Voyles of Anson and Rev. E. D. Dunlap of Sweetwater. The convention will close with a sermon at 11:40 by Dr. W. Y. Pond, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Breckenridge.

The Baptists in particular and the city of Haskell in general are making extensive preparations to entertain the visitors in a great way. There are twelve counties represented in the seven associations that make up Wistrict 17, and it is expected that hundreds of Sunday School and Baptist Training Union workers will be on hand to attend the meeting.

The entire convention program appears on page four of this issue of the West Texas Baptist.

CHURCH AT HODGES REPORTS FINE SERVICE FOR LAST SUNDAY

First, I'll say, we enjoy your paper each week—can hardly wait for it to come.

Our beloved pastor, Brother H. H. Summers, preached at both services yesterday, first time since his illness, and we enjoyed his sermons very much. His subject yesterday morning was "Time to Wake Up," Romans 13-11—"That Knowing the Time." Sunday night—"The More Excellent Way," I Cor. 12-27. We had large crowds at both services.

Our Sunday School was well attended. All the teachers except one were there.

The B. T. U. had a good number present. Our B. T. U. is young but we are growing and working.

Our pastor and two laymen went to Anson to the Sunday School meeting. They reported a good crowd.

MRS ROBERT HOWELL.

CALLAHAN WORKERS MEET AT SCRANTON

The workers conference of the Cahan Association wil meet Tuesday, March 12, with Pastor Houston Scott and the Scranton church. The following program has been arranged:

Theme: Missions.

10:00 a. m.—Song service—Joe R. Mayes.

10:10 a. m.—Devotional—Rev. Ivey, Atwell.

10:20 a. m.—"Purpose of the Church,"—Rev. H. H. Summers.

10:50 a. m.—Reading—Elizabeth Jones.

11:00 a. m.—Song.

11:10 a. m.—Sermon—Rev. J. D. Brannon.

12:00 noon—Lunch.

1:15 p. m.—Song service—Choir.

1:30 p. m.—Devotional—Mrs. M. F. Richardson.

1:40 p. m.—Woman's Work—Mrs. J. L. Anthony.

2:10 p. m.—Hundred Thousand Club—Rev. C. A. Voyles.

2:40 p. m.—Inspirational address—Rev. Priddy.

News Notes

The attendance in Sunday School at the First Baptist Church, Anson, had a record attendance of 366 last Sunday. The goal for next Sunday is 400. Pastor L. A. Doyle is doing a fine work in Anson and Jones county.

The Pecos Valley Association had its regular monthly meeting Tuesday with the church at Grandfalls. Rev. E. E. Dawson preached the 11:00 o'clock sermon.

The Cisco Association held its monthly conference Tuesday with the church at Eastland. The general subject for discussion was "What the Bible teaches about church membership."

Under the leadership of District Missionary R. E. Bost the churches in district 9 (South Plains section) are putting on expansion campaigns in Sunday School work. The work last week centered in the Brownfield Association.

Mrs. E. M. Francis of Abilene is with the Rochester church this week assisting in a school of missions. The Rochester church will begin its Spring meeting next Sunday with Rev. H. R. Whatley of Haskell doing the preaching.

Pastor W. D. Green of the Knox City Church baptized 12 candidates last Sunday evening. These new additions are some of the visible results of a recent revival meeting.

SUNDAY SCHOOL WORKERS HAVE GOOD MEETING

"The Teacher and the Enrollment Problem" was the theme emphasized in the monthly meeting of the Jones County Baptist Associational Sunday School, held at Anson at 2:30 p. m., March 3.

Rev. W. I. Taylor, a student of Hardin-Simmons University, conducted the opening devotional. Six simultaneous conferences were conducted by the following: Rev. Henry Littleton, Hamlin, Superintendent; Dr. N. F. McDonald, Lueders, Secretaries; Rev. L. A. Doyle, Anson, Adults; Rev. Kelly Barnett, Hardin-Simmons U., Seniors; Mr. J. A. Roberts, Anson, Intermediates; Mrs. J. Cauthen, Leuders, Junior-Primary. Rev. Henry Littleton brought an inspirational address on "Laboring Together With God in Ripe Fields." Miss Martha Rowland, also a student in Hardin-Simmons, is secretary-treasurer of the organization.

"The conferences are proving their value in practical help to attending teachers and officers of Jones county Sunday Schools. This potential value should be the quest of every Sunday School worker of that association," is the observation of Rev. N. J. Westmoreland, associational superintendent.

