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HOSPITAL BUILDING PROGRAM ANNOUNCED

RAMBLING REMARKS

Dick O'Brien

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One of the readers of this column has weak eyes so we got us a new typewriter ribbon to make it easier for him to read it. It is hard enough on the eyes at best. And besides, we do not have any readers to spare. The words "to spare" in the above sentence are silent. . . . We rambled out to Odessa last week and attended the Workers meeting of the Big Spring Association. It was a treat to have fellowship with pastor W. C. Harrison and his church, and others of this aggressive associational group. The program was well arranged and well handled. The lunch was delightfully served in regular banquet style, and was enjoyed by a large group. Missionary Willis J. Ray was one of the main speakers, and outlined his program for the coming year. It has everything in it to challenge the best that is in us. The women of the Odessa church, led by Mrs. Harrison, gave a very fine missionary program in the afternoon, after which Mrs. J. Lee Jones, Colorado, district W. M. U. president, gave a very informational and inspiring address on missions Mrs. Jones, Mrs. C. P. Gary, Mrs Jack Smith, and my wife made up the group going with us. However, we suppose it would be more nearly correct to say we went with them. In any case we had a fine day. . . . The church at Looney has called Murry Fuqua, of Hardin-Simmns. We have not learned his decision. . . . The Bethel church has called Brother Dean Elkins of Nolan, and he has accepted. He is pastor at Champion in the Mitchell-Scurry Association also. . . . As far as we know the church at Pleasant Valley is still without a pastor. . . . It was a great pleasure to have Pastor Winston Borum of Midland spend the whole day with us last Friday. He came over early in the morning and we had a one-day vacation together. In the morning we played a little golf, he spoke to the Lion's Club at lunch, and we drove over to see the bi-district football game at Sweetwater in the afternoon. This is the sum total of our vacation during 1935. The church at Midland is celebrating its 50th anniversary early in January. Dr. M. E. Dodd will be the principal speaker. . . . Pastor O. D. Welch, of Fairview, reports very fine services there last Sunday. There were two conversions at the evening service. One a young man, the other a young woman. The house was filled for all services. O. D. is planning to get back in school early in next year. . . . Rev. E. D. Dunlap and I exchanged pulpits last Sunday night. Our folks here and I enjoyed the experience very much. It was my first opportunity to worship with the Sweetwater First Church. There was a very fine crowd, excellent singing, and responsive attention. Brother Dunlap is certainly doing a fine work there. And our folk here at Colorado are unanimous in their opinion that he is a great preacher. . . . Mr. Ollie B. Webb is to be in this section next week-end. He is to preach for us at the morning hour next Sunday, at Midland at the evening hour, and speak at a district wide laymen's banquet at Big Spring First Church Monday night. . . . Rev. G. W. Parks, the Apostle Paul of West Texas, has been speaking each night for a week to the church at Snyder. Pastor Lawrence Hays has something worthwhile going in his church continually. . . . We are to have the Hardin-Simmons male quartet with us for the evening hour next Sunday. . . . "Aunt Mattie" King, who would have been 99 years old, had she lived until February, died Sunday morning at the home of her nephew, Sam Franklin, of Buford. The funeral was held at the First Baptist Church, Colorado, where she held membership for many years. She had been a Baptist 82 years. The funeral sermon was preached by Rev. A. D. Leach, who was her pastor for several years. Brother Leach is one of the very best funeral preachers we ever heard. . . . Rev. H. B. Naylor will accept the West Side Church, Big Spring. He will move on the field as soon as suitable arrangements can be made for a house. We understand that he will continue his work at Payne and Spade, giving only half time to the Big Spring church. Basel is growing in the ministry.

Executive Board Plans Years Work

TEXAS BAPTISTS TO STRESS WORK AMONG NEGROES OF STATE

Undertaking to assist negro Baptists of Texas on the broadest scale ever attempted by the Baptist General Convention of Texas, the executive board of the convention, meeting Tuesday at the First Church, Dallas, elected Dr. Charles T. Alexander of Dallas as special missionary to Negroes of the State. The state convention held recently at Houston instructed that such a missionary be chosen.

Working in close co-operation with Negro Baptists, Dr. Alexander will hold schools of instruction for Negro Baptist ministers. It is hoped that at least fifteen such schools will be held during the first year. Three were held last year.

Dr. Alexander will seek to encourage interracial co-operation and to interpret the Negroes to the whites and the whites to the Negroes. He is a former pastor of the First Baptist Church at Mineral Wells and also formerly held a pastorate in Dallas. Texas is thought to have about 400,000 Negro Baptists. They are not affiliated with the general convention.

Dr. Millard A. Jenkens of Abilene was re-elected chairman of the executive board and Dr. Roy C. Angel of San Antonio was re-elected vice-chairman. Dr. J. Howard Williams of Dallas was re-elected executive secretary of the general convention. Others re-elected were George J. Mason, treasurer; Dr. T. C. Gardner, Baptist Training Union missionary, and George C. Hopkins, Sunday School missionary.

The board allocated $60,000 for State mission work.

Dr. W. T. Rouse, pastor of the First Baptist Church at Arlington, was chosen to teach Bible courses at the Texas State College for Women and the North Texas State Teachers College, Denton. Dr. W. C. Raines has been teaching a similar course at the University of Texas and Dr. W. F. Fry teaches Bible at Texas Technological College, Lubbock. The convention is paying Dr. Raines' salary now and will pay all of Dr. Rouse's salary and part of Dr. Fry's salary, none of which is paid by the school. The Bible courses are optional with the students.

