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## RAMBLING



By DICK O'BRIEN

The sun is shining so warm and bright today that I am considering giving up my sniffing winter colds and deliberately expose myself to spring fever. If you can be let alone to enjoy it there is nothing more luxurious than a stretch, yawning case of spring fever. I read the other day about a fellow who saw a man sitting among the top limbs of an oak tree. He asked, "How did you get up there?" The languid one answered between yawns, "I dunno, unless I sat down on an acorn." Yesterday the sunshine was so warm and inviting I drove out into the country, parked the car, climbed through a fence and walked a mile down California creek and sat down for the quietest hour I have enjoyed in years. As I sat lazily on the creek bank soaking up the sunshine and gazing into the still, clear water, I was reminded of a statement on one of the old "Uncle Josh" phonograph records which were so popular in my childhood. Uncle Josh was describing a certain tense situation in which he and Ezra Hawkins were involved and he said, "It was so still and quiet you could hear your hair grow." . . . As I sat there my mind went back over the years of my childhood which were spent on the banks of a creek. The smell of musty leaves, the ripple of water over a shallow place, the darting and gliding of graceful minnows in the clear water together with the eerie shadows of trees crosscrossed in the water conjured up many a pleasant memory. I remembered the first time I ever swam. I did not learn to swim, the older boys threw me in water over my head and went off and left me and I had to swim. . . . I thought of the times I had lain prone on the ground and slaked my thirst from the cool depths of old Savannah creek. Of the times I had crossed the "foot-log," my heart in my throat, my hands waving like wind-mill blades, feeling as if I were walking a wire over the pit of perdition. Usually I would start slowly and cautiously, but would generally throw caution to the winds when about half way over and break and run for it with all my might. I never fell in but once and that was after I was grown, and it was winter and I broke through a thin layer of ice up to my knees in the coldest foot bath I ever

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## EVENTS TO COME

- Feb. 18-19—Bible Conference, District 8, First Baptist Church, Big Spring.
- February 24-25—District 16 Convention, Brownwood.
- February 28-March 1—District 7 Convention, Van Horn.
- March 4-5—District 8 Convention, Colorado City.
- March 6-7—District 17 Convention, Stamford.
- March 3-7—Home Mission Week of Prayer.
- March 7-8—Y. W. A. House Party at H-SU.
- March 17-18—State Laymen's Conv., Dallas.
- March 25-26—District 9 Convention, Brownfield.
- March 27-28—District 10 Convention, Pampa.
- March 27-28—District 11 Convention, Paducah.
- April 15-17—Texas Baptist Sunday School convention, Dallas.
- April 22-23—District 17 W. M. U. Convention, Breckenridge.
- April 28-29—Formal installation of President W. R. White, H-SU.
- May 14-18—Southern Baptist Convention, Birmingham.
- June 2-5—Evangelistic Conference, Seminary Hill.
- June 23-29—General Encampment, Lueders.
- July 7-9—Girls' camp, Lueders.
- July 9-11—Boys' camp, Lueders.

## DISTRICT 17 CONVENTION WILL MEET AT STAMFORD

Stamford will be host to the District 17 annual convention, announces Rev. Phillip C. McGahey, Breckenridge, convention president. The meetings will be held March 6 and 7, beginning at 10 Thursday morning and continuing till noon Friday.

Thursday evening will be the Brotherhood period with Dr. Thomas H. Taylor of Howard Payne College bringing the closing address, following Judge E. S. Cummings, state Brotherhood president, and R. A. Springer, state secretary.

The young people's work of the W. M. U. will receive emphasis Friday morning with an address by Mrs. R. L. Mathis, state young people's secretary of the W. M. U., and an address on "Our R. A. Work" by Pastor L. L. Trotter of Rotan.

Dr. T. C. Gardner will deliver an address on "What's New in Training Union Work," Thursday morning and will conduct conferences for that department.

Thursday afternoon, Dr. G. S. Hopkins will speak on "What Is New in Sunday School Work," and direct Sunday School conferences.

Preachers for the convention will be Pastors E. Douglas Carver, University Church, Abilene, H. R. Whately, Haskell First, and Chas. A. Powell, Rule. E. O. Bone, Breckenridge and J. D. Riddle, Abilene, will be in charge of the song services.

A business session will be held Friday morning, at which time a committee on plans for district work, headed by Pastor J. M. Sibley, Sweetwater, will make a report.

## YWA PLANS HOUSE PARTY AT H-SU MARCH 7 AND 8

By Mrs. Dick O'Brien

The annual house-party for members of Y. W. A. and other Baptist girls of Y. W. A. age, in District 17, will be held at Hardin-Simmons University on March 7 and 8. The program will begin on Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock, and close at noon Saturday. Any Baptist girl who is a senior in high school will be considered in the age limit.

A very interesting program has been arranged with Mrs. R. L. Mathis, state young people's secretary, and two returned foreign missionaries will feature the program. Miss Jaxie Short and Mrs. J. B. Buckley are arranging some social features that you will not want to miss. You will meet girls from every association in the district.

The entire cost of your stay in Abilene, including room and meals, will be only \$1.25 per girl.

The program is being arranged by Miss Head, and Miss Carpenter, of Hardin-Simmons University, Mrs. O. B. Woodrum, South Side Church, Abilene, Mrs. Paul Atchison, Abilene, Miss Dell Johnson, president of the H-SU Y. W. A. and Mrs. D. W. Arnette, University Baptist Church, Abilene. Mrs. J. B. Buckley, district W. M. U. president, and Miss Jaxie Short, Abilene First Baptist Church young people's leader, will assist.

## DR. JAMES LEADS REVIVAL IN CALVARY CHURCH, LUBBOCK

The Calvary Baptist Church of Lubbock closed one of the best meetings in its history Feb. 9. There were 49 additions, 26 of these were for baptism. Sixty people came back to give themselves anew to the Lord's work. Large congregations were present throughout the meeting. Dr. E. S. James of the First Baptist Church of Vernon did the preaching and the people were delighted and helped by the messages. The local educational director, Mr. D. C. Hamilton, led the music. Rev. C. J. McCarty is pastor.

## TUXEDO WOMEN ORGANIZE MISSION SOCIETY

Eleven women of Tuxedo Church met January 27 and reorganized the Woman's Missionary Society. The following were elected officers: Mrs. Alvin Smith, president; Mrs. John Braswell, vice-president; Mrs. Jesse Lee, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. Bert Apperson, teacher; Mrs. Walter Osment, assistant teacher; Mrs. Clyde Prichard, chorister; Mrs. Ed Ashburn, pianist. Meetings will be held each Monday. The first lesson studied will be the 12th chapter of Romans. —Mrs. Jesse Lee, reporter.

## MCBETH TO LECTURE AT DISTRICT 8 CONFERENCE



Dr. J. P. McBeth, Dumas, will deliver the Bible lectures for the annual Pastor's and Laymen's Conference for District 8, which meets this year at First Church, Big Spring, Tuesday and Wednesday, February 18 and 19. Dr. McBeth will discuss the Book of Romans. Last year, in a similar meeting at Snyder, he lectured on Genesis.

First Church, Big Spring, is furnishing bed and breakfast to all who want to spend the night, announces District Missionary W. C. Harrison.

## MEXICAN ASSOCIATION HOLDS MEETING AT POST

The West Texas Mexican Baptist Association met at Post City, Texas, with the Mexican Baptist Church, aided with location by the Calvary Baptist Church, on January 29 to 31. The association has planned a way by which more religious education can be offered the people of their race. They, as an association, have a traveling missionary, who is to visit the churches and missions for a week each and can be used as best and most needed. Places to be visited beginning at Big Spring on Sunday, February 2, include: Amarillo, Canyon, Littlefield, Hale Center, Lubbock, Post, Snyder, Big Spring, Midland, Colorado, Sweetwater, Trent, Merkel, Abilene, Winters, Ballinger, Menard, Brownwood, Coleman, Stamford, and Rotan.

Our churches and missions are co-operating to make this possible through a committee of missions composed of Pedro A. Hernandez, Box 322, Abilene, chairman; David Trevizo, Box 665, Brownwood, secretary; Adan L. Ortiz, Rt. 2, Box 62, Amarillo, treasurer.

This committee pleads for the American Baptist Associations in whose territory we have entered to try to understand that we are only willing to do our best to consolidate our efforts in educating and having a standing Baptist trained people. As a committee we also ask that if you find a way in your heart to pray for us. You can also help us keep our missionary, Silvano Lara, on his feet. By faith we have paid our missionary \$25 per month for two months—but how next? May Jehovah lead the way as American Baptists pray. —PEDRO A. HERNANDEZ.

## SOUTHWESTERN SEMINARY MUSIC SCHOOL ON RADIO

The School of Sacred Music of the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary has been invited to participate in the Saturday Educational hour over Station WBAP, Fort Worth, broadcasting on the assigned frequency of 800 kilocycles. The next broadcast is Saturday morning, February 15, from 10:30 to 11:00.

