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OVER 7000 EXPECTED AT B. T. U. CONVENTION

B. T. U. HAD BEGINNING IN 1888 WITH BROADWAY BAPTIST CHURCH, FT. W.

By T. C. Gardner

In this memorable year of 1936, when Texas is celebrating her glorious Centennial, and such men as Houston, Austin, Bowie, and Travis are remembered for their heroic deeds, we wish to pay tribute to our Baptist leaders who served so unselfishly and devotedly the Training Union in its beginning.

In 1888, the adult members of our Baptist churches realized that they should have an organization for the young people, where they could be instructed in stewardship and missions, and where they could be encouraged to help the pastor in all phases of church work.

In order to meet this need, the Broadway Baptist Church of Fort Worth, Texas, organized the Christian Co-laborers' Society. In that same year, 1888, similar societies were organized in approximately 22 other towns and cities. The members of the Broadway Baptist church watched with keen interest the growth of this society and in 1891, they decided to organize the societies of the state into a convention. Letters were sent to the churches inviting them to send messengers to the Broadway Baptist Church on September 9. Twenty-six churches responded and a permanent organization was perfected under the name of the Baptist Young People's Union of Texas. Rev. T. S. Potts was elected president and Rev. A. E. Baten, corresponding secretary. The convention has met every year since that time and has steadily grown in size, power and influence. It has functioned under the following names:

1. Christian Co-Laborers' Society

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View of Abilene, the B.T.U. Convention City, Showing Main Business Section



B. T. U. CONVENTION SPEAKERS AND LEADERS



W. A. HARRELL,
Baptist Sunday School Board,
Nashville, Tenn.



MISS HELEN GARDNER,
State B. T. U. Worker,
Dallas, Texas



MISS BETTY HAZELWOOD,
State B. T. U. Worker,
Dallas, Texas



J. EARL MEAD,
Educational Director, Cliff Temple,
Dallas, Texas

REGISTRATION POURING IN FROM EVERY SECTION; INDICATE LARGE CROWD

Advanced hotel and tourist camp reservations indicate a large attendance for the B. T. U. convention which meets in Abilene November 26-28. Reservations have been made for large delegations from as far north as Amarillo, and as far south at Beaumont.

The attendance at the convention at Dallas last year passed the 11,000 mark. Two years ago the convention at Lubbock reached above 6,000. If the weather is at all favorable the attendance at the Abilene meeting next week will likely reach above 7,000.

The First Baptist Church, Lubbock, has made reservations for 200, and Calvary Baptist Church, Lubbock, has reservations for 40. Some of the other churches making reservations are: First Church, Amarillo, 75; Waxahachie First, 40; Broadway Baptist, Fort Worth, 100; Tabernacle Baptist, Fort Worth, 35; Beaumont First, 20.

The attendance goal for District 17 is 4,500, and indications are this goal will be reached. The goal of the Sweetwater Association is 2,500 and this goal will be reached, according to advanced registrations to date.

The entire city of Abilene is showing a fine spirit of co-operation in helping to provide housing accommodations for the visitors. The Texas B. T. U. convention is one of the largest religious gatherings in America, and it will test the hospitality and spirit of co-operation of any city the size of Abilene in providing accommodations for a convention of this size.

A pre-convention musical program will be held at the Hardin-Simmons auditorium on Wednesday evening

Texas Baptists Make Wonderful Progress During the Past Century

The Baptist General Convention of Texas was organized at Anderson, Texas, September 8, 1848. This convention is the great agency through which Texas Baptists are undertaking to do the work of Christ committed to them. Dr. R. C. Campbell, general secretary of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, with headquarters at Dallas, reports that there are now approximately one million Baptists in Texas. This number includes all Baptists of all colors and types. There are 3,153 Baptist churches cooperating with the Baptist General Convention of Texas with a combined membership of 615,596. The value of the Baptist church property in Texas is $31,140,796.00. The contribution of Texas Baptists for all purposes the past twelve months amounted to $4,523,154.02. The value of the schools, hospitals, and orphan's home owned and controlled by Texas Baptists is conservatively placed at $17,150,000.

It is interesting to observe that Texas Baptists have made rapid gains along all lines during the past twelve months. The number of members added to the churches by baptism was 32,582. The gains in contributions amounted to $240,544.43.

Texas leads the world in Baptist Training Union and Sunday School work. There are now 8,279 Training Unions in Texas with a combined membership of 166,079. The Sunday School enrollment in Texas has reached almost one-half million.

Southern Baptists have also made marvelous gains within the last one hundred years. In 1836 there were only 255,680 members of Baptist churches in the Southern Baptist Convention; whereas at the beginning of 1936, Southern Baptists (including all types) numbered 6,652,941—a net gain of 6,397,261 for the past one hundred years, or an average yearly gain of 63,972. The value of church property of Southern Baptists has likewise shown unbelievable growth in the last one hundred years. The valuation of the church buildings of the 24,360 Baptist churches in the South is $202,095,794.

Texas Baptists are this year celebrating their one hundred third birthday. Baptist preachers, deacons and leaders were among the first to proclaim the gospel beyond the Sabine

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DISTRICT 8 EXPLAINS PLANS TO HAVE 1000 AT B. T. U. CONVENTION

By Ira M. Powell

Great events do not "just happen." They are planned for and worked toward; neither do large crowds attend conventions merely by chance. A challenging program must be offered, accompanied by wise planning and adequate publicity, if a large attendance is to be realized.

When attendance goals for the Abilene convention were submitted to the several districts, we promptly accepted ours, with a determination to reach it. The first step was the assignment of goals for each of the three associations, which goals were accepted. From the beginning of our attendance campaign we have used the slogan, "Every church represented." We then grouped the churches of each association in small groups of four to six churches each, suggesting an attendance goal for each church, and appointing a captain for each group of churches. A supply of the pre-registration sheets was secured and distributed among all churches with the request that some person in each church be designated to secure registrations. Monday, November 23, these sheets with check for registration fees will be mailed to state B. T. U. headquarters.

Since beginning our convention attendance campaign I have visited each association and have contacted most of the leaders personally in addition to speaking at associational and worker's conference meetings. By public press and announcement, personal contact and correspondence we are all working at the job to have our full quota of one thousand persons from District 8 attend the state Baptist Training Union convention meeting in Abilene, Thanksgiving day and the two days following.