Dr. John A. Held of Waco was re-elected missionary to people in Texas speaking European languages.

Training Union Meets

Charged with the cheif responsibility of carrying on the fight of Baptist youth of Texas against liquor, J. Earl Mead, educational director of the Cliff Temple Baptist Church, was re-elected head of the temperance youth council of the Baptist Training Union of Texas at a meeting of the executive board of that organization Tuesday in the Burt building.

W. L. Howse of Fort Worth was elected president of the executive board and Miss Betty Hazlewood of Dallas was re-elected recording secretary. The Rev. J. D. Grey of Denton was re-elected chairman of the stewardship commission and the Rev. Roy L. Johnson of Winnsboro was chosen chairman of the B. T. U. survey committee.

Members of the program committee for the State B. T. U. convention at Abilene next Thanksgiving were appointed as follows: Dr. Gardner, chairman; R. A. Springer, Lubbock; Mr. Howse, A. J. Quinn, Eldorado; J. D. Riddle and Dr. C. A. Powell, both of Abilene.

"Tithing" Contest Subject

Plans for sending 150 delegates to the Southwide B. T. U. conference at Birmingham Dec. 31 to Jan. 3, were made.

"Tithing" was chosen as the subject for the senior B. T. U. oratorical contest in 1936.

Miss Inez Lung, returned missionary from China, will speak at 17 dis-

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A B. T. U. revival is in progress this week with the First Baptist Church, Slaton. Rev. C. G. Sewell, who recently accepted the pastorate of the Slaton church, is leading in the work. Rev. Virgil Reynolds of Trinity Church, Abilene, is assisting. Courses are being offered in every department work of the B. T. U. from the story telling hour for primaries on through the adult department.

DISTRICT EIGHT

Willis J. Ray, Missionary

The executive board of the Baptist General Convention of Texas met at Dallas, Tuesday of this week. At this meeting appropriations were made for the carrying on of all our denominational work in the state. Baptists are a great people and should do great things for God. Let us as Baptists in district eight be true to our God, faithful to the great doctrines of our Lord and Savior and to His church, and be loyal to the great program of Texas Baptists. May every church send a mission offering every month to the cause of our co-operative work and may we labor together faithfully with our brethren in missionary activities to the honor and praise of our Lord and Savior.

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As your missionary servant in the district we are expecting that every church in the district will have given an offering to missions before this month closes. We feel confident that the larger per cent of our churches gave during November. It pays to be missionary. Surely every church will take a Lottie Moon Christmas offering which will go to the support of over 100 foreign missionaries—but send your monthly offering to the co-operative program also for the support of our state work. The Lottie Moon offering goes to foreign missions, but will be credited to your gifts to the co-operative program.

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It has been well said "a crazy man is beside himself, and a selfish man is inside himself." A man is too small who lives inside himself and so is a church that lives inside herself.

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Rev. R. E. Day closed a ten-day revival with the church at Crystal City last Friday. He reports a very profitable meeting.

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The church at Hartwells, Rev. Ben Sullivan, pastor, plans to start a revival the first week in January. Rev. Ben Ferguson of Lees is to do the preaching. Bro. Sullivan reports a steady growth in the work at Hartswells.

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Rev. James Easterwood took a car load of members from his church at Roscoe to Dallas to the state B. T. U. convention last week and had the misfortune to burn out a bearing in his car. We are sure his good church was thoughtful enough to help him bear this added expense of the trip. Brother Easterwood is one of our finest young preachers and is doing a remarkable work in this his first full-time pastorate. He is the type of preacher, pastor and leader our churches look for when casting about for a shepherd.

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Rev. O. C. Curtis, pastor at Andrews was ordained unto the full gospel ministry at the Workers Conference meeting at his church this week. The pastors of the Lamesa Association were asked by the Andrews church to compose the presbytery. Brother Curtis has done an unusual work in his brief pastorate there and is loved by his people.

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A number of the pastors and laymen of the district have slipped off to the mountains to get a deer but as some had to return without a deer they felt their trip was too dear. Just who failed to get a deer is not being published.

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Three-fourths of the pastors in the district were in attendance at the State Convention at Houston. Every pastor needs to keep in touch with the work and progress of our great denomination and the best way to do so is to attend the state convention. We are grateful that the churches were thoughtful enough to make it possible for their pastors to attend.

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11,190 people registered at the State B. T. U. convention at Dallas week before last. This no doubt was the largest and the greatest B. T. U. convention ever held by any state or nation. Surely it was a world's record. Dr. T. C. Garner starts his second 20-year directorship of the Texas B. T. U. work and we feel we can truthfully and humbly say that T. C. Gardner is the greatest B. T. U. lead-

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DISTRICT SEVENTEEN

J. D. Brannon, Missionary

A Word to Associational Clerks

Sweetwater Association is the only one in the district that has printed its minutes to date, though it was the last to meet. The minutes need to be in possession of our churches, and our denominational men, as soon as they have been printed, please send copies to the following: Dr. J. Howard Williams, Dallas, Dr. E. P. Aldridge, Nashville, Baptist Seminary, Seminary Hill, and the district missionary. (And we might add, to the West Texas Baptist.—Editor).