We would be happy for the former students, graduates, and friends to tune in on this program and to send us your comments. Address them to me at Seminary Hill, Texas, or to WBAP, Medical Arts Building, Fort Worth, Texas. —I. E. REYNOLDS.

## H-SU GROUPS TO APPEAR AT ELMDALE AND NOODLE

Groups from the Christian Service Band of Hardin-Simmons will give programs Sunday at Elmdale and Noodle. Last Sunday consecration services were held by members of the band at Sunset and University churches and Friendship mission in Abilene. Churches wishing to have a service by this band should communicate with Alvin Hutton, president, at 2704 Hickory, Abilene.

## PREPARATION UNDER WAY FOR S. S. CONVENTION



DR. R. G. LEE, Memphis, Tenn.

"The World of Life in a World of Strife," will be the general theme of the annual Baptist Sunday School Convention of Texas, which will meet in Dallas Tuesday through Thursday, April 15 to 17. "Hold Forth the Word of Life" will be the convention slogan and "O Zion Haste" will be the theme song.

In order to take care of the crowds, four simultaneous programs will be rendered each night of the convention in places as follows: First Church, Gaston Avenue, Cliff Temple and Buckner Orphans Home.

Beautiful display posters giving publicity to the convention are being sent out. Should your church fail to receive one, write G. S. Hopkins at once.

Dr. R. G. Lee, one of the most popular speakers in the Southern Baptist Convention, will bring two messages at the convention.

## Awards

One associational award will be given to the association with the highest percentage of Standard Sunday Schools.

Two attendance awards will be given, one to the church having in its group the largest percentage in attendance in comparison with the resident church members, and the other to the Young People's or Adult Class having the largest percentage of its membership in attendance. (This refers to those outside of the host city).

One mileage award to the church whose members travel the largest aggregate number of miles to attend the convention. One attendance mileage award to the church making the best showing by taking the aggregate number of miles traveled by the members from that church, and that multiplied by the percentage of the church membership in attendance.

A fountain pen desk set to be given to the District Vacation Bible School leader who had the highest percentage of Vacation Bible Schools in comparison with number of Sunday Schools in district according to 1,940 minutes. An award to the church with the highest percentage of Standard departments, and also an award to the class Sunday School having the highest percentage of Standard classes.

Recognition will be given to the oldest, as well as the youngest, persons in attendance the last morning session of the convention.

## EVANGELIST TO SUPPLY AT UNIVERSITY CHURCH

Evangelist Truman L. Crouch of Abilene was selected by the pulpit committee of University Church, Abilene, to serve as supply pastor, pending the coming of Pastor E. Douglas Carver. Rev. Crouch had preached for the University congregation on February 2.

Pastor Carver has stated that he will close his work at Harlingen and be on the new field in four to six weeks. After that time Mr. Crouch will be available for evangelistic services. He is assisting this week with a training course at Winters.

## PASTOR'S DAUGHTER WILL BECOME A MISSIONARY

Miss Oneita Henley, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. O. D. Henley of Sylvester, recently surrendered for missionary work at a regular service. She is an honor graduate of Baylor University finishing at the head of her class of '39 in the music department. She is at present principal of the grade school at Sylvester.

## UNITED YOUTH TO MEET IN AUSTIN FEBRUARY 18

By T. C. Gardner

United Youth representing the United Texas Drys, Allied Youth and the W. C. T. U. of Texas will meet in Austin February 18 for an all-day conference.

The cavalcade of youth to Austin February 18 will be in the interest of legislation strengthening the laws against liquor. The purpose of the meeting in Austin is to give an opportunity to Texas youth to voice their views with reference to all moral issues which now concern the citizens of the state. The youth of Texas are now studying the measures that have already been introduced in the 47th Legislature.

The young people of Texas are deliberately of the opinion that liquor is, indeed, one of the greatest problems confronting the young people of America today. Liquor and gambling are two of the worst enemies of mankind. They are so destructive of morals, health and happiness that the young people feel impelled, to consider them again and again in their true light. Therefore, when the young people meet in Austin, they will give serious consideration to the evils of the liquor traffic. A survey of America reveals that liquor is the root of 75 per cent of the broken homes in America today. It is related to 90 per cent of the crimes in America today. Liquor was the cause of more than 50 per cent of the fatal traffic accidents in America today and approximately one hundred thousand persons rejected by insurance companies every year on account of alcohol indulgence.

With the coming of the army camps where our finest young men are being trained to defend America, with the increasing sale of liquor in all forms, the mounting deaths upon the highways, the vicious advertising in press and over radio, the demoralizing effect of road houses, the young people of Texas are seeing as never before the evils of liquor and the destruction that such evils bring.

In the light of these facts the young people of Texas have planned this meeting in Austin February 18.

The meeting will have its opening session at the First Methodist Church, Austin, February 18, at 10 a.m. This meeting will be presided over by Dr. T. C. Gardner, the United Texas Youth leader. The keynote address

## SCHEDULE OF YOUTH PARADE IN AUSTIN

1. Meet at First Methodist Church, 10 a.m., Feb. 18.
2. Rally 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Fifteen minute address by Dr. Homer Price Rainey, president of State University, and chairman of the Allied Youth Movement.
3. Parade to Capitol and demonstration at 11 a.m.
4. Rally at First Methodist Church, 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. The young people will be heard.
5. Parade down Congress Avenue to 1st Street and disperse, 12:30 p.m.
6. All local arrangements will be in the hands of Dr. W. H. McKinzie, district brother member of United Texas Drys.

The plan is to get one thousand cars carrying five young people each to go to Austin, Feb. 18. The drug store and honky-tonk bills have both been introduced. The going of these young people will mean more than the appearance of any dozen older people before the committee.

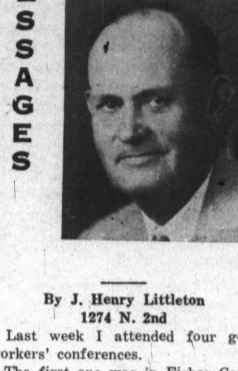
Write your representative and senator in advance that you are coming. Young people will have an opportunity to meet their own Legislators.

Each car should take along a light lunch for the noon hour so as to save time.

This day at Austin will mean more to the young people than any one day that they will ever spend in school.

Signed: Committee: T. C. Gardner, chairman  
Caradine R. Hooton  
Jeff Davis.

## MISSIONARY MESSAGES



By J. Henry Littleton 1274 N. 2nd

Last week I attended four good workers' conferences.

The first one was in Fisher County at Highland Home Church. Brother J. C. Parks is pastor there. He is leading in a good way. The program was uplifting. Brother Lawrence Trott brought an outstanding message on Stewardship; I wish every Baptist could hear him. Brother Hardesty brought the closing message. This was his last service with the Fisher County Association. They are going to miss him and Mrs. Hardesty in their work. She was president of the W. M. U., and he was the secretary-treasurer of the association. They did an outstanding work. Mrs. Lawrence Trott was elected W. M. U. president, and Brother C. A. Jones was elected treasurer.

On Tuesday morning, I was with the Callahan Association in the Clyde Church. They had a large crowd, and the program was very worth while.

That afternoon I went to Ranger for the Cisco Workers Conference. I was in their board meeting, and you found a good spirit prevailing among these brethren.

On Thursday, I was in the Sweetwater Workers Conference meeting with the South Side Church. This was also a good meeting. Brother George Parks and P. D. O'Brien were the main speakers. They both brought inspiring messages.

I find that the work throughout the district is on the upgrade. We have only eight churches without pastors. Most of these will call soon. Shep church, in the Sweetwater Association, has called Rev. Melvin Bird. He has not given them an answer. McCaulley Church has called Rev. C. E. Dick. Brother Dick spent a number of years in McCaulley, and we are hoping he comes back our way.

I was with the Pinkerton Church Sunday morning. Brother Walter Copeland is pastor here. He is one of our best rural pastors, doing a good work in Pinkerton. They made a good offering to the soldier camp work.

Sunday night I was with Brother (Continued on page 3)

## MRS. THOMAS IS ELECTED TO HEAD CALLAHAN WMO

The Workers Conference of Callahan Association met at Clyde February 4. Mrs. Ralph Fuller sends notes on the W. M. U. part of the day's program. At the board meeting Mrs. Floyd Thomas of Potosi was elected to take Mrs. Dillard's place as corresponding secretary-treasurer. A vote of appreciation was given Mrs. Dillard, who is moving into Sweetwater Baptist Association. Mrs. Paxton gave out the appointment for Buckner Orphans Home and made a good talk for the orphans. Mrs. J. B. Buckley reported that our district bulletin was ready for distribution. She stressed the annual district meeting at Breckenridge April 22-23; also urged the women to plan to go to Lueders encampment to hear Mrs. Carter Wright, Southwide Stewardship chairman, who has not visited our district since 1930. Mrs. C. C. Compeze and Mrs. L. Q. Campbell, district corresponding secretary-treasurer, were also present.