The budget for 1937, adopted by the Home Mission Board at its annual meeting totals $407,999. This is a very conservative estimate of anticipated receipts, since offerings for the first nine months this year have amounted to $379,000, and total receipts in 1935 were well over $400,000.

B. T. U. Convention Program

"GET TOGETHER" MUSIC PROGRAM—
B. T. U. CONVENTION

Prof. I. E. Reynolds of Southwestern Seminary in charge.

Wednesday, 7:30 p. m.—November 25, 1936. Chapel of Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene, Texas.

Presented by the Fine Arts Department of Hardin-Simmons University, inviting representatives of other denominational institutions to appear upon the program as guest artists. (All numbers, except Band and Orchestra, are limited to two selections).

1. Cowboy Band—Conductor, Marion B. McClure.
2. Congregational Singing, Scripture and Prayer, Prof. I. E. Reynolds.
3. Hardin-Simmons University Boys Quartet.
4. Baylor University Boys' Quartet and Girls' Quartet.
5. Mary Hardin-Baylor College.
6. Hardin-Simmons University Girls' Quartet.
7. Howard Payne College Girls' Trio.
8. Hardin-Simmons Choral Club Conductor, Mrs. Lola Gibson Deaton.
9. Marshall College, Solo: Miss Bernice Skeen with Miss Margaret Merifield as Accompanist.
10. Decatur College.
11. Wayland College Girls' Quartet.
12. San Marcos Academy, Solo: Cadet Bob Miller.
13. Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.
14. Churches and Individuals: (1) Hearne Baptist Church: Boys' Trio, Girls' Trio, and Sextet; (2) Girls' Quartet from First Baptist Church, Tahoka.
15. Hardin-Simmons University Orchestra, Conductor, Herbert M. Preston.
16. "Hail To B. T. U."—Convention Song.
17. Benediction.

Various Conferences

NOTE: The above organizations and individuals will be on program at various times during the B. T. Convention program and departmental conferences.

ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT
City Hall

Rev. J. W. Mason, Pearsall, Presiding Officer.
Mrs. James Dougherty, Nocona, Pianist.
A. G. Pritchett, Kilgore, Music Director.
Convention Motto: "I Will Build My Church."—Jesus.
Scripture: "Jesus loved the church and gave himself for it . . . that he might sanctify and cleanse it . . . that he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish."—Ephesians 5:25-27.
Song: "I Love Thy Church, O God."

Thursday Afternoon, November 26

2:00—Song Service.
2:15—Address: "I Will Build My Church By Training the Whole Church Family."—J. Earl Mead.
2:40—Music.
2:45—Address: "I Will Build My Church By Winning the Lost to Jesus."—Dr. S. G. Posey, Austin.
3:15—Conference Theme: "Essential Elements in Building a Baptist Training Union."
1. The Value of Attractive General Assembly Programs in Building the B. T. U.—Guy Newman, Waco.
2. The Necessity of Enlisting and Training all Prospective B. T. U. Members.—Roland Leath, Fort Worth.
3. The Importance of Keeping Accurate B. T. U. Records in Building the B. T. U.—W. T. Rife, Dallas.
4. The Place and Influence of the Departmental Organization in Building the B. T. U.—Miss Mabel Elrod, Dallas.
5. The Value of the Associational B. T. U. Organization in Building Training Unions.—J. W. Mason.
4:15—Adjourn.

Friday Morning, November 27

9:00—Song Service.
9:10—Conference Theme: "The Work of B. T. U. Officers and Committees During the Week."
1. "The Necessity of a Weekly Business Meeting in Building a B. T. U.—H. O. Rothell, Dallas.
2. The Value of Visitation and Personal Contacts in Building a B. T. U.—L. E. Payne, Gladewater.
3. The Importance of Planning Attractive Departmental Programs in Building a B. T. U.—J. Earl Mead, Dallas.
4. The Value of Exploiting Records in Building a B. T. U.—W. T. Rife, Dallas.
5. The Functions of Associational Departmental Organizations in Building the Associational Training Union.—R. Elmer Dunham, Santa Anna.
10:00—Adjourn for General Assembly in Convention Auditorium (First Baptist Church).

Friday Afternoon, November 27

2:00—Song Service.
2:15 — Address: "An Adequate Religious Program."—Dr. J. M. Price, Seminary Hill.
2:40—Music.
2:45—Address: "I Will Build My Church by Training in Missions."—Dr. W. R. White, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.
3:15—Conference Theme: "Co-operation and Co-ordination."
1. The Relation of the Training Union Director and Pastor to all Other Training Union Officers.—T. C. Gardner.
2. The Relation of the Associate B. T. U. Director to Individual Union Officers.—John B. Fisher, Waco.
3. The Relation of Departmental Officers to Individual Union Officers.—J. Earl Mead.
4. The Relation of the General Secretary to Individual Union Secretaries.—B. F. K. Mullins, Dallas.
5. The Relation of the General Associational B. T. U. Officers to Departmental and Zone Officers.—W. A. Harrell, Nashville, Tennessee.
4:15—Adjourn.

ADULT DEPARTMENT
First Baptist Church

R. A. Springer, Amarillo, Presiding Officer.
H. P. Black, Longview, Music Director.
Ruby C. Morris, Abilene, Pianist.
Convention Motto: "I Will Build My Church."—Jesus.
Scripture: "Jesus loved the church and gave himself for it . . . That he might sanctify and cleanse it . . . That he might present it to himself a glorious church not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish."—Ephesians 5:25-27.
Song: "I Love Thy Church, O God."

Thursday Afternoon, November 26

2:00—Song Service.
2:15—Address: "I Will Build My Church Through Bible Study."—Dr. A. C. Miller, Belton.
2:40—Music.
2:45—Address: "I Will Build My Church by Discovering and Developing the Undeveloped."—Dr. T. L. Holcomb, Nashville, Tennessee.
3:15 — Conference: "Essential Elements in Building Adult Unions."
1. The Value of Attractive Adult Union Programs in Building an Adult Union.—Mrs. W. D. Hudgins, Fort Worth.
2. The Necessity of Enlisting and Training all Prospective Adult Union Members.—H. P. Black, Longview.
3. The Importance of Keeping Accurate Records in Building an Adult Union.—C. I. Darling, Lamesa.
4. The Place of Social Activities in Building an Adult Union.—Carl Head, San Antonio.
5. The Influence of Bible Reading and Study in Building an Adult Union.—Mrs. E. E. Bradford, San Angelo.
6. The Challenge to Adopt God's Plan of Giving and Serving in Building a Church.—Rev. H. M. Smith, San Antonio.
4:15—Adjourn.