Sweetwater Association Accepts Challenge

The Meridian Association recently sent out the challenge to any other association in the State to have an offering from each of its churches for the Co-operative Program each quarter during this convention year.

This was mentioned at the last Workers Conference of Sweetwater Association and the group voted to accept that challenge.

Rev. E. D. Dunlap is the organizer of the Association and is making plans to help accomplish this goal. He is depending on every pastor to see that the offering is taken in his church. He will have at each workers conference a large wall chart showing what each church has done during the quarter and year.

Please do not wait till the last few days to get your offering in for the quarter. See that it gets in every month is possible, and certainly not later than the second month in each quarter.

Other Associations Are Challenged

The fact that the Meridian Association and the Sweetwater Association have set as a goal, an offering once each quarter from every church, makes this plan become a challenge to the other associations in this district. Please take this up at your workers conferences or board meetings and let us hear from other associations that will accept this challenge.

Surely we have the finest group of associational organizers that could be found in any district in the State, and I believe with the co-operation of the churches, these brethren can make this possible in each association in district 17.

Workers Conferences Next Week

The Fisher County Workers Conference meets December 16.

The Jones County Workers Con-

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ENLARGED PROGRAM IN MISSION WORK ANNOUNCED BY BOARD

By JEFF D. RAY

DALLAS, Dec. 10.—The Executive Board of the Baptist General Convention of Texas met in its 87th annual session here today. Rev. M. A. Jenkens is chairman, George J. Mason, secretary and treasurer.

The board is composed of 75 persons chosen from every section of the state.

The board instructed its secretary to send a cable to Rev. George W. Truett, who is on a six months' tour of evangelistic preaching around the world. Telegrams of sympathy were ordered sent to prominent members who were kept at home by sickness, including George W. Carroll, Beaumont; W. W. Lee, Harlingen; E. F. Lyon, Vernon; Jesse Yelvington, San Antonio; George Paxton, Abilene.

Joe Etter of Sherman, because of pressing personal business, resigned as a member of the board.

Abilene Baptists Pleased.

The men from the Abilene country, led by Pastor Jenkens were in fine humor over the coming to them of the big B. T. U. convention next year. Another reason for their good humor is that an Abilene man who does not want his name called has just given $110,000 to their Baptist hospital. This money will pay all the debts of the hospital and give them $70,000 to build a wing to their already commodious structure. Better still, this same man gave, in the past few days another $100,000, retiring all debts of Hardin-Simmons University. At the beginning of the depression the school owed $350.000. During the depression they have paid this debt and added $1,000,000 to their endowment.

The fact that the board believes the depression is passing, if not entirely over, was indicated in the fact

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Sandefer Returns

Dr. J. D. Sandefer, president of Hardin-Simmons university, returned Thursday to Abilene from Louisville, Ky., where he has been attending a meeting of the Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools of the Southern States.

Dr. Sandefer has been in the East for a month, visiting in New York and Washington and attending to business matters for the university. While in New York he stayed at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Stanley Walker.

Fourth Street Baptist Church Big Spring

Bulletin for Sunday, December 15

Sunday—
9:45—Sunday School.
11:00—Preaching Service. Sermon subject: "The Devil's 'South Wind'."
6:15—B. T. U.
7:15—Preaching Service. Subject: "The End of an Empty Life." Special music by the choir and quartet.
Monday—
6:30—Laymen's meeting and luncheon at First Church. Address by Mr. Ollie Webb.
Wednesday—
6:45—Teachers Meeting. Teacher training class in "The Book We Teach."
7:30—Prayer meeting. Study of second chapter of Matthew.
Friday—
7:15—Choir rehearsal.
7:15—Boy Scout meeting.

Reports for Last Sunday

Sunday School attendance	348
New pupils last Sunday	21
Offering last Sunday	$121.21

The following united with the church last Sunday: Mrs. Guy Tamsitt, 712 Goliad. Mr. H. L. Shirley, Robinson Chapel. Mr. Bryant, 403 Bell. Mrs. Bryant, 403 Bell.

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The Christmas season is now upon us. As we make our plans for the holidays, let us remember, in the spirit of Jesus, those who need help and friendship. Jesus, whose birth we celebrate "went about doing good."

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The Home Makers class met at the home of Mrs. Garnett last Tuesday evening for its social meeting. A large number was present and a splendid program was enjoyed by all. Mrs. W. E. Martin is a good class president, and they are making plans to do some aggressive work in class building.

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The Y. W. A. girls rendered a good program on the Lottie Moon Christmas offering last Wednesday evening.

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The Boy Scouts enjoyed their first hike in the new Scout trailer yesterday. The trailer, provided by members of the church, will be used for all church purposes.

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The ladies of the W. M. S. are workig on the Lottie Moon Christmas offering for foreign missions. A little more than $200 has been received already. They hope to complete the offering by next Sunday. Everyone may have a part in it.

$110,000 Gift Will Make Possible Debt Payments And New Annex Building

SANITARIUM ACCOMMODATES 20,960 PATIENTS IN 11 YEARS

The West Texas Baptist Sanitarium has accommodated 20,960 patients since its founding in 1925, office records reveal. The death rate among the patients has been decreased from 5 per cent in 1925 to 3½ per cent this year.

For the last fiscal year, September 1, 1934, to August 31, 1935, the sanitarium allowed charity fees totaling $18,820. Charity by churches and individuals for the same period aggregated $1,990. Earnings last year were $96,827, against expenses of $90,601, with the result $5,080 was applied on outstanding debts.