I then talk to the Workers Conference in the afternoon, Mrs. Buckley set forth the objectives of the W. M. U. for 1941: June 9th is to be observed as old ministers' day, with a goal of \$350; the Cooperative Program goal is \$7,000 for the women and young people of District 17; 10 per cent increase of tithers and 33 per cent increase of members of the 100,000 club; business women's circles should be stressed, and more young people's organizations should be formed.

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## THANK YOU!

To each and every one who has had any part in the fine way in which the West Texas Baptist has been carried on during the weeks that the editor has been away from his desk, we publicly tender our sincerest thanks.

We appreciate everyone who, in writing or otherwise, has made some contribution to lightening the task of these days. In this neighborly spirit Americans pushed back the frontier and builded a mighty people.

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Above all, highest credit and praise must be given to that tender and incomparable Helper, who, without thought for herself, shouldered this burden in addition to all others and carried on successfully. Appreciation for such devotion can not be expressed in cold type nor sterile words. We can only pray that it may be rewarded by humble service through long tomorrows, and recognition from the Master when He makes up His jewels.

## HORSE RACE GAMBLING

A Guest Editorial By Dr. W. R. White

Gambling is a bad habit; it is nearly as hard to quit as the use of dope. A few years ago, we tried legalized gambling on racing of various kinds. It proved to be so hurtful that business men, P. T. A. members as well as pastors and church laymen, rose up and demanded its repeal. A governor committed to its repeal was elected, but the opponents of repeal used trickery and strategy of every kind to delay a straight vote on the matter. Sentiment became so strong at last, that it was swept away.

Now a few big sports who enjoy betting on horses and other things want its return. However, selfish, sordid interests in the underworld of big cities, north and east, will pour back into Texas again when gambling is legalized.

The records will show that between promised revenue and realized revenue the result was a wash-out before. Legitimate business was gutted in the vicinity of races. It will show that an epidemic of suicides, separations, defaults, resulted. We fortunately have the newspaper clippings to substantiate all of this. Collections dropped for weeks after the races. Small-salaried people lost their heads. Gambling spread among school children.

This is no time to put another moral strain upon the character of our people, when we are seeking to strengthen moral armament as well as military preparedness.

Write your senator and representative at once, protesting the effort to re-legalize gambling on racing.

## SCIENCE AND GENESIS

A Guest Editorial by Dr. Jeff D. Ray

In recent years there have been some heated discussions (usually more heat than light) on the supposed conflict between Science and Genesis. There has been evident some apprehension on the part of good, intelligent people lest science should do some terrible thing to Genesis. And there has been on the part of some pseudo scientists rather caustic ridicule for those of us who still hold to the historicity of the Genesis story. Personally, I have never felt any fear that science will really hurt Genesis. Nor have I ever taken any stock in the superficial bogey man that if we admit certain contentions of science it will put Genesis out of commission.

There were many in the day of Galileo and Copernicus who said that if what these men said the stars should be admitted it would ruin Genesis. What they said turned out to be true but Genesis marched on triumphant and unscathed. Personally, I do not know what science has proved nor what it will prove about the origin of man but I have not a shadow of doubt that Genesis will be able to take care of itself today and in the long tomorrow. There was never a time in the world's history when so many people believed Genesis.

I am standing on Pike's Peak. I look down one side and see a man with a ten-foot pole for a lever and a rotten chunk for a fulcrum, and I cry out, "Hey, what are you doing down there?" and the little man answers back, "You better come down, I'm going to turn this blooming mountain over." I look down on the other side and I see a little man pushing against the side of the mountain with all his might—and I cry out, "Hey, what are you doing down there?" and he shouts back, "I am trying to hold up the mountain. Don't you see that man is about to turn it over. Come on down here and help me." I think both of these gentlemen are wasting time.

The present day religio-scientific hullabaloo seems to me just about as amusing. Let the religionist stop talking science unless he knows something about it and let the scientist stop bullying religion unless he knows something about it. Let every believer possess his soul in peace, in patience and in poise, knowing that if in life's activities he has wrought with God the work he has built upon that foundation will abide.

## News Notes

Rev. Omer E. Hyde supplied at Neill Church, Sunday, February 9, in the illness of Pastor J. H. Ballard.

Rev. Jimmie Bolton, who graduated last semester at Wayland College and is now attending H-SU, preached at Potosi Sunday.

Pastor Karl H. Moore of First Church, Brownwood, reports 85 additions from Camp Bowie in three Sundays, a number of them for baptism.

Bill Marshall is leading in Religious Emphasis week at Louisiana State Normal at Natchitoches this week. In addition to speaking, he is showing pictures of China.

Dr. H. H. Muirhead, veteran missionary week at Louisiana, preached at Burk Burnett at both hours, February 9, and assisted Pastor Jack Manning and local workers in a school of missions during the week.

Hobbs, N. M., had nearly 190 enrolled in Training Union course in which Miss Clara May, Texas state approved worker, assisted Pastor B. N. Shepherd and local leaders.

Dr. E. B. Atwood of the Bible department of H-SU is conducting a Bible conference at First Church, Sweetwater, this week.

Alabama Baptists have voted to continue Judson College at Marion instead of merging with Howard College, Birmingham. An allocation of \$10,000 annually from Cooperative Program funds was made for this historic woman's college.

Dr. W. S. Allen, president of Stetson University, DeLand, Florida, was re-elected president of the Florida Baptist Convention recently. Dr. Allen is a Texan and former dean of Baylor University.

Dr. John A. Held begins the work of editor-publisher of the Gulf Coast Baptist with a very attractive and interesting edition. Editor Held has the good wishes of great numbers of friends throughout the state in his new field of usefulness with District 4.

Dr. W. R. White was a guest speaker at the District 6 convention at Del Rio last week. He supplied at Port Arthur Sunday.

Major General Wm. S. Key, commanding officer of the 45th Division, with officers of his staff, worshipped at First Church, Abilene, Sunday. In civil life he is a prominent member of First Church, Oklahoma City.

Dr. A. C. Miller, state secretary of soldier's work, held conferences in Abilene regarding Baptist work at Camp Barkeley last week and preached in Brokenwood Sunday.

Pastor L. L. Trott preached the last sermon in the old building of Rotan Church last Sunday. The contract has been let and work commenced on a handsome and adequate structure. Services will be held in various places down town until the work is sufficiently advanced to use the new home.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL LEADERS ARE ASKED TO CHECK UP

Applications for Standard recognition are being received daily, states Dr. G. S. Hopkins, Sunday School missionary, but likely there are many others that could qualify if they would check up. Superintendents are asked to send in applications at the earliest possible moment.

Since the report of last week the following West Texas schools have qualified (name of church, pastor and superintendent given): Foran, Marvin Leach, C. V. Wash; Sterling City, C. B. Stovall, C. T. Sharp; Stamford, P. D. O'Brien, E. B. Brittain; Water Valley, J. D. Coleman, C. G. Parsons; Wellington, J. P. Neal, C. C. Bishop; Wichita Falls, South Side, R. C. Tension, Allen Blackmon; Bangs, Concord, D. A. Graves, W. E. Weems; Burnet, Buren Sparks, W. H. Smith; Quanah, First, Dallas P. Lee, Jack Brazil; Swenson, S. R. Respass, J. B. Metcalf.

## SEVERAL CHURCHES NOW JOINING THE "500 CLUB"

Baptist churches in Texas formed a group last year known as the "500 Club." Churches that joined the "500 Club" simply agreed to make an effort to inspire the Baptist Training Union members to complete one or more of the Training Union study course books.

The State Training Union department is promoting both the "500" and the "250" club again this year. Pastors, educational directors and Training Union directors that will inspire their members to earn 500 awards should write T. C. Gardner, Burt Building, Dallas, concerning same. The churches that have already joined the "500 Club" are as follows: Fort Worth, Broadway Baptist; Temple, First Baptist; Marshall, Second Baptist; San Antonio, First Baptist.

There should be one hundred or more churches in Texas that will work toward earning 500 Training Union diplomas and seals this year. There should be a larger number than this that will work toward 250 awards. The one church that has joined the "250 Club" is First Baptist Church, Sweetwater, where Rev. J. M. Sibley is the pastor.

Now is a good time to join one of these groups and the month of March—our study course month—is a good time to have a training school.

—T. C. GARDNER.

## VETERAN PASTOR'S FORTY YEARS SERVICE RECALLED

The subject of this sketch is Rev. A. D. Leach, who departed this life November 7, 1940, age 69 years. He was ordained a preacher of the Gospel when a young man at Rising Star, Texas, and he had lived in this part of West Texas for about 40 years, serving churches in Sweetwater and Big Spring Associations. He served Spade Church 13 years, and was always in harmony with the denominational work. It can truly be said of him as was said of Barnabas that "he was a good man." Rev. Leach was twice married and is survived by his wife, six children by his first marriage, one child by his second marriage, and an adopted son.