Friday Morning, November 27

9:00—Song Service.
9:10—Conference Theme: "The Work of Training Union Officers and Committeemen During the Week."
1. The Necessity of a Weekly Business meeting in Building an Adult Union.—R. A. Springer.
2. The Value of Visitation and Personal Contacts in Building an Adult Union.—W. A. Harrell, Nashville, Tennessee.
3. The Importance of Planning Attractive Bible Drills.—A. C. Heads Beaumont.
4. The Value of Exploitation of Records

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Thousands See Baptist Exhibit at Centennial; Pageant at Convention

When the gates of the Texas Centennial Central Exposition were opened in Dallas, June 6, 1936, people came from all over the Nation to see the celebration of one hundred years of progress, reported Dr. T. C. Gardner, director of Baptist Centennial activities. A few of the visitors probably thought only of our war heroes as Houston, Bowie, Travis, Austin and Fannin, but most of them realized that the pioneer religious leaders were vitally linked with the progress of Texas. It should ever be remembered that Baptist preachers, deacons and laymen were among the first to proclaim the gospel beyond the Sabine and Red Rivers as men journeyed westward, that one of the first sermons delivered in Texas was by Rev. Joseph Bays, a Baptist, in 1822; that Baptists were martyrs in The Alamo and at Goliad; that Baptists helped to win Texas at San Jacinto; that Baptists fought and aided greatly in winning political and religious liberty; that Baptists were among the first to establish schools, colleges and universities.

Centennial Pageant

The Central Committee of the Baptist General Convention of Texas has sponsored a statewide program of activities during the year of 1936. A pageant depicting the life and work of Texas Baptists for one hundred and three years was produced by the Centennial Committee. The name of the pageant is "Give Me Texas." The script was actually produced by a member of the Centennial Committee, Dr. J. M. Dawson, pastor of First Baptist Church, Waco. Other pageants and plays have been produced by local groups in various sections of the State and have been given with great interest and profit. The production and showing of the official Texas Baptist Centennial pageant "Give Me Texas" at Mineral Wells during the Baptist General Convention of Texas and at the Seminary, has been made possible by the generous gift of a member of the committee, Mr. William Fleming of Fort Worth. Texas Baptists were thrilled when the pageant was given in Mineral Wells the evening of November 11, 1936. The Baylor University Little Theater, famed for its artistic productions, used its most experienced players including Kathleen Cole, who

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HARDIN-SIMMONS U. MAKING EXTENSIVE PLANS FOR B. T. U. CONVENTION

By Edward Dugan

Hardin-Simmons University, recovered from Homecoming festivities last week-end, commenced to set its beautiful forty acres in order this week for the 46th annual B. T. U. convention, scheduled to open in the spacious auditorium of First Baptist Church, Abilene, Thursday morning November 26, at 10 o'clock.

In addition to furnishing talent for convention programs and offering an intersectional football battle, the famous West Texas Baptist institution will be host to many young people during the three-day period. Although all three dormitories are nearly full this fall, hospitality of the university and students themselves will make possible housing of several of the visitors in each of the halls. Classes will not be in session during the convention because of Thanksgiving holidays but within all probability the majority of the students will remain on the campus for the Hardin-Simmons - Morningside gridiron clash November 27.

Entertainment features involving "Cowboy" talent lead off with the music festival in the university auditorium the night of November 25. Hardin-Simmons' contributions include the world-famous Cowboy Band under the direction of Marion B. McClure, the Hardin-Simmons Male Quartet, Hardin-Simmons Girls Quartet, Hardin-Simmons Choral Club under the direction of Mrs. Lola Gibson Deaton, and the Hardin-Simmons University Orchestra under the direction of Herbert M. Preston.

The colorful Cowgirl organization in their purple and gold uniforms, boots and ten gallon hats will usher during the convention assemblies, Dr. R. A. Collins, convention chairman and dean of students, reports.

Thousands of the delegates are expected for the gridiron classic November 27 starring Coach Frank Kimbrough's Cowboys and the strong Morningside College Methodists from Sioux City, Iowa.

The key-note address will be delivered by Dr. W. R. White, pastor of

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B. T. U-PERS COMING

On Wednesday of next week thousands of B. T. U. workers from every section of Texas will turn their faces toward Abilene for the annual B. T. U. convention. Abilene considers it a great privilege to have the opportunity to be host to this large group of young people and their sponsors. If there are those of our readers who are pessimistic over the moral and spiritual condition of this present generation of our young people, a visit to Abilene on Thanksgiving Day will do a lot toward counteracting this pessimism. Abilene will welcome with glad hands "Big Chief" Gardner, and these throngs of young people from all over Texas.

BACK HOME AGAIN

Two large audiences attended the services of the First Baptist Church, Abilene, last Sunday. The morning crowd paid tribute to the twenty-first anniversary of Pastor M. A. Jenkens. Surely these have been years of fruitful toil. Later on will have more to say about Dr. Jenkens' ministry in Abilene. At the Sunday night service Dr. L. R. Scarborough told of the trip he made recently to South America. Dr. Scarborough was licensed by the Abilene church, and it was here he preached his first sermon, and labored as pastor at a time when his great leadership was greatly needed in the west.

THE BAPTIST CONVENTION

The meeting of the Baptist General Convention of Texas was one of the best held in many years. The meetings of the W. M. U. and Pastors and Laymens Conferences reached many high tides, and these great spiritual feasts created a splendid atmosphere for the meeting of the Convention proper. The B. T. U. Convention material in this week's West Texas Baptist has crowded out the Convention reports, but we plan to give our readers, from time to time, some of the highlights of the Convention.

It would be hard to pick out the high point of the Convention. Several sermons were preached and they were all messages that stirred the souls of the messengers. The Convention sermon by Dr. W. H. McKenzie of Austin, the sermon by Dr. Harold Tickett of Galveston on "Bible Baptists," the address by Dr. Truett on "Baptist and the Present World Outlook," and the sermon on "The Deity of Christ," by Dr. E. D. Head of Houston, together with the reports of the great spiritual awakening on the foreign fields brought by Drs. Maddry, Scarborough and Truett, brought to the great audiences one sacred holy hour after another.