TEXAS LEADS THE WORLD

Texas leads the world in Baptist Training Union work. There are 31,624 unions in the Southern Baptist Convention, and 7,758 of them in Texas. There are 4,087 standard unions in the South with 854 of them in Texas. The combined membership of all unions in the Southern Baptist Convention is 618,283; whereas the Texas Baptist Training Union membership is 145,605.

Abilene First Church Begins Enlargement Campaign Sunday

With a number of state and southwide leaders here to assist in the work, the First Baptist Church, Abilene, will begin a special enlargement campaign next Sunday which is to continue through March 17. Among the leaders who are to participate in the campaign will be William P. Phillips, Nashville, Tenn., Mrs. W. L. House, Mrs. O. E. Parris, Mrs. Anna Goings Taylor, Mrs. Joe Trussell, Miss Verda Von Hagen, G. S. Hopkins and A. V. Washburn.

Pastor Millard A. Jenkens and his church leaders have been making extensive preparations for this program for some time and it is expected that hundreds of members of the church will participate. At the regular preaching hour next Sunday morning, Mr. Phillips from the Sunday School Board, Nashville, will speak, his subject being "Why the First Baptist Church should maintain a great Sunday School. "At the evening hour Secretary Hopkins of the Sunday School work in Texas will fill the pulpit.

The program for the week is as follows:

Sunday, March 10

9:45 A. M.—Sunday School.

11:00 A. M.—Address: "Why the First Baptist Church Should Maintain a Great Sunday School," William P. Phillips, Nashville, Tennessee.

12:05 Noon—Lunch in Dining room. Coffee served by Janitor, census takers bringing lunches.

12:30 P. M.—Census of our Territory in two hours' time.

7:30 P. M.—Address by G. S. Hopkins, Dallas, Texas.

Monday Through Friday, March 11-15

12:00 Noon—Luncheon and Conference for one hour for Gen'l. Supt., Assoc. Gen'l. Supts., Gen'l. Sec'y., Dept. Supts., Pastor, Campaign Director and Faculty Members.

Training all officers and teachers in the Sunday School organization including all class officers.

7:00 P. M.—Classes as follows:

For Cradle Roll and Beginner Workers—Mrs. W. L. House.

For Primary Department Workers—Mrs. O. E. Parris.

For Jr. Dept. Workers—Mrs. Annie Going Taylo.r.

For Intermd. Dept. Workers—Mrs. Joe Trussell.

For Young People's Department and Class Workers—Mr. A. V. Washburn.

For Adult Dept. and Class Workers—Mr. G. S. Hopkins.

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A NEARBY TASK

An exchange declares that in the last twenty-two months 600,000 Mexicans from three states of the U. S. A.—Texas, New Mexico and Arizona, have treked back across the border into old Mexico. More than 2700 of these are Christians, and 800 are Baptists. These have already built 21 Baptist churches in 21 different communities to which they have gone back to live and to tell the gospel message. What would be the story if all 600,000 had been won to Christ before they returned to the land of their birth?

TEXAS A VAST MISSION FIELD

For more than one hundred years Baptists have been working in Texas. While they have far out-numbered any other group of Christians, there is yet much land to be taken. Approximately 200,000 of our people are not native stock. This includes hundreds of thousands of Negroes, Mexicans and European speaking peoples. Scores of missionaries need to be added at once.

At the forthcoming meeting of the Executive Board plans are the summer evangelistic campaign are to be laid out. Last year more than 32,000 people were baptized in Texas, and we hope to do a more intensive and far-reaching work this year than last.

More than 6,000 students were in our Baptist schools in Texas last year. The number of Baptist students in state schools is considerably larger than this. A study of our student work would be most inspiring to any layman. The students of today will be among the most conspicuous leaders of tomorrow. We cannot, therefore, ignore the tremendous obligation to win them, teach them, and train them for kingdom service. This work is being fostered by the Student Union of Texas, under the auspices of our Convention.

CAN YOU DO IT?