He served as justice of the peace for six years at Colorado City, Texas, just prior to his death. He was buried at Westbrook, Texas, November 8, 1940, by the side of his first wife. Services were conducted by Rev. McGahee and Rev. M. H. Godfrey of Lorraine, Texas. Rev. McGahee also assisted in his ordination as a preacher.—R. A. Hood.

## United Youth

(Continued from page one) will be delivered by Dr. Homer Price Rainey, president of the State University and chairman of the Allied Youth movement with headquarters in Washington, D. C.

Dr. W. H. McKenzie, district board member of the United Texas Drys at Austin, is chairman of the committee to complete the plans for the one-day conference in Austin.

It has been arranged for a parade to begin at 11 a. m. The parade will be led by college and university bands. The young people will march to the capitol where they will visit the legislative halls and where they will have an opportunity to meet their representatives and senators.

The young people will return to the First Methodist Church in the afternoon for an open forum which will begin at 3 o'clock.

Some of the slogans that the young people will display on placards and banners during the day are as follows:

1. Vote Liquor Out of Texas
2. Liquor Has No Defense.
3. Liquor Blights Youth
4. Take Alcohol Out of Eating Places
5. Vote Against Liquor for Texas Youth

Dr. Jeff Davis, Dallas, United Texas Drys superintendent, Mrs. Claude Van De Watts, W. C. T. U. leader, Austin; Dr. C. R. Hooton, pastor of Tyler Street Methodist Church, Dallas; Dr. Walter H. McKenzie, District Board member of the United Texas Drys at Austin; Bishop H. A. Boaz of the Southern Methodist Church; Brig. Gen. William George Gilks, Salvation Army; and Dr. T. C. Gardner, Texas leader of United Youth, constitute a committee to complete plans for the one-day, all-state meeting in Austin. United Youth committees have been organized in all of the cities of Texas. These committees are now at work and will make an effort to send as many carloads of young people to Austin as there are churches in their respective cities and counties.

Dr. Noble Y. Beall has begun his new work as contact man in the military training areas following his assignment to this work by the Home Mission Board.

## Sunday School Lesson

February 16, 1941

By HIGHT C MOORE

### JESUS TEACHES FORGIVENESS AND GRATITUDE

Read Luke 17

Study Luke 17:1-4, 11-19

It was during his Perea ministry (and probably in January, A. D. 30), that Jesus, as Teacher, imparted lessons on forgiveness and faith; as Physician, he healed the ten lepers; and as King, he announced the coming and consummation of his kingdom.

#### 1. Jesus Teaches Forgiveness THE LESSON ON FORGIVENESS was taught in a conversation. Two duties:

**Avoid Offences.** Note the stumbling. Under the permissive/providence of God it is a part of our testing in a world of imperfection and sin. Abundant, indeed, are the occasions of stumbling along the Christian journey. The woe on stumbling blocks. Those who by design or neglect set snares in the way of their fellow men come under the righteous woe and wrath of the Master. The fact that stumbling is inevitable does not remove one iota of the guilt of those who are stumbling blocks to their fellow men. Woe unto such a man, for it is better that a millstone were hanged about his neck and he were cast into the depths of the sea. The snare for the stumblers. The weakest, most imitative, and guileless of those who can be induced to stumble are the children. Deserving of especial anathema is he who sets his snares for "these little ones" who were following Jesus the best they could and were objects of his tender interest. Better be sunk into the sea than to cause a child to stumble.

**Forgive Offenders.** Observe the guarded self. "Take heed to yourselves." Very careful should the mature Christian be to avoid putting any stone of stumbling in the way of others. He must also be very careful lest some stumbling block appear in his own path and he fall over it. Besides, by taking heed unto himself, he can deal the better with others who stumble and fall.

**Observe the sinning brother.** "If thy brother trespass against thee, rebuke him." In a wayward world it is certain that everyone will not only himself stumble now and then, but that he himself will also be trespassed against occasionally. What is our duty to a brother who thus sins against us? The first duty is to rebuke him, a duty that is both difficult and delicate since it must be done in the right spirit to be effective. Faithful dealing at just this point will do much to improve our human relationships.

**Observe the penitent brother.** "If he repent, forgive him." Showing him his fault in the spirit of meekness will probably stir up regret in his heart and lead to expression of penitence for his wrong. In that event, he must not ask in vain for wholehearted forgiveness. Remember also that the genuinely penitent man may sometimes repeat the very trespass of which he is guilty. But the spirit of forgiveness must always exist.

#### 2. Jesus Teaches Gratitude THE LESSON ON GRATITUDE was taught in a miracle.

The ten lepers raised the cry of need. Jesus and his disciples were entering an unnamed village. The number was hardly a matter of wonder, for even today numerous lepers are found in that region. They were forced to huddle together as best they could, for when taken with leprosy they were at once ostracized and isolated. The disease was intensely polluting, horribly mutilating, loathsome, contagious, and generally incurable. These lepers had probably heard of the healing of a fellow sufferer by Jesus in Galilee. Not unlikely some of the 70 had heralded in this village the coming of the Great Healer. So when the lepers beheld him and knew that it was he, they lifted up their voices, begging for mercy. It was a shrill, unearthly cry, but into it was flung all the earnestness they could command, and all the faith they could exercise. In Jesus they recognized their rightful Master, and upon his mercy they threw their cause.

The Great Healer gave the answer of mercy. Apparently the lepers were aware of the Healer's coming before he recognized their presence. But when they attracted his attention he replied with a reassuring command that they proceed at once to show themselves to the priests. The law of Moses required that a person cured of leprosy should be so declared by a priest. Hence the command of Jesus implied cleansing through his power. Moreover, it gave the beneficiary

something to do; for it is a divine provision that we are to be workers together with God. Each of these lepers had the rudiments of faith, and so at once they all turned to obey. Probably they had no farther to go than the village at hand, or one in the neighborhood. But as they went they found their impaired faculties were re-throned and their decaying flesh was transformed into a sound and vigorous physique.

Th saved Samaritan uttered the voice of gratitude. Of the ten men who were healed, one was a Samaritan; it is presumed that the others were Jews. In health the one was despised by the nine, but a common misery made them associates. However, when health was restored a difference again appeared, though in favor of the Samaritan. When he saw that he was healed, he turned back, and with a sound voice no longer impaired by wasting disease, he glorified God. Upon his face he fell at the feet of Jesus giving him thanks with all his soul. He did not disobey the command of Jesus nor decline to make suitable offering for his restoration; but he would turn back to express his gratitude which won the full appreciation of Jesus. The ingratitude of the majority was the subject of his sad comment. He had bestowed upon them the greatest possible physical blessing, but they had not shown to him the least symptom of appreciation. They may have magnified the work of the priests to whom they had gone. Seemingly they had other use for their now healthy bodies than to serve Jesus with them. All had prayed, but only one returned to praise. The prayer brought the blessing to the body, but when linked with praise it secured blessing also for the soul.

#### GOLD IN THE GOLDEN TEXT

Be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.—Ephesians 4:32.

Brothers ought to be brotherly. In a world of hate, they ought to be kind one to another. In a world that is hardhearted, they ought to be tenderhearted, compassionate, sympathetic, affectionate. In a world piqued by its hurt and peevish by its slights, they ought to be considerate, forgiving, and fraternal. And they have not only the best motive in them but also the highest example before them in the forgiveness extended them in Christ.

#### DAILY BIBLE READINGS

- Feb. 17—The Unjust Heart. Luke 18:1-8.
- Feb. 18—The Pharisee and the Publican. Luke 18:9-14.
- Feb. 19—Perseverance in Prayer. Mark 7:24-30.
- Feb. 20—Humility in Prayer. Matthew 8:5-13.
- Feb. 21—The Prayer of Faith. Mark 9:20-27.
- Feb. 22—A House of Prayer. Matthew 21:12-16.
- Feb. 23—Taught to Pray. Luke 11:1-4.

## PROGRAM

Workers Conference Program, Lubbock Baptist Association, at the Smyer Church, Feb. 18th. Wayland Student Day. Rev. A. L. Hicks, Meadow, presiding. Theme: Lessons from the Churches of Asia, Rev. 1-3. 10:00—Song Service and Devotional. Mr. T. R. Harrison, Levelland. 10:20—The Glorious Christ of the Churches, Rev. O. E. McGraw, Levelland. 10:40—Ephesus, the Backslidden Church, Rev. J. Earl McManis, Tahoka. 11:00—B. T. U. Conferences by Departments, Rev. Guy Self, Whitharal, in charge. 11:30—Re-assembly for Conference reports. 11:40—Special music, Mr. T. R. Harrison. 11:45—Sermon, Rev. Wayne Perry, Wayland College. 12:15—Lunch. 1:15—Executive Board and W. M. U. sessions. 2:00—Song Service, Mr. T. R. Harrison. 2:10—Smyrna, the Rich Poor Church, Rev. Carl Lamb, Wayland College. 2:30—Pergamos, the Compromising Church, Rev. Leo Sullivan, Wayland College. 2:50—Business and announcements. 2:55—Christ, the Hope of the World, Mr. Chas. A. Wells, New York City.