THOUSANDS SEE BAPTIST EXHIBIT AT CENTENNIAL; PAGEANT AT CONVENTION

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played Mrs. Sam Houston in Cavalcade and has the same role in "Give Me Texas." Paul Baker, instructor in Baylor University Speech Department, gave general direction to the pageant. The entire cast was in especially designed costumes. Attractive scenery and lighting effects were provided.

The Baptist Exhibit

As one entered the Hall of Religion at the Centennial Central Exposition, he was immediately attracted by the colored baloptican (4'x6') slides of our Baptist pioneers, early churches, first missionaries, founders of institutions and present institutions executives and buildings. There on the screen one could see pictures of our pioneer churches, pioneer preachers, missionaries, Baptist leaders, schools, hospitals, denominational leaders, orphans' home, book store, and Relief and Annuity Board executives. It is gratifying to the Centennial Committee to know that the Baptist exhibit was, indeed, one of the most attractive exhibits at the Centennial Exposition in Dallas.

The official hostesses in the Hall of Religion estimated the daily attendance at the Baptist exhibit had reached as many as ten thousand on many special days. The attendance during the normal period of the exhibit averaged approximately two hundred per hour or two thousand four hundred per day. The Centennial Committee is to be congratulated upon its choice of the official hostesses, Mrs. E. F. Lyon, Mrs. C. W. Tibbs and Mrs. May Vaughan. They have been faithful, efficient and courteous throughout the period of the Exposition.

From all available records, it appears that between one-half million and six hundred thousand people visited the Baptist exhibit during the Centennial Exposition.

Centennial Literature

The special literature produced during the Centennial Year to tell the story of Texas Baptists was the Centennial Issue of the Baptist Standard, Dr. F. M. McConnell, editor; a 450-page book, "The Centennial Story of Texas Baptists," Dr. L. R. Elliott, editor; a 24-page booklet "Texas Centennial Celebration" by Dr. T. C. Gardner; an elaborate pageant "Give Me Texas" written by Dr. J. M. Dawson and directed by Paul Baker; special edition of the West Texas Baptist, Rev. Sam Malone, editor, and other district papers and publications.

HARDIN - SIMMONS U. MAKING EXTENSIVE PLANS FOR B. T. U. CONVENTION

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First Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, Okla., Thanksgiving morning. This will be followed by the convention sermon which is to be delivered by Dr. W. Marshall Craig, pastor of Gaston Avenue Baptist Church, Dallas. Mr. R. A. Springer, Amarillo, president, and Dr. R. A. Collins, convention chairman, are expecting 7,500 people to attend the convention. The convention will meet in seven divisions.

WHERE TO STAY IN ABILENE

Hilton Hotel	Tourist Hotel
Wooten Hotel	Grande Lodge
Grace Hotel	Abilene Courts
Fincher Hotel	Camp Selma

Camp Laudau

The Hilton, Wooten and Grace Hotels have agreed that where three or more people stay in a room, the price will be $1.00 each.

Private Homes

Abilene is a city of good homes. Messengers and visitors attending the convention may secure bed and breakfast in the homes for 75c a day, where as many as two stay in the room. The ones who do not care to eat breakfast in the homes may secure beds for 50c a day.

Write Dr. R. A. Collins, Hardin-Simmons University, or direct to hotel, tourist camp or boarding house for reservation.

B. T. U. HAD BEGINNING IN 1888 WITH BROADWAY BAPTIST CHURCH, FT. W.

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(1888-1891).

2. Baptist Young People's Union (1891-1931).

3. Baptist Training Service (1931-1934).

4. Baptist Training Union (Since June 6, 1934).

In the year of 1916 there were only 552 B. Y. P. U.'s with a combined membership of 16,554 in Texas. This number has increased year by year until we now have 8,279 unions with a combined membership of 166,029.

State B. T. U. Program

We believe thoroughly in a definite, positive, constructive and challenging program. The State B. T. U. convention has adopted such a program each year since 1916. We now present a program not only for each year but also one for five years. We recognize the fact that if we reach our five-year goals, we must reach them one year at a time. The truth of the matter is, we must work at our task daily, weekly, monthly and annually; it is our purpose to present a program to each association that will serve as a guide for organization activities and development. It is also our purpose to utilize the associational organization as a means of promotion.

The Five-Year Program

The Five-Year Program for the B. T. U. of Texas was first adopted by the executive board of the B. T. U. convention, then adopted by the convention. It is as follows:

1. **Suggested General Objectives of Five-Year Program.** (1) To establish the Baptist Training Union more thoroughly in the thinking of our people as the church program for training all church members and as an essential element in the Christian educational program of every Baptist church.

(2). To make substantial progress in the enlistment of all our people in all of our church and denominational life through a permanently effective means of enlistment; namely the training process.

(3). To present God's challenge to our young Christians to see the demands of the new day with a complete dedication of their lives to the Master in any life calling into which he might direct them, and to be ready at all times to respond to his call to preach the gospel at home or in the uttermost part of the earth, or to enter any other field of Christian service as a vocation.

(4). To fortify our people with the truth and to equip them better through Christian training to meet the issues—social, racial, economic, political, and religious—of the complex age in which we live.

2. **Suggested Specific Objectives.**

Training Unions (gen. or) 2,500	In Texas 4-1-'36	5-Year Goal
Training Unions (gen organization)	2,500	3,513
Individual Unions	8,279	10,700
Enrollment	166,079	200,000
Beginner Unions	400	600
Primary Unions	876	1,200
Junior Unions	1,570	2,000
Intermediate Unions	1,720	2,220
Senior Unions	2,215	2,700
Adult Unions	1,368	2,000
Assnl. Training Unions	108	108

State B. T. U. Growth

In the first paragraph of this report, we referred to the beginning days of the Baptist Training Unino —1888. At that time only one Training Union organization was functioning. It was for seniors and young people. The organization has been enlarged until it now makes its appeal to every member of the family. We believe that every church should set up and maintain a fully graded Baptist Training Union. We also believe that an effort should be made to enlist one hundred per cent of the members of the church in the work of the Baptist Training Union. The whole church supporting the Baptist Training Union would be a good slogan for every church to adopt.

The statistical report for the past year is:

Number of association-wide B. T. U. revivals held, 62.

Number church meetings conducted 496.

Total number diplomas and seals issued by State B. T. U. Dept. 41,709.

Number new unions organized 753.

Number new adult leaders and sponsors secured 2,249.