"Brazilian Snapshots, published in Brazil by T. B. Stover, tells an interesting story of a "Praise Service" in that far-away mission field that would put most of us to shame here in the home land. There are many Christians who would praise the Lord for the good things that come their way, but we wonder how many of us, like the Brazilians, would praise God for the seeming reverses that come our way. The story referred to, written by Edith Ayers Allen, says in part:

It was a warm Wednesday night, the week after Thanksgiving, when some sixty-odd members of a Rio Baptist church gathered for their weekly prayer meeting. Before hearing the requests for prayer that always occupy a salient place in the midweek service, the pastor directed the thoughts of those present into the channels of praise for the blessings received during the year so near its close. Among others, the following are some of the expressions of gratitude for His blessings:

D. Isabel thanks the Lord for having been laid off from work in the factory during three weeks because during that time she was able to attend all the services at the church. Working from two until ten p. m., only on Sundays can she unite her worship with that of the other members of the church. Her hand was badly mangled in a machine and subsequent infection almost cost her her arm, but all of that is forgotten as she praises the Lord for that period of enforced rest and loss of wages which permitted her to attend the almost nightly services of the church.

Otto, a young man who because of the opposition of his family had to wait almost a year (until he came of age) to make his profession of faith, rises to praise the Lord for the persecution he has suffered during the year since his baptism. His father, mother, and sisters have carried on a steady campaign of ridicule and mistreatment which only fanatical minds steeped in Catholicism seem capable of planning and carrying out. Never missing a service, Otto has testified steadily to the change in his heart that transformed him from a sinful young man whom the young people of the church went out of their way to avoid meeting on the streets, into a radiant follower of the Master.

D. Arlinda thanks the Lord for the trials and tribulations through which she has passed. A baby, after a prolonged illness, was taken; and a fanatical neighbor has carried on a persistent campaign of persecution that has tempted her at times to weaken. The few times she has had to leave the house for a short time with no one to keep watch, the persecuting neighbor has come into the yard broken off flowering plants, pulled up others, and the last time carried off all her potted ferns, placing them in plain view of the house in her own yard, in the hopes, apparently, of provoking a discussion, which so far she has not succeeded in bringing about. D. Arlinda is praying that the Lord will give her an opportunity to help her neighbor, thus heaping coals of fire on her head and opening the way to talk to her about the love of God.

RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

I read somewhere that when the Americans first occupied Manila they found many persons in prison for what was called "political offenses." One of the crimes for which men were imprisoned was that of reading the Bible. Soon after the Stars and Stripes were raised over that land, these prison doors were opened and men were set free. One day a man came to an American missionary and asked to see him in strict privacy. When they were alone he asked in a whisper if it were true that he could now read his Bible without fear of imprisonment. The missionary took him to a window and pointed to the American flag floating from a near-by building, and said to him, "So long as you see that flag floating over your country, you can sit on the ridgepole of your house, if you want to, and read your Bible, and no one can molest you."—J. Clyde Turner.

SOME BODY MADE A MISTAKE

W. A. Thomas, collector of internal revenue, Dallas, calls attention to what he terms a misstatement that has been published in numerous state papers. "The federal government," he says, "does not issue a license permit to anyone to sell intoxicating liquors, either malt or distilled, including 3.2 beer, to any one in prohibition territory. In addition to not issuing such a license or permit, the government specifically places a tax of $1,000 on anyone who does engage in such illicit liquor business." Now will someone tell The Times why a government representative came to town early last year and told those who were selling 3.2 beer openly, in spite of county prohibition, that he would be glad to give them Uncle Sam's sanction?—Scurry County Times.

Woman's Missionary Union of Texas, Dist. 17

W. M. U. WATCHWORD—"LABORERS TOGETHER WITH GOD." I COR. 3:9.

1935 WATCHWORD—"IN THE NAME OF OUR GOD WE WILL SET UP OUR BANNERS." PSA. 20:5.

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CHURCH SCHOOLS OF MISSIONS

A church school of missions is in progress this week at Rochester, Rev. J. Lowell Ponder, pastor. Mrs. E. M. Francis of Abilene is teaching "The Keys of the Kingdom." The church at Rule, under the leadership of Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Ware, has just had a similar school. This plan is recognized as the best for creating intelligent interest of the entire church in the work of missions. Because of the observance of monthly programs on missions and special mission study classes, the women and young people of the churches are well informed on the work of the mission boards while the men have not enjoyed these privileges and in most cases are uninformed, hence less interested. Strong and stimulating books have been written which are educational and inspiring. The implications of Christianity in its impact upon the social and economic life of our own country and other countries is the most worthwhile study that we can engage in. A church school of missions is an opportunity that no pastor or the chairman of the mission study should neglect to plan for in the year's work.