# The Child Labor Amendment

By S. G. POST  
 Pastor, First Baptist  
 Austin, Texas

It is generally known proponents of the so-called Amendment are well known in Texas, and ready to determine effort to get amendment ratified by Legislature. It is high that our Texas Baptists and others shall not dangers lurking in this our state and nation.

There are some object I would make here by refreshing the memory of the issues involved, and the citizenship of our state members of our Texas know how they feel about the question becomes a matter in either house.

1. The amendment as Congress reads as follows: "Congress shall have power to late and prohibit the labor under 18 years of age."

2. Congress passed the amendment June 2, 1924. 3. An effort has been made to get it ratified by legislatures of three-fourth of the 48 states. From June 1924, it was rejected by legislatures of 26 states, by the concurring action of houses, and by the act house in 12 other states. It had been ratified by 1931 there was one objection, making a total of 5 years.

4. It was revived as a measure in 1933, and since through pressure from 22 states have ratified it, in all to date of the amendment nearly 17 years.

5. The 20 states which ratified it have rejected it as follows:

- Alabama, 1935; Connecticut, 1935, 1937, 1939; Delaware, 1935, 1939; Florida, 1925, 1937; Georgia, 1924, 1937; Louisiana, 1924, 1934, 1937; Maryland, 1927, 1933, 1939; Massachusetts, 1925, 1935, 1936, 1937, 1938, 1939; Mississippi, 1934, 1936, 1938, 1939, 1940; Nebraska, 1925, 1933, 1935, 1937; Nevada, 1935; New York, 1934, 1937, 1938, 1939, 1940; North Carolina, 1924, Rhode Island, 1934, 1935, 1940; South Carolina, 1935, 1936, 1937, 1939; Tennessee, 1925, 1935, 1937, 1939; Texas, 1933, 1934, 1935, 1937, 1939, 1925, 1935; Virginia, 1926, 1935.

The record speaks for itself. 6. The amendment is a Labor Amendment but Youth Control Amendment. Congressional Record would believe after insistent effort made in Congress at the bill was up for hearing, to specify the type of labor to be prohibited, or to age from 18 to 14, etc.

7. There is no need in a Federal Child Labor since the several and sever have their own laws regulate labor, and their legislature, able of providing such remediation as may appear need. 8. The Southern Baptist in Richmond, Virginia, passed heartily the Soc Commission's report which a section on Child Labor, ing the Child Labor Amendment.

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"With all such efforts to the children and youth of this commission is in full and accord. It is hoped Southern Baptist Citizens diligent and faithful in the the situation in their respect and in demanding the proper ment of existing legislation

# The Child Labor Amendment Again

By S. G. POSEY,  
Pastor, First Baptist Church,  
Austin, Texas

It is generally known that the proponents of the so-called Child Labor Amendment are well organized in Texas, and ready to make another determined effort to get this national amendment ratified by the Texas Legislature. It is highly important that our Texas Baptist citizenship and others shall not overlook the dangers lurking in this movement in our state and nation.

There are some observations that I would make here by way of refreshing the memory of our people of the issues involved, and appealing to the citizenship of our state to let the members of our Texas Legislature know how they feel about it before the question becomes a serious issue in either house.

1. The amendment as passed by Congress reads as follows: "The Congress shall have power to limit, regulate and prohibit the labor of persons under 18 years of age."

2. Congress passed this Amendment June 2, 1924.

3. An effort has been made since that time to get it ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths or 36 of the 48 states. From June 2, 1924, to March, 1927, it was rejected by the legislatures of 26 states, in each case by the concurring action of both houses, and by the action of one house in 12 other state legislatures. It had been ratified by five states. In 1931 there was one other ratification, making a total of six in seven years.

4. It was revived as a New Deal measure in 1933, and since that time through pressure from Washington 22 states have ratified it, making 28 in all to date of the necessary 36 after nearly 17 years.

5. The 20 states which have not ratified it have rejected it repeatedly as follows:

Alabama, 1935; Connecticut, 1925, 1935, 1937, 1939; Delaware, 1925, 1935, 1939; Florida, 1925, 1933, 1935, 1937; Georgia, 1924, 1935, 1937; Louisiana, 1924, 1934, 1936, 1940; Maryland, 1927, 1933, 1935, 1937, 1939; Massachusetts, 1925, 1933, 1934, 1935, 1936, 1937, 1938, 1939; Mississippi, 1934, 1936, 1938; Missouri, 1925, 1933, 1935, 1937; Nebraska, 1925, 1935; New York, 1934, 1935, 1936, 1937, 1938, 1939, 1940;

North Carolina, 1924, 1935, 1937; Rhode Island, 1934, 1935, 1936, 1937, 1940; South Carolina, 1925, 1934, 1935, 1940; South Dakota, 1925, 1933, 1935, 1936, 1937, 1939; Tennessee, 1925, 1935, 1937, 1939; Texas, 1925, 1933, 1934, 1935, 1937, 1939; Vermont, 1925, 1935; Virginia, 1926, 1934.

The record speaks volumes for itself.

6. The amendment is not a Child Labor Amendment but a Federal Youth Control Amendment as the Congressional Record would lead one to believe after insistent efforts were made in Congress at the time the bill was up for hearing, to modify or specify the type of labor to be regulated or prohibited, or to lower the age from 18 to 14, etc.

7. There is no need in reality for a Federal Child Labor Amendment since the several and sovereign states have their own laws regulating child labor, and their legislatures are capable of providing such remedial legislation as may appear necessary.

8. The Southern Baptist Convention in Richmond, Virginia, in 1938, passed heartily the Social Service Commission's report which included a section on Child Labor and touching the Child Labor Amendment as follows:

"No thoughtful Christian can look with complacency upon the old type of sweat shop where immature children worked under conditions calculated to undermine and destroy their health, both of body and of mind, and pave the way for moral delinquency. The exploitation of child labor in mine and factory at a meagre wage for commercial gain has been a blot upon our civilization, and is a blot wherever it is still tolerated.

"It is a source of satisfaction to know, that every State in the Union has child labor and compulsory school attendance laws, that these laws are being steadily improved through the force of public opinion, and that they are enforced today more effectively and more diligently than the State laws with respect to almost any subject."

"With all such efforts to safeguard the children and youth of our nation this commission is in full sympathy and accord. It is hoped that our Southern Baptist Citizens will be diligent and faithful in the study of the situation in their respective States and in demanding the proper enforcement of existing legislation and the

enactment of additional legislation if and when needed.

"The so-called Child Labor Amendment passed by Congress in 1924 and before the legislatures of the several States since that date, is not really a child labor amendment, but on the contrary it is an amendment to take over and regiment under governmental authority and direction all the activities of young people under 18 years of age. Up to December 29, 1937, this amendment had been ratified by the legislatures of 28 States, while the legislatures of 20 States have repeatedly rejected it.

"This amendment if ratified by the required number of states, '36,' would transfer to the Federal government unrestricted control over all the labor, mental and physical, paid and unpaid, in the home, on the farm and in the school-room, of the 45 million young persons under 18 years of age in the United States."

"When this amendment was originally offered in Congress, as the Congressional Record shows, many amendments were offered in the effort to limit its application to the labor of young people in mines and factories and other commercial employment, leaving to parental control and guidance domestic and farm activities of young people. All such amendments were rejected thus leaving the wording of the Amendment such as to give the Federal government the power to control not only the commercial employment of minors up to 18 but also authority to control all their activities, so that a girl could not assist her mother in the house or a boy assist her father in the field without the consent of a centralized federal power. This is practically what Russia has done with her youth.

"We could not imagine anything that would be more destructive of American freedom or the American standards and ideals of life than the establishment of such centralized power and authority over the American home. This commission hopes and prays that from such a consummation an overruling Providence and an aroused public conscience and the patriotism of a free people may deliver us."

Why should the Texas Legislature after rejecting this amendment six times in 15 years have to face it again? Let every citizen who is interested in this vital matter communicate with his senator and representative at once.

## PROGRAM

Mission Study Institute of Sweetwater Association W. M. U. Auxiliary, Merkel, Wednesday, February 26

10:00—Devotional, Mrs. J. L. Winter, Merkel.

10:15—Class for W. M. U. and Y. W. A., Mrs. R. L. Brown, College Station, state mission study chairman.

11:00—Class for Intermediate G. A. and R. A. leaders, Miss Anna Evans, Abilene. "Believers and Builders in Europe."