Mr. Collier has been at the institution's helm for six years, coming to Abilene from the St. Louis Baptist hospital, where he was assistant superintendent. The local sanitarium is recognized as "Class A" by the American College of Surgeons."

DR. W. Y. POND IN ARIZONA MEETING WITH PHOENIX CHURCHES

At the recent meeting of the Baptist General Convention of Arizona meeting in Tucson, Dr. W. Y. Pond, pastor of First Baptist Church of Breckenridge, Texas, was elected to the position of superintendent of evangelism. He was invited by the state mission board to come to our state and look over the field.

On Sunday, November 24, the meetings were started. We now have five Southern Baptist churches in the city of Phoenix, and they all co-operated in a beautiful way. Sunday morning, November 24, the secretary, S. S. Bussell, took Dr. Pond in his car and visited three churches before noon. At Sixteenth Street Church where Brs. W. F. Smith is pastor, was the first stop. There a revival meeting had been in progress for a week, led by Pastors Victor Crabtree of the Central Church and C. F. Frasier and wife of Coolidge. The seed had already been sown and all that was needed was to "draw the net." This resulted in 21 professions in this church.

We next visited Zion Baptist Church, where Brother George W. Henderson is pastor. We could stay but a few minutes here. We next went to Central Baptist Church where Dr. Pond preached a great sermon; then in afternoon all came together for an evangelistic rally at Grace Baptist Church, where Brother W. W. Taylor is pastor. The first week of the meeting was conducted night and day in this church. Then for the second week, we all attended services in First Southern Baptist Church, where Dr. C. M. Rock has been pastor for 14 years. The first week there were two young men who made professions of faith and a fine young mother. One of the young men was a Jew. When the little mother was converted there was some real old-fashioned shouting, two going at a time. Brother Pond said that he felt like he was in East Texas under a brush-arbor, could feel the dry leaves falling on his head.

On the second Sunday of the meeting there were 14 professions in the Grace Sunday School service. In all there were some forty additions to the five churches co-operating in the meetings.

Perhaps the greatest blessing that came out of his visit was the spirit of fellowship, co-operation and encouragement of our people. The spirit of fellowship and co-operation has not been as good in years as it is now.

Dr. Pond did not give us a definite answer as to the call to the work of evangelism in our state. We are still hoping and praying that the financial end of the work will so open up that he can yet come to us. But we wish to thank Dr. Pond and the good First Baptist Church of Breckenridge for his visit with us. He has done the cause of Southern Baptists great good by his visit. By his great preaching,

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As a r... of a gift of $110,000 by Mr. and ... T. G. Hendrick, pioneer Wes... xans, the West Texas Baptist Sa... rium is now free from debt and ... ials of the institution are laying ... ns for building of a new 50-bed wing to be erected on the East of the present building.

George S. Anderson, chairman of the hospital board, has announced the following concrete results of the gift:

1. The five-story hospital, six acres of land on which the structure is located, and the nurses' building and two lots east of the main tract are paid for in full, as well as all expenses accumulating in operation of the plant.

2. A substantial fund is in the bank for construction of a new wing to the hospital.

The Hendrick gift was made to the sanitarium board last week, with the single provision that first money be used in retiring outstanding indebtedness of the institution, Mr. Anderson said. The latter was accomplished Saturday, and the board chairman announced the gift to the public.

To Start Soon

Bids on the proposed wing will be taken soon and actual construction started as quickly as possible. A building committee has been named which is shaping final plans for the program. The members are Mr. Hendrick, C. M. Caldwell, T. T. Harris, E. M. Collier and Mr. Anderson.

The addition as planned virtually will double facilities of the sanitarium, giving it the distinction of being the largest institution of its kind in this section of West Texas, Mr. Collier, who is superintendent of the sanitarium, declared.

Four stories in height with a roof garden on top, the addition will be erected as a wing to the main building, adjoining solariums and ward rooms on the east of the existing structure and extending in a southeastward direction. The general floor plan was sketched by the superintendent as follows:

The first floor will contain 14 charity beds and 10 semi-charity beds.

The second floor will be given over exclusively to the West Texas Baptist Sanitarium School of Nursing, and a small auditorium capable of seating 100 persons.

Private Rooms

Third and fourth floors will contain 15 private rooms each, larger and more elaborately furnished than those in the main building.

The roof will house a garden the full size of the structure, 38 by 75 feet. The garden will have a dual purpose; to provide means of giving sun treatments and a site for medical meetings, frequently held at the hospital.

With completion of the annex, the hospital will have 114 beds, as compared to the 64 adult and eight nursery beds in use, Mr. Collier pointed out. There will be 54 beds in the new wing, but 12 of the beds in the old structure will be removed in order to connect the wings, he added.

The hospital could be operated most efficiently with 114 beds. In cases of emergency, as many as 175 patients could be accommodated.

Mr. and Mrs. Hendrick, who reside at 802 Orange, are pioneer residents of West Texas. They moved here from Odessa in September, 1932. There the couple lived for more than 40 years. Earlier they had resided near Alpine.

Mr. Hendrick owns extensive ranch lands in Ector county. Rich oil wells were discovered several years ago on his Ector and Winkler county holdings.