FROM A MISSIONARY

The idea of a huge debt on the Foreign Mission Board was very repugnant to me but the case seemed so hopeless I did not feel led to do what a fellow missionary did. She sent a whole month's salary when I felt she could ill afford to do so. She was sending some money home each month to her widowed mother and was helping with contributions on the field.

When the plan of paying twenty-five cents per week was presented to us, I was very glad to send the year's amount early in the year. A month later I felt that it was the Lord's will for me to go the second mile, so I authorized the mission treasurer to take from my salary check the same amount a second time. I was not conscious of making any sacrifice. The Lord has promised "to supply all of our needs" and he always does. We practice the first part of Malachi 3:10 and God practises the last half—A Missionary in China.

CALLAHAN COUNTY MISSION STUDY INSTITUTE

A very helpful and inspirational mission study institute was held in Baird Tuesday, March 5. Forty-one women from the churches registered and Brother Joe R. Mays, pastor of the Baird church, was also present.

Mrs. J. E. Burnam, district mission study chairman, presided over the open session in the morning. This was followed by two classes, one taught by Mrs. R. M. White, district president, using "Around the World in the Southland," and the other by Mrs. M. F. Richardson, who used as a text "People of the Jesus Way."

Lunch was served by the Baird ladies after which another open class was led by Mrs. Burnam, followed by class sessions as above.

THE DISTRICT PROSPECT AND THE HOME VIEW

Mrs. W. R. Derr

—"And not many days after, the younger son gathered all together and took his journey into a far country." The sequel is well known. Disillusioned at last about the "far country" the Prodigal Son was only too glad to return to the dearest spot on earth —home! Yet who has not longed to journey to a "far country," to view new scenes and to enjoy novel experiences? The romance of the far, distant regions thrills and enthralls. Truly, "distance lends enchantment to the view!" That is why Italian sunsets are considered by some to be more beautiful than our own gorgeous Texas sunsets. Dazzled by the distant prospect, we are blind to the glorious home view! Here is a case in point:

She was in her early fifties—a woman of arresting personality and great consecration. She went about doing good, ever on the alert to seize new opportunities to witness and to work for her Lord. One day at a mission study institute she heard a younger woman teaching a class of Mexican women a mission study book in their own language. Thrilled at the missionary possibilities of the situation, she approached the teacher and said, with tears in her eyes:

"Oh, how I envy you! My heart goes out to the poor Mexicans! If I could only speak Spanish I, too, could tell them of Jesus, as you are doing!"

With a slow smile and the suggestion of a twinkle in her eyes the teacher replied:

"How about our Negro sisters? You can make them understand, can you not?"

"Oh," said the older woman, with paling cheek, "I never thought of that." Then she blushed for shame and repeated, "I never thought of that."

The teacher forgot the incident but recalled it, when, at the next mission study institute, the older woman proudly appeared upon the scene with a dozen negro women, whom she taught so joyously during the day that not one moment remained in which to say to the Spanish teacher, again on the job, "Oh, how I envy you!" Truly the scales had fallen from eyes once dazzled and blinded by the "distant prospect." They were open now, to the "home view" of loving service at her very finger tips!

Are you "hiding your light under a bushel?" Have you missed the "home view" because the superior gifts and accomplishments of another blinded you to your own value? Then read and profit by this oft' quoted poem:

"Don't waste your time in longing
For bright, impossible things;
Don't sit supinely yearning
For the swiftness of angel wings;
Don't spurn to be a rushlight
Because you are not a star;
But brighten some bit of darkness
By shining just where you are."

"There is need of the tiniest candle
As well as the garish sun;
The humblest deed is ennobled
When it is worthily done.
You may never be called to brighten
The darkened regions afar;
So fill, for the day, your mission
By shining just where you are."

"Just where you are, my brother,
Just where God bids you stand,
Though down in the deepest shadow,
Instead of the sunlit land;
You may carry a brightness with you
That no gloom or darkness can mar,
For the light of a Christlike spirit
Will shine wherever you are."

"Shine Just Where You Are," is the title. I do not know who is the author.