Number men and women who volunteered a week's service 1,649.

Student workers used 395.

Number new B. T. U. members enrolled 7,493.

Total number B. T. U. tithers 69,879.

Total number unions in Texas, 8,279.

Total number enrolled in organization 166,079.

CONVENTION SPEAKERS



REV. FRED EASTHAM,
Pastor First Baptist Church,
Wichita Falls, Texas

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in Building an Adult Union.—Leo E. Waite, Lubbock.

5. Building the Adult Union During the Week Through the Missionary Committee.—Maye Bell Taylor, Haskell.

6. Providing Adequate Social Activities For Adults During the Week, a Factor in Building Adult Unions.—Carl Head, San Antonio.

10:00—Adjourn for General Assembly in Auditorium.

Friday Afternoon, November 27

2:00—Song Service.

2:15—Address: "I Will Build My Church by Inspiring My Members to Do Personal, Individual, Conversational Soul-Winning Work."—Dr. McKinney Norman, Waxahachie.

2:45—Address by Dr. T. L. Holcomb, Nashville, Tennessee.

3:15—Conference Theme: "Cooperation and Coordination."

1. The Relation of the Adult Union President to all Other Union Officers.—H. P. Black.

2. The Relation of the Adult Union Vice Presidents to Other Officers and Membership Committeemen.—J. M. Cook, Abilene.

3. The Relation of the Bible Drill Leader to Instruction Committee and all Union Members.—Willis J. Ray, Littlefield.

4. The Relation of Recording Secretaries to Individual Union Members, Departmental and General Secretaries.—J. L. Pollard, Austin.

5. The Relation of Corresponding Secretaries to the Social Committeemen and Other Individual Men Members.—Mrs. Lake Pylant, Austin.

6. The Relation of the Treasurer to Missionary Committeemen and Other Officers.—J. B. Crockett, Fort Worth.

4:15—Adjourn.

SENIOR PROGRAM

St. Paul Methodist Church

Troy V. Campbell, San Antonio, Presiding Officer.
Shelby Collier, Dallas, Music Director.
Miss Emma Joiner, Abilene, Pianist.
Convention Motto: "I Will Build My Church."—Jesus.

Scripture: "Jesus loved the church and gave himself for it . . . That he might sanctify and cleanse it . . . That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but it should be holy and without blemish."—Ephesians 5:25-27.

Song: "I Love Thy Church, O God."—(Page 103 "American Hymnal").

Theme: "The Whole Church Supporting the Baptist Training Union."

Aim: "A Fully Graded Training Union in Every Baptist Church in Texas."

Thursday Afternoon, November 26, 1936

2:00—Song Service.

2:15—Address: "The Faith of the Gospel," or "The Baptist Faith"—Rev. J. R. Grant, San Angelo.

2:40—Music.

2:45 — Address: "The Furtherance of the Gospel" or "The Baptist Obligation to Carry the Faith of the Gospel into All the World."—Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, Fort Worth.

Appoint a committee to bring suggestions for the 1937 Senior Oratorical Contest to the Friday afternoon meeting.

3:15 — Conference Theme: "Essential Elements in Building Senior Unions."

1. The Value of Attractive Senior Union Programs in Building a Senior Union—H. O. Rothell, Dallas.

2. The Necessity of Enlisting and Training All Prospective Senior Union Members.—E. A. Scarborough, Wichita Falls.

3. The Importance of Keeping Accurate Records in Building a Senior Union.—Miss Frances A. Lee, Fort Worth.

4. The Place of Social Activities in Building a Senior Union.—Mrs. Lake Pylant, Austin.

5. The Influence of Bible Reading and Study in Building Senior Union.—Mrs. W. L. Pitts, Dallas.

6. The Challenge to Adopt God's Plan of Giving and Serving in Building a Church.—Miss Louise Hash, Mildred.

7. The Value of Attractive Programs in Building College Unions. — David I. Casey, Lubbock.

4:15—Adjourn.

4:20—Meeting of Oratorical Contest Judges.

Thursday Night, November 26, 1936

7:00—Song Service.

7:15—Address: "I Will Build My Church by Training Church Members to Witness for Christ."—Rev. Luther J. Holcomb, Louisville, Kentucky.

7:35—Conference Theme: Committees:

1. Program (Presidents and Group Captains).—W. H. Souther, Fort Worth.

2. Membership (Vice Presidents).—W. A. Harrell, Nashville, Tennessee.

3. Missionary [Treasurers).—John K. Durst, Seminary Hill.

4. Instruction (Bible Readers' Leaders).—Mrs. Philip C. McGahey, Houston.

5. Social (Corresponding Secretaries). — Mrs. Lake Pylant, Austin.

6. Records that Record (Recording Secretaries).—W. T. Rife, Dallas.

8:25—General Assembly.

8:30—Songs.

8:40—Special Music.

8:45—Address: "I Will Build My Church by Training the Young People to Live for Christ."—Rev. A. D. Foreman, Jr.

9:10—Adjourn.

Friday Morning, November 27

9:00—Song Service.

9:10 — Conference Theme: "The Work of Training Union Officers During the Week."

1. The Necessity of the Weekly Business Meeting in Building a Senior Union.—Miss Maurine McKenzie, Iraan.

2. The Value of Visitation and Personal Contacts in Building a Senior Union.—Roland Leath, Fort Worth.

3. The Value of Exploitation of Records in Building a Senior Union.—Freeland Murphy, Houston.

4. Building the Senior Union During the Week Through the Missionary Committee.—Ira M. Powell, Big Spring.

5. Importance of Planning Attractive Bible Drills.—Harold T. Moore, Stephenville.

6. Providing Adequate Social Activities for Seniors During the Week a Factor in Building a Senior Union.—Mrs. Lake Pylant.

7. The Importance of a Weekly Business Meeting in Building College Unions.—Woodson Armes, Seminary Hill.

10:00—Adjourn for General Assembly in First Baptist Church Auditorium.

Friday Afternoon, November 27

2:00—Song Service.

2:15—Address: "I Will Build My Church by Cooperation and Coordination."—W. A. Harrell, Nashville, Tennessee.

2:40—Music.

2:45—Address: "I Will Build My Church by Training in Stewardship."—Robert Jolly, Houston.

3:15—Conference Theme: "Cooperation and Coordination."