Special music.

11:45—Inspirational address, Mrs. R. L. Brown.

12:15—Covered dish luncheon.

1:00—Song service.

1:15—Class for Junior G. A. and R. A., Miss Jaxie Short, Abilene.

"Strong Hearts of Japan."

2:00—Class for Sunbeam leaders, Miss Gwendolin King, Abilene. "The Sugar Loaf."

2:45—Methods, Mrs. Brown.

Closing prayer.

## Missionary Messages

(Continued from page 1)

Wainscott at Sweet Home Church, I preached to a large congregation, one of the largest I have found anywhere for the evening services. They made a good offering to the soldier work. We are anxious to hear the results from this drive that was made yesterday throughout Texas. I pray God that Baptists did what they should have done toward the spreading of this program. If you did not get an offering Sunday, let's do it next Sunday. No church should fail in this hour.

Remember the Jones County Worker's Conference meets Tuesday with the First Church, Hamlin. Our Worker's Conferences are being arranged so that no two will meet on the same day. We thank the brethren for this.

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## QUARTERLY REPORT OF TRAINING UNION AWARDS

You will find given below the study course goal listed by association and districts in West Texas. Each association has been given credit for awards earned during the months of November, December and January. We shall pray for you as you make plans to reach all your goals.—T. C. Gardner, 708 Burt Bldg., Dallas.

District	Goal Issued	Goal Fulfilled
<b>District 7</b>		
Big Bend	300	0
El Paso	1200	72
Pecos Valley	1000	166
<b>District Total</b>	<b>2500</b>	<b>238</b>
<b>District 8</b>		
Big Spring	1500	334
Lamesa	500	14
Mitchell-Scurry	1000	12
<b>District Total</b>	<b>3000</b>	<b>360</b>
<b>District 9</b>		
Brownfield	1000	8
Dickens	200	0
Floyd	500	0
Lubbock	1500	138
Staked Plains	500	19
Wayland College	500	116
Tierra Blanca	700	1
West Plains	500	0
<b>District Total</b>	<b>4900</b>	<b>282</b>
<b>District 10</b>		
Canadian	350	54
North Fork	1500	27
Palo Duro	3000	71
Panhandle	300	0
Trans-Canadian	500	9
<b>District Total</b>	<b>5650</b>	<b>161</b>
<b>District 11</b>		
Baylor-Knox	250	24
Clay	200	29
Red Fork	680	20
Throckmorton-Young	400	4
Wichita-Archer	2200	803
Wilbarger-Foard	700	48
<b>District Total</b>	<b>4430</b>	<b>928</b>
<b>District 16</b>		
Brady	300	13
Brown	2000	55
Howard Payne College	500	0
Coleman	100	0
Comanche	100	0
Concho Valley	1500	184
Hamilton	100	0
Mills	100	13
Runnels	400	16
San Saba	200	0
<b>District Total</b>	<b>5200</b>	<b>302</b>
<b>District 17</b>		
Callahan	250	22
Cisco	1750	19
Fisher	450	29
Haskell	150	44
Jones	250	0
Stonewall	125	23
Sweetwater	2000	204
Hardin-Simmons	500	0
<b>District Total</b>	<b>4975</b>	<b>341</b>
<b>Total awards issued in 3 mos.</b>	<b>9,135</b>	
<b>State Goal</b>	<b>75,000</b>	

## CALLAHAN WORKERS HEAR 100,000 CLUB STRESSED

Cross Plains Church easily reached its goal of 100,000 Club memberships through Sunday School organizations, stated Pastor C. E. Poe in an address on the \$100,000 Club, given at the Callahan Workers' Conference at Clyde, February 4. He urged that the other pastors take up the matter with their churches.

"Churches should make old preachers young and not make young preachers old by permitting their members to say things which will hinder the cause of Christ and crush the spirit of the preachers," said Rev. A. A. Davis, Baird pastor.

Other speakers were Mrs. J. B. Buckley, Judge E. S. Cummings, and Rev. J. H. Littleton, all of Abilene, speaking respectively on the W. M. U., Brotherhood, and the Cooperative Program.

The next meeting will be held in Putnam on March 5, changing the meeting day to Wednesday from the former one of Tuesday.

The Home Mission Board saves annually in interest charges \$48,312.89 because of the debt reduction it has made since the Baptist Hundred Thousand Club was begun in 1933. This saving in interest charges pays the salaries of 53 home missionaries.

Services have been held every night without exception during the 14 years since the opening of the Baptist Rescue Mission in New Orleans, according to the Home Board missionary, Rev. Clovis A. Brantley, superintendent.

## LARGER SUNDAY SCHOOLS REPORT ATTENDANCE

By G. S. Hopkins, Missionary  
Feb. 6, 1941

Report of Sunday Schools that have an enrollment of 900 or above. Mail reports so that they will reach this office, 707 Burt Bldg., Dallas, before Wednesday of each week:

Amarillo, First	1830
San Antonio, First	1825
Lubbock, First	1405
Galveston, First	1077
Longview, First	1034
Beaumont, First	961
El Paso, First	906
San Angelo, First	904
Waco, Seventh & James	900
Wichita Falls, First	851
Denton, First	835
Kilgore, First	828
Waco, Columbus Ave.	802
Austin, First	778
Tyler, First	728
Port Arthur, Memorial	723
Vernon, First	679
Beaumont, Calvary	649
Odessa, First	570
Palestine, First	570
Brownwood, Coggin Ave.	540
Waco, Emmanuel	536
Borger, First	524
Gainesville, First	504
Sulphur Springs, First	492
Groves, First	491
Texarkana, Rose Hill	475
Big Spring, East Fourth	446
Greenville, First	418
Coleman, First	324
Port Arthur, First	713
Wichita Falls, Lamar Ave.	608
Fort Worth, Travis Ave.	1277
Fort Worth, Broadway	1224
Fort Worth, Rosen Heights	683
Fort Worth, North	611
Fort Worth, Polytechnic	567
Fort Worth, Riverside	518
Fort Worth, Tabernacle	470
Fort Worth, College Ave.	414
Houston, Baptist Temple	1301
Houston, First	1128
Houston, Second	1074
Houston, South Main	905
Houston, West End	805
Houston, Trinity	740
Houston, Park Memorial	726
Houston, Woodland	677
Houston, First, Heights	686
Dallas, First	2120
Dallas, Cliff Temple	1909
Dallas, Gaston Ave.	1259
Dallas, Hillcrest	736
Dallas, Forest Ave.	642
Dallas, Highland	589
Dallas, East Dallas	536
Dallas, East Grand	763
Dallas, First, Oak Cliff	376
Dallas, Forney Ave.	350
Dallas, Colonial	350

## LAY SPEAKERS NAMED FOR DISTRICT CONVENTION

Dear Brother Dudley:

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## Abilene Alumni Observe Charter Day With Banquet

H-SU Alumni of Abilene observed charter day Thursday night with a banquet in the University Cafeteria.

It was on Feb. 6, 1891, that the charter for Abilene Baptist College, now H-SU, was granted. The original charter was for 50 years, and expired Thursday. It was renewed recently for 50 more years.

Program for the banquet was planned by Elton Murphy, president of the Abilene ex-student club, and Mrs. H. A. Pender, chairman of the entire ex-student association. Among the speakers were Judge John H. Alvis, attorney for the university in the recent charter renewal; Dr. Fred C. Eastham, chairman of the Sandefer Memorial Fund drive; Dr. C. E. Adams, chairman of the Golden Jubilee celebration committee; Mrs. Pender; and Dr. W. R. White, H-SU president.

## SHE PUT IN HER TWO CENTS WORTH

In presenting the Hundred Thousand Club as a means of lifting Baptist debts, Dr. J. E. Dillard explained that a two-cent stamp each week from each Baptist would pay all Southside debts in a year, relates Editor E. C. Routh in the Baptist Messenger. In one church; one of the wealthiest members came to Dr. Dillard at the end of the service saying, "You can count on me for two cents each week."

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## Why Church Hospitals

The church has a three-fold ministry; the injunction of the Savior is that we preach, teach and heal.

These are three inseparable links; we cannot leave off any one or two of them and fulfill our obligations to the Master by the performance of the one or two that have special appeal to our sense of religious obligation.

The support of the Gospel Ministry, the Christian School, and the Christian Hospital rounds out a full Christian obligation.

It was the responsibility to this call of obligation to Jesus Christ and His cause that the Baptists of Abilene and West Texas brought into existence the

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**MISSIONARIES TO INDIANS WRITE ABILENE FRIEND**

Dear Mrs. Barber: We enjoy our work with the Pima Indians very much. The Lord has been with us in a wonderful way. I shall give the results in a report form so you may know. Perhaps you read some in the Home Mission Magazine. From December, 1939, to January, 1941: conversions, 59; baptisms, 42; by letter, 2. Most of the church members rededicated their lives. Organized new church at Casa Blanca, 14 miles west of Sacaton; 25 members; opened new mission at Santon, eight miles northwest of Sacaton; organized Training Union; organized W. M. S. and all auxiliaries—an A-1 W. M. U. for 1940; started new church building at Casa Blanca with almost enough adobe for building, and rocks and sand on ground to make foundation. Members of new church at Casa Blanca pledged to tithes. Some families at Sacaton pledged to tithes, and others have paid. Of course, the people have very little money, but it counts when it is brought into the storehouse.