A Dim-Eyed Prophet

By Jeff D. Ray

Fifty years ago this month I alighted from a T. & P. train at what I thought was a mere wide place in the road called Abilene. A few board shacks clustered about the depot. I did not count the people but there may have been five hundred all told. Under the leadership of Dr. O. C. Pope the State Convention had sent the brilliant young Bennett Hatcher out there as missionary pastor. Waiting for a stage to San Angelo, I had a chance to "view the landscape o'er." I was disgusted and indignant. In the first place I thought it was a shame to beguile this brilliant young preacher into coming out here to throw his life away on an utterly hopeless proposition. In the second place I was quite sure it was almost a criminal misappropriation of mission money to spend $100.00 a month trying to build a church in this desert fit only for prairie dogs and long horned steers.

Did I miss it? I think they say I did. There sits Abilene, the charming queenly city with her great churches, schools, commercial and industrial enterprises; her hospitals, her skyscrapers. There sits Abilene, the hub of a prosperous territory with great farms, rural centers, growing towns, throbbing with life and enterprise.

Yes, I was a poor prophet—dim-eyed and could not see far. But don't be too hard on me. I was a mere boy, had a pretty bad case of the big head and, having done my pioneering in South Texas, knew nothing of the spirit of the plains. I am cured, and if any man should prophesy that in ten years Toyah will be a town of 100,000 people, I shall not argue the point.

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Revival As a Crime Corrective

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All of the above has been said to show that probably not in this generation has there been such a need of a sweeping revival, one of the old-time preaching on sin, repentance, judgment, and Godly consecrated living. The gospel has ever been a corrective for moral and social ills. Baptists have grown in power, influence, and members as they have gone into the highways and byways preaching the gospel in revival fervor. If our precious heritage is not to deteriorate in our hands, the promulgation of the gospel in mighty continuous revival effort is our hope.

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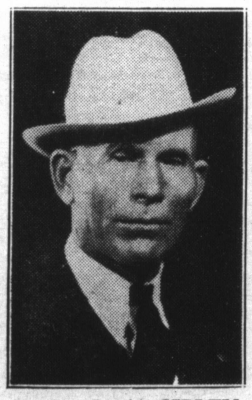
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This is the first presentation of the choral group this semester but the major production by the choral club will not be given until May, according to Mrs. Deaton.

In the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Baker, instructors in Hardin-Simmons university, a business session of the Children of the American Revolution was held with Helen Margaret Baker, daughter of the Hardin-Simmons professors, in charge. The meeting was in preparation for the annual Texas Day program to be given by the Jonathan Hopkins chapter of the organization.

Girls', Boys' Quartets Featured On Program

Girls' and men's quartets from Hardin-Simmons university were featured entertainers at the Community Singers program Thursday at the city hall.

Members of the girls quartet are Edna Ardis and Rose Mary Malone, sopranos; Ruth King and Margaret Upshaw , altos. Men singers are James Rodden and Payne Hathcock, tenors; James Rosser, baritone, and Gordon Suits, basso. Mrs. Lola Gibson-Deaton is director for both groups.

The new officers of the "H. S. U." club took charge at the first meeting Thursday night since their election at the "H. S. U." banquet. At this meeting Professor Burnam was elected sponsor of the club. He made a short speech on the athletes acquiring a winning complex. The club elected Si Addington reporter.

Hardin-Simmons' lanky sophomore quintet dealt their departing mentor a send-off both "fitting and proper" when they presented Coach Les Cranfill with the 1935 Texas conference basketball championship this week. It was the fifth for "Fats'" boys in the last six seasons and the sixth for the Cowhands in the past seven years.

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CONVENTION PROGRAM

DISTRICT SEVENTEEN SUNDAY SCHOOL AND B. T. U. CONVENTION

First Baptist Church, Haskell, Texas, March 14-15, 1935

First Session, Morning—Rev. J. D. Brannon, B. T. U. President.
General Theme—"Conquest."
Slogan—"Reaching, Teaching, Winning, Training, and Utilizing."

9:30 A. M.—Song Service—Rev. Virgil Reynolds, leader.
9:40 A. M.—Welcome—Rev. H. R. Whatley, Pastor First Church, Haskell.
9:50 A. M.—Sunday School Address—Rev. C. R. Joyner, Merkel.
10:10 A. M.—B. T. U. Conferences.
1. Beginner and Primary Unions.
2. Junior B. Y. P. U.
3. Intermediate B. Y. P. U.
4. Senior B. Y. P. U.
5. Adult Union.
6. Associational B. T. U.

11:10 A. M.—Reassemble for special music and reports.
Get Acquainted—Roll Call.
Appointment of Committees.
11:25 A. M.—Special Music.
11:30 A. M.—Sermon—Rev. Sid Martin, Wichita Falls, Texas.