Last Sunday week was a red letter day with the First Baptist Church, Baird. The occasion was the dedication of the new church building which had recently been cleared of debt. The dedicatory sermon was preached by Rev. G. W. Parks of Roscoe. The dedicatory prayer was led by Brother Coffman, senior deacon of the church. Brother Joe R. Mayes, pastor of the Baird church has done a monumental work, not only at Baird but throughout the Callahan Association.

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CONGRATULATIONS.

There was cause for real joy and thankfulness on the part of is of the West Texas Baptist Sanitarium when the announce- was made that friends of the institution had paid all indebted- against it, and had made possible the building of a new addi- o the hospital which will accommodate about 50 more patients. Texas congratulates the management of the hospital for this fortune. Abilene business men, realizing the economic and real e value of the institution to the city and to West Texas, are ssing that appreciation in this issue of the West Texas Baptist. o the generous hearted West Texas pioneers who have made le the paying of the indebtedness and the expansion program, iends of suffering humanity everywhere are deeply grateful. is gift the donors are making an investment that will live on n to bless the sick and suffering in this vast developing section state.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

he services of Evangelist John W. Newsom have been secured rk with the editor of the West Texas Baptist for the next few in connection with the publication of historical editions of the Beginning early in January we plan to feature the associa- n West Texas in Centennial historical editions. Historical data ng collected, and an effort will be made to get a sketch of the y of each association and each church and pastor in the asso- n. We are asking our pastors to co-operate with us in this We believe this work, when completed, will be of great his- l value to Baptist history.

rother Newsom is well known in this section. He has been in vangelistic work for several years, and has been in Oklahoma e past two years as an associational missionary. We commend o our churches as an evangelist, and in connection with the of this paper.

SAM MALONE, Editor.

MANGO CHRISTIANITY

Brahman compared the Christian missionary to a mango tree. ts forth blossoms and then weights its branches with fruits. self? No, for the hungry who come to it for food. By and by ee is assailed with clubs and stones. Its leaves are torn and its nes are bruised and broken. It is stripped bare. But does it this cruel treatment and refuse to yield fruit another year? ext year it is more fruitful than ever. So it is with the Chris- nissionary, said the Mindu.—R. Miller, in Doran's Minister's al.

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HOSPITAL GROWTH IS DUE IN LARGE MEASURE TO CAPABLE LEADERSHIP

The remarkable growth of the West Texas Baptist Sanitarium during the past few years has been due, in a large measure, to the able management of Superintendent E. M. Collier. He came to the Abilene institution well trained in hospital work, By his outstanding Christian life and his ability for leadership in his field of labor he has won the confidence of the constituency in a vast area of West Texas.

Assisting Mr. Collier in the hospital management is Miss Stella McCullough, superintendent of nurses, who has been with the institution for the past several years.

The institution is also fortunate in having on the medical staff more than 40 physicians and surgeons, who are co-operating in a fine way to make the hospital and Abilene a great medical center.

In guiding the destiny of the sanitarium will be found a board composed of men who have been, and are now, leaders in the business, professional and religious world.

At the recent meeting of the convention the following trustees were approved:

George S. Anderson, chairman; W. J. Behrens, T. C. Campbell, C. M. Caldwell, T. N. Carswell, C. W. Clark, E. T. Compere, E. S. Cummings, E. M. Collier, O. D. Dillingham, T. T. Harris, T. G. Hendrick, M. B. Hanks, Dr. M. A. Jenkens, C. A. Powell, Geo. L. Paxton, Sr., J. D. Sandefer, J. P. Stinson, James F. Holliday, all of Abilene; J. W. Ezzell and Rev. J. Henry Littleton, Hamlin; C. R. Simmons, Sweetwater.

AMERICAN FEDERATION OF LABOR

Washington, D. C.

"There is no condition in life which touches human emotions so deeply as that of sick men, women and children unable to buy the remedies that would bring healing. Care and protection of these distressed people is an obligation, therefore, I appeal to all to give as they have never given before to the National Tuberculosis Association so that it may continue its work against this terrible disease.

"We should strengthen and support the National Tuberculosis Association because its help and assistance are badly needed. The contribution that any individual makes through purchase of Christmas Seals represents the discharge of a civic duty which he should perform. Be generous and liberal."

(Signed) WILLIAM GREEN, President.

GENERAL FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS

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"I have always been deeply interested in the Christmas Seal Sale. Although we have gone a long way in our fight against tuberculosis, the battle is far from won. At that time of year when we are most forgetful of self, we can assist others in no better way than by supporting the Christmas Seal Sale."

(Signed) ROBERTA C. LAWSON, President.

Rev. Murray Fuqua, senior in Hardin-Simmons University, has accepted the call of the church at Looney, near Colorado. Until recently Brother Naylor has been pastor of this good rural church.