1. The Relation of the Senior Union President to all Other Union Officers.—H. P. Black.

2. The Relation of Senior Vice Presidents

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B. T. U. GENERAL PROGRAM

First Baptist Church, Abilene

Motto: "I Will Build My Church."—Jesus.

Scripture: "Jesus loved the church and gave himself for it—that he might sanctify it and cleanse it—that he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish."—Ephesians 5:25-27.

Song: "I Love Thy Church, O God."—(Page 103 "American Hymnal.")

Theme: "The Whole Church Supporting the Baptist Training Union."

Aim: "A Fully Graded Training Union in Every Baptist Church in Texas."

Presiding Officer—R. A. Springer, Lubbock, President.

State B. T. U. Director and Treasurer—T. C. Gardner, Dallas.

Song Leader—Prof. I. E. Reynolds, Seminary Hill.

Organist—Ruby C. Morris, Abilene.

Pianist—Mrs. James Daugherty, Nocona.

Thursday Morning, November 26, 1936

8:00 to 10:00—Registration.

9:45—Organ prelude by Ruby C. Morris.

10:00—Convention called to order by R. A. Springer.

10:05—Music directed by Prof. I. E. Reynolds, Ruby C. Morris, organist; Mrs. James Daugherty, pianist. Prayer.

10:20—Welcome address by Dr. M. A. Jenkens, Abilene.

10:30—Response by Rev. Mark H. Richards, Franklin.

10:40—Music.

10:45—Keynote address "I Will Build My Church"—Dr. W. R. White, Oklahoma City, Okla.

11:15—Music.

11:20—Presentation of conference leaders by T. C. Gardner.

11:30—Convention Sermon—"A Thanksgiving Message"—Dr. W. Marshall Craig, Dallas.

12:10—Adjourn for Thanksgiving Dinner.

The Convention will meet in nine sections this afternoon.

Thursday Night, November 26, 1936

Convention meeting in seven sections.

Joint session of Administration, Adult and Music conferences.

7:00—Song Service and Prayer.

7:15—Address: "The First Missionary," by Baker James Cauthen, Fort Worth.

7:40—Music.

7:50—Address: "The Centennial Story of Texas Baptists," by Dr. J. M. Dawson, Waco.

8:20—Music.

8:25—Greetings from Dr. J. D. Sandefer, President of Hardin-Simmons University.

8:35—Music.

8:40—Address: "I Will Build My Church By Following God's Plan," by Dr. R. C. Campbell, Dallas.

9:10—Adjourn to visit exhibit rooms and to attend the music festival.

Friday Morning, November 27, 1936

9:00 to 10:00—Simultaneous conferences.

10:00—General Assembly at First Baptist Church.

Music Directed by I. E. Reynolds.

10:10—Address: "I Will Build My Church By Training For Service," by J. Earl Mead, Dallas.

10:35—Presentation of the 17th District B. T. U. Presidents. (We suggest that people sit by districts that morning.)

10:45—Address: "I Will Build My Church By Living the Christ-Like Life," by Fred C. Eastham, Wichita Falls.

11:10—"Texas B. T. U. Achievements."—T. C. Gardner.

11:40—Announcements and Music.

11:50—Address: "I Will Build My Church By Being Faithful and True to God," by Dr. T. L. Holcomb, Nashville, Tennessee.

12:30—Adjourn.

Friday afternoon the Convention will meet in nine sections.

Friday Night, November 27, 1936

Convention meeting in seven sections.

Joint session of Administration, Adult and Music conferences.

First Baptist Church Auditorium.

R. A. Springer, Presiding.

7:00—Song Service and Prayer.

7:15 — "The B. T. U. A Soul-Winning Agency," Evangelist A. C. Maxwell.

7:40—Music by Hardin-Simmons University.

7:55—"Enlisting and Training Adults in the Adult Union," A. A. Brian, Plainview.

8:15—Music.

8:30—Address by Dr. W. R. White.

9:10—Adjourn to visit exhibit rooms and attend music festivals in lobbies of Hilton and Wooten hotels.

Saturday Morning, November 28, 1936

9:00—Music. Prayer.

9:15 — Address: "Religious Conditions in China," by Dr. J. T. Williams, Shanghai, China.

9:40—Master Swordsman Contest conducted by Miss Helen Gardner.

10:10—Stories by Beginner and Primary State Winners, presented by Mrs. T. C. Gardner.

10:20—Exhibition of Junior Memory Work, conducted by Miss Betty Hazlewood.

10:30—Election of Officers, H. O. Rothell chairman nominating committee.

10:35—Time and Place of 1937 Convention—Clarence S. Johnston, Cleburne, chairman of committee on time and place.

10:40—Resolutions, Rev. Alton Reed chairman of committee on resolutions.

10:45—Texas Baptist Encampment Trustees, Rev. P. C. McGahey, Houston, chairman of committee to nominate Encampment trustee.

10:55—Address—Dr. S. G. Posey, Austin.

11:00—Address: "Youth on the March for Morals and Temperance," Dr. H. H. Hargrove, Vernon.

11:30—Music.

11:35—Presentation of State Winners in Senior Oratorical Contest—Dr. A. C. Miller.

11:45—Music.

11:50 — Closing Address: "The Thrill of Touring Our Mission Fields," Dr. L. R. Scarborough, Seminary Hill.

12:25 — Awarding of Efficiency Banners, Attendance Banners, and Recognition of all winners in the six state contests.

12:30—Adjourn.

B. T. U. CONVENTION PROGRAM

BEGINNER PROGRAM

First Baptist Church

Mrs. M. L. Wattenbarger, Commerce, Presiding Officer.

Mrs. Troy V. Campbell, San Antonio, Director of Music.

Mrs. Harvey Nelson, Dallas, Director of Story Telling Contest.

Mrs. Wilson Little, Abilene, Pianist.

Convention Motto: "I Will Build My Church."—Jesus.

Scripture: "Jesus loved the church and gave himself for it . . . That he might sanctify and cleanse it . . . That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish."—Ephesians 5:25-27.

Song: "I Love Thy Church, O God."—(Page 103 "American Hymnal").

Theme: "The Whole Church Supporting the Baptist Training Union."

Aim: "A Fully Graded Training Union in Every Baptist Church in Texas."

Thursday Afternoon, November 26, 1936

2:00—Song Service and Prayer.

2:15—Play, "Baby Moses," directed by Mrs. W. C. Miller and Mrs. Lee Kincaid, First Baptist Church, Abilene.