The Casa Blanca people are very fine Christians. They are depending on the Lord to help them build their church; they are going to do their best. Today, we received \$10 from the Maxwells in Phoenix, to help Casa Blanca. I know they will be so happy they will all shed tears of joy. That is the way they act when the Lord gives them something. We have a pastor for this church who is a Pima Indian. He was a Presbyterian, as were most all the Casa Blanca people, but they had been out of the church for about three years and having services of their own. They invited us to have services with them and they discovered that they believed the Bible like we did, so they joined the Baptists. There are lots of people on the reservation that are Catholic and Presbyterian that are turning to Baptist belief. And, of course, many of them have never been saved, so they accept Christ. More people call for us than we have money and time to get to them.

We hope to have Brother Luke Johnson, the Pima pastor of Casa Blanca Church, as a helper. When Dr. Beagle visited us last summer, he said he would try to get money to put him on as a missionary. He is a fine spiritual man and has a fair education. He is well loved by the Indians.

All resident members (women) of Sacaton and Casa Blanca churches gave to Lottie Moon Christmas offering.

We appreciate your prayers very much; keep praying for us. You can see the results of prayer; many people are praying for us. When our names were on the Calendar of Prayer, that was the time many of the people made their decision to tithes. I don't see how any missionary could fail to do the Lord's work if he is only willing to be led by the Holy Spirit, for so many people are praying.

Your missionaries to Pima Indians, REV. and MRS. C. F. FRAZIER, Coolidge, Arizona. Box 692.

**YOUNG PEOPLE'S LEADER REPORTS FOR DIST. 17**

We feel encouraged as we work up this quarter's report, knowing some of our young people organizations are not functioning—but we have five new ones this quarter to take their places, for which we are truly thankful. We have the following organizations: Stonewall, one Junior G. A. and one Sunbeam Band, with 16 members; Callahan, 10 organizations with 113 members; Fisher, 16 organizations with 204 members; Jones, 13 organizations with 160 members; Cisco, 38 organizations with 636 members; Haskell, 10 organizations with 153 members; Sweetwater, 34 organizations with 460 members. We have a total of 123 young people's organizations with 1,732 young people taking part in the work. We believe this will make the young people happier Christians. We would like to stress two or three things in our work for this new year.

First, that every society might study "The Way of Missionary Education" by Juliette Mather, price 50c. This is an inspirational mission study book, and not a book on methods. This book will enlist the sympathy and cooperation of our women for our young people's work. Second, it will be well if the leader's course should be taught in every association; more and more we hear the cry for trained leaders. Third, let's begin now to plan for better camps than we have ever had before. We are proud of our W. M. U. camps, and let's do all in our power to keep them missionary in program and in spirit.

—MRS. DICK O'BRIEN.

**PROGRESS REPORTED IN TRANS-PECOS CHURCHES**

By J. A. Kidd, Missionary Ft. Davis. Some encouraging reports are coming from this field where Brother Edward Townsend is doing a good work. He also assists in the Mexican work. Brother R. C. Withers is the treasurer of the church.

Marathon. The church is picking up in attendance since the holidays. Brother D. H. Joiner, pastor, has established a Sunday School at Cooper Store and School house, where he preaches once a month.

Terlingua. This is a mining town 80 miles south of Alpine. Some of the teachers and members from Alpine church have organized a new Baptist Sunday School there. The missionary will preach there.

Bakersfield-Pyote. These two churches are being visited and helped by Brother Eugene Egge of Sul Ross College. They are carrying on.

Grandfalls. This church has taken unusual interest through Miss Eleanor Eudaley in the Mexican Mission work there, also the church has helped financially the Mexican and Negro work. Brother N. M. Gilbert and Mrs. Gilbert are doing a fine work there.

Royalty. Pastor Aubrey Smith is attending the Seminary, along with Brother George Rickles of Wickett. The work at both places is going good. Brother Rickles has active BTU, WMS and Brotherhood.

Monahans. Pastor Frazier is having good crowds and frequent additions. The church has led the association in Mission gifts, 1940.

Barstow. Brother Edwin Kraemer is pastor. They have a good record of work the past year and are looking forward to 1941.

Immanuel. Brother A. B. Deter, veteran missionary from South America, recently spoke in this church and greatly inspired the members. Brother R. S. Hollomon, pastor, has thoroughly educated his people in Missions and their offerings are regular and generous.

Mission Tour. If possible we hope to engage Brother Deter for a tour of the churches of District 7 in April to stir up our hearts.

Valentine. Brother D. H. Joiner preaches there the 3rd Sundays. He hopes to have a revival and VBS in 1941. He reports good congregations there and a good Sunday School in their new building.

Mt. Franklin. Good congregations and interest in the Sunday School are the reports of Pastor George H. Brooks. He is also clerk of the El Paso Association and has published a good minutes.

Sunset Heights. The church and pastor are carrying on faithfully in this needy and difficult field. Brother Carey Daniel is pastor.

Clint. Brother Vernon Yearby is reaching many of his people through the various activities. They are joining in the Ten Weeks Loyalty Campaign being put on by the churches of El Paso. Their slogan is "Don't Make Excuses—Make Good!" The church prints an interesting bulletin each week using the SBC form printed on one side.

Grandview. On the spot which was a vacant rocky space about one year ago, is being reared up one of the most beautiful church buildings one will see in many a day. Pastor J. Fred Cole and congregation deserve much commendation for their courage and sacrifice in making this house of worship possible for preaching and teaching. Their Sunday School facilities will house a real Sunday School and reach the many people in that section and the Army Post.

Highland Park. Pastor A. L. Leake has recently been ill with flu. His church has grown in spiritual power and numbers constantly.

Iraan. Brother C. G. Goff is the Cooperative Program organizer for Pecos Association and is a great encouragement to our pastors in missionary endeavors, leading his own people in a noble way in missions.

Imperial. Pastor D. H. Joiner preaches here on the first Sundays. Mrs. Rosa Lee Bowman is the faithful treasurer and sends in the money.

Crane. This church has made a good record the past year in addition to the membership, also in improving the auditorium, which is commodious yet often filled to hear the pastor, Philip Brown, who is the moderator of Pecos Association. He is good in revivals.

Sanderson. The missionary recently spoke for the church and pastor. Many young people were seen in the congregation, numbers of which have united with the church the past year.

Alpine. Pastor Dulmer and church had a good revival in November. They have a plan to enlarge the Sunday School room by excavating the basement. This church reaches many young people from Sul Ross.

Mexican Mission Work. It is gratifying to hear of the good results com-

**The Simultaneous Evangelistic Campaign**

By McKinley Norman, State Evangelist

Simply stated, the Simultaneous Evangelistic Campaign, is just a group of Baptist churches, in a city or an association, agreeing to have a revival meeting at the same time, all backing the unified movement for evangelism throughout the entire community or territory covered by the churches represented.

There are many advantages in such a campaign.

A Big Program. We face a world of confusion and many complications which presents a formidable and challenging situation. We must present the usual Gospel in an unusual way. Many revival plans are too small. They do not attract the multitudes, but 25, 50 or 100 churches in a given locality, launching a great united evangelistic campaign will increase the faith of the workers, enlist the support of the members and attract the attention of the masses.

A Comprehensive Plan. All the churches with all the organizations in these churches, with pastors and deacons and all the others with many outside helpers, are working together at the same time, in the holiest task of all—winning the lost to Christ and reclaiming the saved for Christian service.

Fellowship and Inspiration. This plan provides for a daily, semi-weekly, or certainly a weekly central meeting, with the workers and all others possible in attendance. The number of central meetings each week would depend on the distance to and from the place of meeting. In city campaigns these meetings should be held daily. In associations of widely separated communities a weekly meeting or three times for the two weeks campaign would suffice. These meetings are essential in promoting the unified objectives of the campaign; for fellowship, council, reports from the churches and for the inspiration of the worker.

Thorough, Hard Work. I mention this point as an advantage. We are trying to have revivals in a haphazard, half hearted way and this explains most of the failures. The work of preparing for and carrying through such an effort as this, provides for the essential things in getting ready for a revival anywhere. Here are some of the steps to be taken in launching a simultaneous revival.