Congratulations to the West Texas Baptist Sanitarium and Mr. Collier

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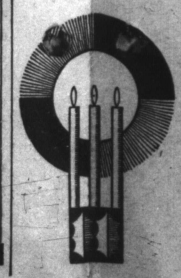
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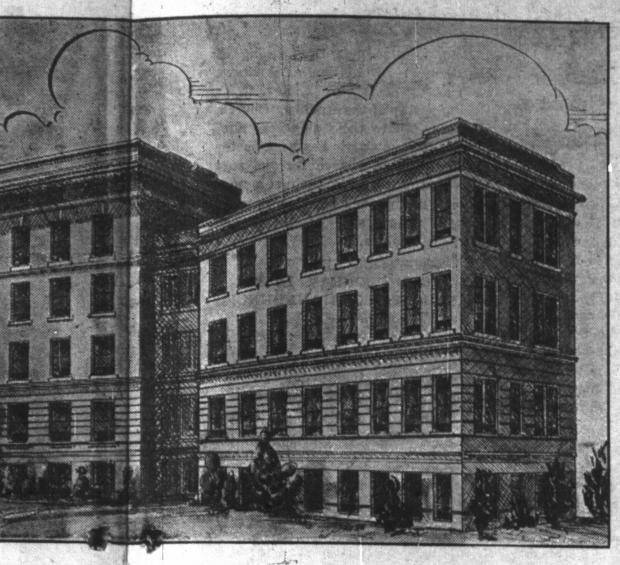
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SANITARIUM MAKES GOOD REPORT FOR PAST YEAR'S WORK

The past year has been a good one for the West Texas Baptist Sanitarium during the past year, according to a report made to the Texas Baptist Convention by Superintendent E. M. Collier.

The report shows earning of $96,827.84, with expenses of $90,601.37, making it possible for the institution to pay $5,080.73 on the indebtedness.

The hospital did charity work to the amount of $18,820.93, churches and individuals of the area contributed $1,990.98 to the charity fund.

Total number of patients admitted during the past year was 3,960. There were 1,382 out-of-town patients. Classified religiously there were 621 Baptists, 300 Methodists, 132 Christian Church, Church of Christ 76, other denominations 112; no church affiliation 1,337.

The hospital has admitted 20,960 patients since its opening.

"A hospital to function as a Christian hospital," stated Mr. Collier in his report to the board, "must be in the program of every church in the denomination sponsoring the hospital. The Christian hospital is the agency through which the church is to carry out its healing program. Jesus said, 'Go teach, preach, heal.' Is your church having a part in this healing program?"

H-S. U. Singers Attend Dallas B. T. U. Meeting

The girls' quartet of Hardin-Simmons and the Ministerial quartet went to Dallas last week-end to attend the B. T. U. convention held in that city. The girls' quartet is composed of Ruth King, Dorothy Sue Collins, Daisy Mae Cagle, and Etewanda Riddle. Finas Williams, Avery Lee, Wilson Gilbert, and Thurston Rock are the members of the Ministerial quartet.

The women's itinerary included the First Baptist and Methodist churches of Dallas; the Gaston Avenue Baptist church; radio stations WRR and KRLD, where they sang during the Early Bird program; North Fort Worth Baptist church, College Avenue Baptist church, and several other engagements.

The male quartet sang for the B. T. U. convention, the Hickory Street Baptist church of Dallas, Gaston Avenue Baptist church of Dallas, and the Baptist church of Cisco.

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EZRA TEACHING THE LAW OF GOD

Ezra 7:10; Nehemiah 8:1-3, 6, 8-12

Golden Text—They word have I hid in mine heart. Psalm 119:11.

Ezra the scribe prepared himself to teach the Law of God (Ezra 7:10), having most probably compiled the books of the Old Testament as we have them today.

Nehemiah the governor who rebuilt the wall of Jerusalem and rekindled national spirit also arranged for popular instruction in the Word of God (Nehemiah 8).

1. The Leader (Ezra 7)

Bible writing was done by Ezra. He is credited with authorship of the book bearing his name and may have written other Bible books. He is said to have compiled the Old Testament. He was profoundly interested in giving it to his people. For this purpose he first made a diligent study of it; then tested it faithfully in his own experience; and so qualfied himself to teach it accurately and effectively.

2. The Assembly (Nehemiah 8)

Bible students were the people who on that bright autumn morning gathered themselves together as one man in the commodious public park lying between the wall of the Temple and that of the city. In the vast assemblage were crowded men and women, and indeed all who could hear with understanding. The purpose of the assembly was to hear the book of the Law of Moses as divinely commanded. It was an eager gathering of devout Jews, anxious to learn the very words of their Bible.

3. The Law (Nehemiah 8)

Bible teachers were at hand. The central figure was Ezra the illustrious scribe. For the first time in thirteen years he appears in Jerusalem. He probably had spent the interval in Babylon studying the manuscripts of the Law and the Prophets and collecting them into one volume which we have today in the Old Testament. He therefore brought to the Jews complete Scriptures just at the time when they were most anxious to receive them. He was assisted by several prominent Levites. Near him, on the pulpit of wood erected for the occasion, stood thirteen of the most eminent scholars of the time, six of them on his right, and seven on his left. They probably relieved Ezra in the reading of the Scriptures for it would be impossible for him to read loudly for six hours in the open air. Thirteen other assistants were also named; they were probably stationed out in the audience to repeat what was heard indistinctly and to comment as there was need.

4. The Exercises (Nehemiah 8)

Bible teaching engaged for several hours the fourteen teachers on the platform and their helpers among the thousands of their countrymen in the open space before them. Beginning the exercises, Ezra rose from his seat with great solemnity and opened the book in the sight of all the people who immediately arose to the same attitude of reverence. The first act was that of devout adoration to God. Then followed the reading of the Scriptures which continued from early morning until midday. The reading was explained and the inquiries of the people answered so that they understood the reading. On the part of the people there was rapt attention and earnest acceptance. The length of the service did not dull their appreciation, so eager were they for knowledge of God's word.