2:30—Special Music.

2:40—Story—Mrs. Troy V. Campbell.

2:50—Music.

2:55—Introduction of conference leaders.

3:00 — Conference Theme: "A Successful Sunday Evening B. T. U. Program Helps To Build A Church."

I. An inspiring departmental program with:

1. Appropriate songs.
2. Five minute surprise program.
3. Bible story by a child.
4. Necessary announcements.

II. A union program that is interesting.

1. Bible drill.
2. Group Program.
3. Records that are accurate.
4. Leaders ten minutes that have been prepared in advance.
5. Bible story told by a child each Sunday.

1. For Leaders and Sponsors.—Mrs. Joel Ferguson, Fort Worth, leader; assisted by Mrs. W. M. Joslin, Albany, and Mrs. Judson Prince, Hamilton.

2. Program for Children.—Mrs. John King, Lubbock, assisted by Mrs. Lee Kincaid, Abilene.

3:45—Demonstration by Mrs. John King and assistants.

3:55—Discussion of the story telling contest rules by Mrs. Harvey Nelson, followed by a meeting of the judges.

4:15—Adjourn.

Thursday Night, November 26, 1936

7:00—Song Service, Prayer.

7:15—Story, Mrs. M. L. Wattenberger, Commerce.

7:25—Special Program by Beginners Union of First Baptist Church, Sweetwater, directed by Miss Ione King.

7:45—Talk On Better Programs and Recognition of Winners in the Better Programs Contest, by Mrs. T. C. McGregor, Dallas.

8:00—Conference Theme: Week-day Activities of B. T. U. Members Help to Build A Church.

1. Daily Bible Readings.
2. Studied Lesson.
3. Enlistment.
4. Keeping Up With Absentees.
5. Socials.

I. For Leaders and Sponsors, Mrs. Fletcher Royal, Center Point, assisted by Mrs. Harvey Nelson.

II. Program For Children, Mrs. Judson Prince, Hamilton, assisted by Mrs. W. L. Rodgers, and Mrs. W. M. Joslin.

9:00—Demonstration by Mrs. Prince and assistants.

9:10—Adjourn.

Friday Morning, November 27, 1936

9:00—Song Service and Prayer.

9:10—State Beginner Story-Telling Contest, conducted by Mrs. Harvey Nelson.

9:55—Adjourn for Meeting in Convention Auditorium.

Winners will be announced by Mrs. Nelson Friday afternoon.

Friday Afternoon, November 27, 1936

2:00—Song Service, Prayer.

2:15—Announcements of Story Telling Winners by Mrs. Harvey Nelson.

2:25—Stories by the three winners.

2:40—Special program by University Baptist Church, Abilene.

2:50—Conference Theme: The Weekly Business and Program Planning Meeting Helps to Build a Church.

1. Time and Place—At the Church.
2. Standard of Excellence.
3. Written Reports.
4. Poster Suggestions.
5. Time and Place for Election of Officers.
6. Duties of Officers.
7. Tithing.
8. Variation of Programs and Bible Drills.

I. For Leaders and Sponsors.—Mrs. M. L. Wattenberger, leader, assisted by Mrs. Raymon Collier.

II. Program for Beginner Children.—Mrs. W. L. Rodgers, leader, assisted by Mrs. Ola Harlan, Abilene.

3:50—Demonstration by Mrs. W. L. Rodgers, assistants and children.

4:00—Adjourn.

Friday Night, November 27, 1936

7:00—Song Service and Prayer.

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B. T. U. CONVENTION PROGRAM

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7:15—Story by Mrs. Fletcher Royal, Center Point.
7:25—Special Program by Beginners Union of First Baptist Church, Abilene.
7:45—Talk on "The Elementary Department of the B. T. U."—Mrs. T. C. McGregor.
8:00 to 8:50—Conference Theme: "New Program for the New Day."
1. Pre-requisites to a good program.
2. Some program variations.
3. Programs for leaders and sponsors during the week and on Sunday.
4. Worship or departmental programs (when planned and by whom).
5. Reverence essential to good programs.
I. Leaders and Sponsors—Mrs. Troy V. Campbell, San Antonio, assisted by Mrs. Joel Ferguson.
II. Childress—Mrs. Harvey Nelson, Dallas.
8:50—General Assembly.
Music.
9:00—Demonstration by Mrs. Harvey Nelson and assistants.
9:10—Adjourn.

PRIMARY DEPARTMENT

First Baptist Church Educational Building
Mrs. J. A. Derrick, Timpson, Presiding Officer.
Mrs. John Josey, Amarillo, Director of Music.
Mrs. John Fisher, Waco, Director of Story-Telling Contest.
Miss Fernetta Foley, Abilene, Pianist.
Motto: "I Will Build My Church."—Jesus.
Scripture: "Jesus loved the church and gave himself for it . . . That he might sanctify and cleanse it . . . That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish."—Ephesians 5:25-27.
Song: "I Love Thy Church, O God."—(Page 103 "American Hymnal".)
Theme: "The Whole Church Supporting the Baptist Training Union."
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Thursday Afternoon, November 26, 1936

2:00—Song Service and Prayer.
2:20—Address: "How to Enlist the Children in the Primary Union."—Mrs. John Josey.
2:30—Music.
2:40—Story—W. D. Somtag, Waco.
2:50—Song.
2:55—Introduction of Conference Leaders.
3:00 — Conference Theme: "A Successful Sunday Evening B. T. U. Program Helps to Build a Church."
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1. Variation of Bible Drills.
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3. Records that are accurate.
4. The leader's ten minutes that has been prepared in advance.
5. Bible and missionary stories.
1. For leaders and sponsors—Mrs. J. W. Mason, Pearsall, leader, assisted by Miss Katie Pope, Dallas, and Mrs. Doyle Brooks, Brownwood.
2. Program for Children—Mrs. Raymond Collier, Sterling City, leader, assisted by Mrs. John M. Riddle, Wichita Falls.
3:45—Demonstration by Mrs. Raymond Collier, and assistants.
3:55—Discussion of the Story-Telling Rules by Mrs. John Fisher, Waco, followed by a meeting of the judges.
4:15—Adjourn.