1. Set your date and select your leader.
2. Seek to enlist every church and mission station.
3. Get a census, tabulate it and have the material ready in time. This can be done best by each church taking care of a given locality but all working under the general organization.
4. Conduct a Sunday School enlargement campaign some weeks before. This would greatly increase the possibilities. The census work would be done here and all the prospects possible enrolled in the Sunday School before the evangelistic campaign begins. In fact, the plan of projecting a great two weeks work to include a census and enlargement in the Sunday School for the first week and revival services the second week, is productive of large results.
5. Study a book on soul-winning and organize special groups, such as May Andrew Clubs, for prayer and soul-winning work.
6. Urge the soul winning obligation and privilege of all the officials in the church and of all the organizations. Certainly all these organizations have great and separate functions but soul winning is the work of all, and every unit in the church should back the revival movement with all its strength and influence. A man worthy of the deaconship is a soul-winner. The Sunday School teacher's highest privilege is to lead the lost pupil to Christ. The sacred work of soul-winning is not just something to have a program about but it is something to experience. All of us must DO something about it.

The New Testament emphasis on personal soul-winning is accepted by all and denied by none. The saint to

ing from the labors of our missionaries, Brother John Abbott of Pecos-Big Bend Associations, and Brother Carlos Costillos of Fabens, also the students from the Mexican Seminary, El Paso.

Rankin. Brother Wilson Akins, pastor, has a unique library (Missions emphasized) which was given by a layman, Brother Roy Priest.

The Home Mission Board's present indebtedness is \$868,788.

the sinner, is God's plan. We must emphasize this fact, in season and out of season, until our people are brought to accept the inescapable obligation and the holy privilege of personal soul winning.

7. Pastors exchanging pulpits on Sunday and prayer services on Wednesday night is effective in preparing for a simultaneous effort.

8. Pray. Praying always with all prayer and supplication (Eph. 6:8) for we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness—in high places (Eph. 6:12). Study with your people the great prayer chapters of the Bible and urge them to believe in the God of Jacob (Gen. 32); the God of Elijah (1 Kings 18), and the God of Paul (Acts 16).

We should have many Simultaneous Evangelistic Campaigns in Texas this year. Carefully study this plan as you prepare for your associational program for evangelism this summer.

**Rambling Remarks**

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took. . . I also thought of the first fish I ever caught. I wonder if Dr. W. D. Bond, of the famous column, "Hook, Line and—," ever saw or used the kind of tackle I employed in catching my first fish, which was a mud cat about six inches long. Dad was firing a "stock-gap," across the creek and to give mother some relief took me along. To give himself some relief he told me to go down and catch a fish. I found a dead stick about three feet long, and a piece of string probably four feet long, and dad gave me a small fish-hook out of his tool box. I finally got the hook tied to one end of the string and the stick to the other. Then I caught a grasshopper and fastened him on for bait and dropped him into the water. Like a certain well known brand of soap, "he floated." I tried in vain to fasten a small stone on for a "sinker." No soap. Dad came to my rescue by giving me a 22 calibre cartridge which worked fine. A bottle stopper from the tool box made a fine float. I shall never forget my excitement when I got my first "bite." I jerked with all my might, and boy did that grasshopper get a ride! Every time I would drop the hook in the cork would begin to bobble and dip. I jerked and jerked, but always a little previously. I never saw such a persistent fish, he kept coming back for more. Sometimes I would bring him into plain sight only to see him fall back into the water. Finally I yanked him out onto the bank, but he was free from the hook. I threw down my pole and made for him resorting to a hand to hand struggle. He flopped and twisted and always toward the water. I grabbed, and slapped and snatched, throwing all caution to the wind. I would have him, and then I wouldn't. He was so slick and quick. So the battle continued until he was within one flop of the water and I was becoming desperate. That final supreme effort coupled with the fact that he had gathered some dirt which made him less slick gave me victory. But oh! how he had fished me. The palms of my hands were pricked and bleeding and tears were in my eyes, but I had that fish! No trout, or bass fisherman or even deep sea sportsman with all his modern, expensive equipment will ever get a greater thrill out of a catch than I did out of that one. . . . Would you be interested in knowing what I did with that fish. Well, I put him in the shade of a tree back from the creek bank and gloated over him. But as I watched him gasp and struggle and knew he was pining for the water, I picked up his limp form and carried him tenderly down to the water's edge and slipped him in. He lay still for a moment, gasped a time or two, wiggled his tail a little and moved his fins slightly, then, realizing he was back home, he took off, darting behind a stone half hidden in the water. I folded up my tackle and went happily home to get mother to put some salve on my cuts. . . . And if fish talk as glibly as fishermen do, I venture that little cat held the family spell-bound at the supper table that night with his experiences of the day.

Diogenes, being presented at a feast with a large goblet of wine, threw it on the ground. When blamed for wasting so much good liquor, he said: "Had I drank it, there would have been double waste. I as well as the wine would have been lost."—Dr. J. L. Hurlburt.

**CHURCH BULLETIN SECTION**

**REDWINE**

Our offering for the Soldier Boy Missions amounted to \$22.92. The pastor wants to express his thanks to each one for this response. Our regular Sunday School offering was \$19.47; this is smaller than usual.

We are happy that the mission workers of H-SU will be with us the Fourth Sunday. Let every one come out to hear these fine Christian workers.

The pastor is glad to see the new interest being manifested in the Training Union, and was glad to hear about the social for the young people.

Also I was happy to learn that the ladies of the W. M. U. studied last Monday afternoon "The Trail of the Seed" taught by Mrs. Lewis Kinnley.

W. P. Brian, pastor; E. W. Holloway, S. S. superintendent; Clayton Beard, Training Union director; Mrs. J. A. Gibbs, W. M. U. president.

**BRADSHAW**

The crowd is gradually increasing and we want it to continue to do so. We hope to have a large crowd next Sunday in the services. It was good to hear that several of the members attended the Workers Conference at Paint Rock. The pastor is hoping that we can enter into the association-wide S. S. revival. We will be there with you Sunday and will discuss the study course.

W. P. Brian, pastor; Brother Jackson, S. S. superintendent; Brother Horn, Training Union director.

Church members ought always to pray that they may have the intelligence and will to enter into contracts which they are able to fully execute.—B. M. Callaway.

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**CROSS ROADS AND PLEASANT VALLEY**

Our study course at Pleasant Valley Friday was fine. Fifteen took the course, including eight from Cross Roads. Three classes were taught at Sardis Saturday. I had 16 in the interesting adult class. This all-day teaching is hard work but I like it and for the country it is the most practical way to have study courses.

Sunday at Pleasant Valley we had good service in spite of some sickness. We will surely have our Sunday School up to the standard soon and all are invited to celebrate with us.

In credit to Cross Roads people, they not only took the banner at Pleasant Valley, but there were about as many of them at Sardis as the local people, both with study and lunch. They are an easy group to work with and Sardis people seem the same way.

JOE R. MAYES, Pastor.

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**RAMBLING REMARKS**

By DICK O'BRIEN

I know that it is a d for a preacher, to disc is a possibility that he v of trying to alibi for many of his sermon failure is not due to t lack of preparation or hearer has his part to make the sermon a suc hearer gives divided a does not give the tru chance to enter his deep ness, it will no more be will good seed which packed or unprepared so are many examples of of the best I have ever h to me this morning by friend of another dnom He said three young Ch ers from his alma mat certain community to c weeks revival. One was singing, another would lead the young people a would do the preaching, three very enthusiastic and had every reason to results from their labors no response the first we prayed, sang and preach ing the meeting to "brea week. But the last di still everything was very was in the days of the conversions. No addit consecrations. Not a sil any kind. The people sing languidly, pray (?) vor, and listen like stun a change of facial exp young men visited, praye preached their hearts ov visible avail. They had conference concerning vice. They determined last ounce of power in fina effort to break thro serve of the congre preacher said he would p Prodigal Son and make it ic and effective as possi drive straight at the em people. The leader of yo would create a psycho would make the young pe sive to just such a sermo songs would point definit direction. Each man car part with great earnest had a rousing song se preacher wept his way t (Continued on pag

**EVENTS TO CO**

- Feb. 18-19—Bible Confe trict 8, First Baptist C Spring.
- February 24-25—Distric vention, Brownwood.
- February 28-March 1— Convention, Van Horn.
- March 4-5—District 8 C Colorado City.
- March 6-7—District 17 C Stamford.
- March 8-7—Home Missio Prayer.
- March 7-8—Y. W. A. H at H-SU.
- March 17-18 — State Rally, Dallas.
- March 25-26—District tion, Brownfield.
- March 27-28—District tion, Pampa.
- March 27,28—District tion, Paducah.
- April 15-17—Texas Bapt School convention, Dallas.
- April 22-23—District 17 Convention, Breckenridge.
- April 28-29—Formal inst President W. R. White, H-S May 14-18—Southern B vention, Birmingham.
- June 2-5—Evangelistic C Seminary Hill.
- June 23-29—General En Leaders.
- July 7-9—Girls' camp, L
- July 9-11—Boys' camp,