5. The Effect (Nehemiah 8)

Bible practice followed Bible knowledge. Ezra had emerged from seclusion with an open Bible in his hand, and the masses must have it. As they heard more distinctly than ever before the thunderings of Sinai and glimpsed the ideals demanded, they felt their own unworthiness with grief uncontrollable. But there was reason for joy instead of sorrow, and the melancholy weight must be lifted from the hearts of the people. So Nehemiah and Ezra reassured the audience and showed them how they could counteract their grief and express their joy. So they were lifted out of the dark depths of dejection and borne upward to the heights of ecstacy. They feasted and sent portions to others and rejoiced because of the new light that had broken upon them out of the Word of Gd.

Teach the Law of God

1. **Recognize the Bible.** "The book—which the Lord had commanded." It is the Word of God. It comes to us from God. It shows us the way to God. It is our one "sufficient rule of faith and practice."

2. **Request the Bible.** "They spake unto Ezra the scribe to bring the book." No other book is so much needed. There is none so beneficent. Certainly we ought to desire no other with equal intensity. Let us call upon our teachers for it.

3. **Receive the Bible.** "And Ezra the priest brought the law before the congregation." The outstanding work of the great scribe was the compilation and completion of the Old Testament Scriptures. And the best intercessory service of the great priest was to bring the ancient Bible before the assembly in Jerusalem. They were to receive it not only as coming from God but as being adapted to men.

4. **Revere the Bible.** "When he opened it, all the people stood up." Of course they respected Ezra but they revered the Book. Thus they proved their worthiness to receive it. Destroy respect for the Bible, and you steel the heart against its blessed influence.

5. **Hear the Bible.** "The ears of all the people were attentive unto the book of the law." Many could not read, but all could hear. And they listened with rapt attention. How rare is the good listener! How profoundly we are influenced by the hearing ear!

6. **Read the Bible.** "He read therein—from the morning until midday." The chance and casual reading of the Bible is not without profit. But how much more profitable it is to peruse the sacred pages for hours at a time!

7. **Teach the Bible.** "They read in the book—distinctly, and gave the sense." Good reading of the exact text may prove to be the very best of teaching. Then of course the obscurer parts need to be explained and interpreted so as to get fastened as with hooks of steel in the receiving mind. Thus simple and yet sublime is the teaching of the Bible.

8. **Understand the Bible.** "Caused them to understand." The hearing ear and the seeing eye and the enlightening tongue have their place in the spread of Bible truth. But ultimately the good of it must come from a clear understanding of the Word of God.

Home Daily Bible Readings

Monday—A Resolute Teacher of the Law. Ezra 7:6-10.
Tuesday—A Praying Teacher of the Law. Ezra 8:21-23.
Wednesday—Ezra Reads the Law to the People. Neh. 8:1-12.
Thursday—Observing the Words of the Law. Neh. 8:13-18.
Friday—Finding the Book of the Law. 2 Chron. 34:14-19.
Saturday—Loving God's Law. Psalm 119:97-104.
Sunday—Fellowship with God. Hebrews 10:19-27.
Devotional Reading—Hebrews 10:19-27.

DR. W. Y. POND IN PHOENIX, ARIZ., MEETING

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as one man expressed it, "He put a little more iron in our blood and made us more willing to carry on for Christ and His cause out on this western frontier."

Let those who read these lines breathe a prayer for these dear struggling churches and scattered people. Many of our churches are small, our pastors have to exist on a starvation salary, but they are brave and heroic and will never give up. Then we have thousands of Southern Baptists living in towns and cities where we have not a true New Testament work. They drift and are lost to the cause.

Secretaries William P. Phillips and G. S. Hopkins

These two wonderful Sunday school men are holding simultaneous Sunday School training schools in the city of Pheonix December 8-15, just following the visit of Dr. Pond. All five of the churches are co-operating in training schools. This is the first time that we have ever tried such an experiment. This is written the day before the schools begin. We are praying for great results.

Secretary William P. Phillips of Nashville will be with Pastor Victor Crabtree and Central Baptist Church, where Zion Church and Sixteenth Street Church will co-operate. Secretaries S. S. Bussell and G. S. Hopkins will be in classes at Grace Baptist Church where Grace and First Southern Churches are co-operating in the schools.

Our friends will be glad to know that the work of the special committee of which Dr. M. A. Jenkens was chairman, was conducted in a most brotherly and efficient way. The Sunday School Board adopted the report and is again assisting the work out here. If it had not been for the co-operation and assistance of the Sunday School Board we could not have carried on across the years. We bless God for the work of Dr. M. A. Jenkens, Brother George W. Graham and Dr. W. F. Powell in reference to the work on the committee.

Let all who read this notice be much in prayer that God will enable us to carry on for His glory in the best year's work we have ever had.

S. S. BUSSELL, Secretary.

DISTRICT SEVENTEEN

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ference meets December 17, at Lueders.

The missionary plans to spend the next week-end at Nugent.

Baptist Paper Month

December is the month in which a special effort is being put forth in this district to take subscriptions for the Baptist Standard and the West Texas Baptist. We hope hat every church will elect someone to organize a club for each of these papers in each church.

The subscription rate is found in this paper for the West Texas Baptist.

The subscription rate for the Standard is as follows:

Single subscription ..... $2.00 per year
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The treasurers for these clubs in many of the churches are making a personal visit to every family and presenting to them the matter and asking them to join the club. They are always surprised at the excellent response they receive. Several of the smaller churches have received large numbers of subscriptions to one or both of the papers.