Second Session, Afternoon—Max Lanford, Sunday School Pres.
General Theme—"Mobilization."
Slogan—"Multiply by Division."

1:30 P. M.—Song Service—Rev. Virgil Reynolds.
1:50 P. M.—Address: "Hundred Thousand Club"—Rev. Roy Shahan, Moran.
2:05 P. M.—B. T. U. Address—Dr. N. A. Moore, H-S. U.
2:35 P. M.—Sunday School Conferences.
1. Cradle Roll and Beginners.
2. Primary.
3. Junior.
4. Intermediate.
5. Young People and Adults.
6. Associational Sunday School Work.
7. Six Point Record System.

3:55 P. M.—Reassemble for Reports.
3:45 P. M.—Special Music.
3:50 P. M.—
4:30 P. M.—Adjourn.

Third Session, Night—Max Lanford, presiding.
General Theme—"Others."
Slogan—"Teach the Word and Train for Service."

7:00 P. M.—Song Service—Rev. Virgil Reynolds.
7:15 P. M.—B. T. U. Address—Dr. M. F. Ewton, Spur, Texas.
7:40 P. M.—Special Music.
7:45 P. M.—Sunday School Address—W. J. Lites, Dallas.
8:10 P. M.—Special Music.
8:15 P. M.—Sermon—Rev. E. S. James, Cisco, Texas.

Fourth Session, Second Morning—Rev. J. D. Brannon, presiding.
General Theme—"Evangelism."
Slogan—"Every One Win One."

9:00 A. M.—Song Service—Rev. Virgil Reynolds.
9:15 A. M.—Address: "Relation of all Auxiliaries to Church"—Rev. C. A. Voyles.
9:30 A. M.—B. T. U. General Conference—Rev. E. D. Dunlap, Sweetwater.
10:00 A. M.—Special Music.
10:05 A. M.—Sunday School General Conference—W. J. Lites.
10:35 A. M.—Election of Officers and Other Convention Business. (Each church is requested to send messengers to consider organization of General Convention).
11:35 A. M.—Special Music.
11:40 A. M.—Sermon—Rev. W. Y. Pond, Breckenridge.
—Adjourn.

Abilene First Church Begins Enlargement Campaign Sunday

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For Exten. Dept. Workers—Miss Verda Von Hagen.
For Gen'l. Dept. and Class Secy.—Mr. Wm. P. Phillips.

7:45 P. M.—Address: "Building a Great Sunday School in First Baptist Church," William P. Phillips.
8:30 P. M.—Classes as above under same teachers.
9:15 P. M.—Adjournment.

During afternoons of this week visitations will be pursued with special attention to unsaved and unafflicted Baptists discovered in census looking to public profession and uniting with church the following Sunday.

Saturday, March 16

9:00 A. M.—Conference of Gen'l. Supt., Pastor and Campaign Director will all department superintendents. Adjusting and arranging for any new features of the Sunday School organization to be inaugurated Sunday morning.
2:00 P. M.—Sunday School Visitation—Every officer, teacher and all pupils in departments above that of Primary will be expected to participate in an effort to personally visit every prospective member found in religious census.

Sunday, March 17

9:20 A. M.—Conference of Pastor, Gen'l. Supt., Gen'l. Sec'y., Campaign Director and Faculty Members with Dept. Supts. and Sec'ys.
9:45 A. M.—Sunday School: Attendance aim 1400. Present Attendance 1,050.
11:00 A. M.—Evangelistic Service—Preaching by the Pastor.

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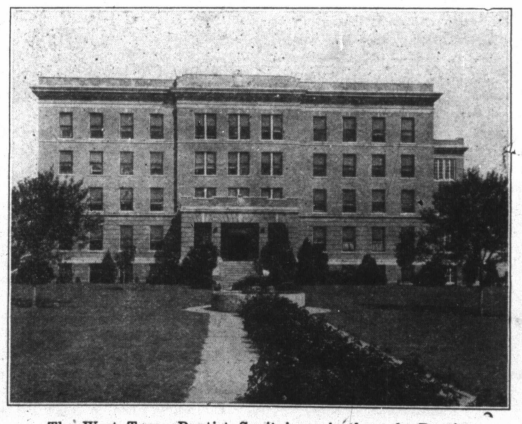
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