Pastors Retreat

Pastors are urged not to make dates that will conflict with the Pastors Retreat that will be held at the University Church, Abilene, January 13-17.

This year the district missionaries are arranging a retreat for their district. District 8 and District 17 have united for this purpose, and the two missionaries are working together in planning the program with the suggestions and help of others. We have invited some of the best Bible teachers and preachers in the South to be the leaders of this retreat.

The entertainment will be taken care of as usual—bed and breakfast furnished free, but each one furnishing his own dinner and supper.

This seems to be the most convenient time of the year for those who are to lead God's people to turn aside for a few days and seek from Him His will. We are hoping for it to be a great occasion for everyone attending, of prayer, Bible study, inspiration, and fellowship. Pray that the Lord may lead the preparations being made for it. Make yours plans to attend every service.

Miss A. M. Carpenter, head of the art department in Hardin-Simmons university, has been asked to serve on the advisory committee of the Texas Department of the American Guide (a writers' project of the Works Progress Administration)

DISTRICT EIGHT

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er in the world. This you see accounts for our world's record convention.

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We are all rejoicing in that our next state B. T. U. convention will come to Abilene and the great First Church with her noble pastor will be host. Since it is coming this close, district 8 should have 1,000 in attendance with a contestant in every age and bring back a number of first place honors. A winner never quits, so if our B. T. U. leaders will start now and work faithfully until next Thanksgiving our youngsters will bring back the honors.

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The missionary is spending four days this week in Dallas attending the Executive Board meeting and a two-day session of the district missionaries. Rev. P. D. O'Brien and Rev. W. F. Borum are members of the Executive Board from district 8.

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The associational organizers for 1935-36 are Rev. P. D. O'Brien, Mitchell-Scurry Association; Rev. W. C. Harrison, Big Spring Association; and Rev. E. F. Cole, Lamesa Association. The associations are being organized for more efficient work. The co-operative program committee of the M. S. Association is: P. D. O'Brien chairman; R. R. Cumbie, Nick Narrel, James Easterwood, H. H. Eiland, Lon Ward and J. F. Fields.

The co-operative program committee of Big Spring Association is: W. C. Harrison, chairman; Rev. A. A. Watson, Rev. H. C. Reddoch, Rev. Ben Ferguson, Rev. Ben Sullivan and Rev. N. L. Range.

The co-operative program committee of the Lamesa Association is: Rev. E. F. Cole, chairman; Rev. W. M. Whatley, Rev. Leroy Smith, Rev. O. C. Curtis and Rev. F. L. Jamar.

TEXAS BAPTISTS TO STRESS NEGRO WORK

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trict B. T. U. conventions in Texas during February and March. It is a recommendation of the committee that a collection be taken at each of these conventions to send Miss Lung back to China. She expects to sail July 1.

It was recommended that the general board increase the operating expenses $2,500 next year for B. T. U.

It was decided to reduce the registration fee to B. T. U. conventions from $1.00 to 50c for adults and from 50c to 25c for children.

The B. T. U. board also recommended that Secretary Gardner work out a registration fee of 25c or less for registration to the associational and district convention.

MT. PLEASANT, JONES COUNTY

The Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, Jones County, had a great day Sunday. At the evening service a B. Y. P. U. was organized with good interest manifested. The church voted to hold a revival meeting during Christmas week beginning the 22nd. and closing the 29th., and set the fifth Sunday as the time to call a pastor.

Rev. Fred Moreland, pastor of the Buffalo Gap Church, preached at both services Sunday, and will do the preaching in the revival meeting. This will be Rev Fred Moreland's sixth revival with this church. Every one is invited to attend; and may we ask that every one far and near remember us in your prayers.

SOMETHING NEW UNDER THE SUN

It may have been done before, but I have never heard of it. Our Associational Workers Meeting met Tuesday of this week at Ft. Davis. There was a good program lasting from ten in the morning until after four in the afternoon. I am sure that there were more than three hundred there when we adjourned that afternoon. I had traveled 153 miles to be at the meeting, and there is one church below me in our association 65 miles. There were a ranchman and his wife who live 45 miles below me who were there for the day.

At the noon hour one of the deacons of the Fort Davis church announced that they had an abundance of fine fat venison for dinner. The large crowd was fed, and I suppose almost one hundred pounds of fine venison, both steak and barbecue, was left on the table, and in the pit. The largest deer, a 14 poit buck, was killed on Cliff Caldwell's ranch, they said. It tasted just like Baptist meat ought to taste.

The next Workers Meeting will be held with our church here January 7, 1936. You are invited to attend. The work in this section is in fine shape. Our church here is in the very best shape that it has been in since I came here.—J. C. McKenzie.

At a regular monthly meeting of the Lamesa Association at Andrews on Tuesday of this week, Rev. O. C. Curtis, pastor of the Andrews Church, was ordained to the full gospel ministry. Brother Curtis has been pastor of the Andrews church for the past year and during this time a new church building has been constructed and the membership of the church has been doubled.

ENLARGED PROGRAM IN MISSION WORK IS ANNOUNCED

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that salaries which had sustained a 10 per cent cut four years ago were restored to the old time amounts.

It seemed to a good many that a backward step was taken when the board decided to discontinue specific activity in the matter of rural life. Many felt that since a majority of Baptists are in rural districts there should be special effort made to reach them.

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