Thursday Night, November 26, 1936

7:00—Song Service.
7:15—Story, Mrs. J. W. Mason, Pearsall.
7:25—Special Program by Primary Union of First Church, Abilene, directed by Mrs. W. C. Miller and Mrs. Lee Kincard.
7:45—Talk on Better Programs and Recognition of Winners in Better Program Contest by Mrs. J. A. Derrick.
8:00—Conference Theme: Week-day Activities of B. T. U. Members Help to Build a Church.
1. Daily Bible Readings.
2. Studied Lesson.
3. Enlistment.
4. Keeping up with Absentees.
5. Socials.
I. Conferences for Leaders and Sponsors.—Mrs. Merle McCracken, Amarillo, leader, assisted by Mrs. Earnest Woody, Ballinger, and Miss Helen McCartney, Houston.
II. Program for Children. — Mrs. W. C. Miller, leader, assisted by Mrs. M. K. Simpson, Lubbock and A. V. Hathaway, Munday.
9:00—Demonstration by Mrs. W. C. Miller, leader, and assistants.
9:10—Adjourn.

Friday Morning, November 27, 1936

9:00—Song Service and Prayer.
9:10—State Primary Story-Telling Contest Conducted by Mrs. John Fisher, Waco.
9:55—Adjourn for meeting in Convention Auditorium.
(Winners will be announced by Mrs. Fisher Friday afternoon).

Friday Afternoon, November 27, 1936

2:00—Song Service.
2:15—Announcement of Story-Telling Contest Winners.—Mrs. John Fisher.
2:25—Stories by the three winners.
2:40 — Special Program—Primary Department of First Baptist Church, Stephenville, Miss Connie Dear, Director.
3:00—Conference Theme: The Weekly Business and Program Planning Meetings Help to Build a Church.
1. Time and place.
2. Standard of Excellence.
3. Written reports.
4. Poster suggestions.
5. Time and place for election of officers.
6. Duties of Officers.
7. Tithing.
8. Variation of Programs and Bible Drills.
I. Conference for Leaders and Sponsors led by Mrs. John Fisher, Waco, assisted by Mrs. C. N. Heasley, El Paso, and Mrs. Joe Hankins, Childress.
II. Conference for Primary Children led by Mrs. Merle McCracken, assisted by Mrs. W. C. Miller.
3:50—Demonstration by Mrs. McCracken and assistants.
4:00—Adjourn.

Friday Night, November 27, 1936

7:00—Song Service.
7:15—Story by A. U. Hathaway.
7:25—Special Program by Primary Union of University Baptist Church, Abilene, Miss Ola Harlan, Director.
7:45—Talk on "The Elementary Department"—Mrs. J. Ralph Grant, San Angelo.
8:00—Conference Theme: "New Programs for the New Day."
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II. Program for Children. — Mrs. John Josey, assisted by Mrs. J. Ralph Grant.
9:00—Demonstration by Mrs. John Josey and assistants.
9:10—Adjourn.

CONVENTION SPEAKERS



REV. W. CLYDE HANKINS,
Tabernacle Baptist Church,
Ennis, Texas

B. T. U. CONVENTION MUSIC

I. E. Reynolds

DID YOU KNOW? That the most helpful music program ever arranged in connection with a religious convention or conference, through which those in attendance can give expression to their religious emotions in the most worthy way, has been planned as a vital part of the B. T. U. convention, which is to be held at Abilene, Texas, Nov. 26-28, 1936.

DID YOU KNOW? That special music conference will be held as follows: Thursday, Nov. 26, 2:00-4:30 P. M.; Friday, Nov. 27, 9:00-10:00 A. M.; and Friday afternoon, 2:00-4:30, with these themes discussed by some of the most competent leadership in these fields, "Building the Music Program for B. T. U.," "The Music Leadership for B. T. U.," and "The Type and Character of Music to be Used in B. T. U." Also at each conference round table discussions will be held.

DID YOU KNOW? That the Fine Arts Department of Hardin-Simmons University has been requested to present a great "get-together" music program Wednesday evening, Nov. 25, at 7:30 P. M. at which time the noted Cowboy Band, conducted by Marion B. McClure; the Hardin-Simmons Orchestra, conducted by Herbert M. Preston; the Boys Quartet, the Girls Quartet and Choral Club, conducted by Mrs. Lola Gibson Deaton will appear.

DID YOU KNOW? That the Fine Arts Department of Hardin-Simmons University has invited representatives from other denominational institutions to appear on this get-together program as guest artists, and those having accepted this invitation are as follows: Baylor University, Mary Hardin-Baylor College, Howard Payne College, Marshall College, Wayland College, San Marcos Academy, and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary with several yet to be heard from.

DID YOU KNOW? That plans are being made for these same music representatives from the various institutions and churches to be heard at noon-day meetings in the various shops and business houses of Abilene during the convention days.

DID YOU KNOW? That plans are being made for a splendid chorus choir, composed of resident and visiting musicians, and a fine orchestra in addition to the organ and piano to assist in the leading of the congregational singing and to bring special selections.

B. T. U. CONVENTION PROGRAM

INTERMEDIATE DEPARTMENT

First Christian Church
Miss Helen Gardner, Dallas, Presiding Officer.
E. A. Scarborough, Wichita Falls, Music Director.
Miss Etewanda Riddle, Abilene, Pianist.
Motto: "I Will Build My Church."—Jesus.
Scripture: "Jesus loved the church and gave himself for it . . . That he might sanctify and cleanse it . . . That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish."—Ephesians 5:25-27.
Song: "I Love Thy Church, O God."—(Page 103 "American Hymnal).
Theme: "The Whole Church Supporting the Baptist Training Union."
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Thursday Afternoon, November 26

2:00—Song Service.
2:15—Departmental Assembly Program by Intermediate Union of First Baptist Church, Abilene Mrs. J. D. Riddle, directing.
2:30—Special Music.
2:35—Address: "The Meaning of Church Membership."—By Robert Jolly, Houston.
Appoint a committee to bring suggestions for 1937 Intermediate Sword Drill Contest to Friday afternoon meeting.
3:05—"Building the Training Union Through the Intermediate Department." — W. H. Souther.
3:15—Conference Theme: "Essential Elements in Building Intermediate Unions."
1. Enlistment and Training Through Organization.
2. Individual Development by Utilization.
3. Interesting Programs by Variation.
I. Intermediate Members:
Age 13—Joe Davis Heacock, Fort Worth.
Age 14—Miss Mary D. Taylor, Winters.
Age 15—Miss Elsie Hampton, Port Arthur.
Age 16 — Miss Mary Lou Dunn, Seminary Hill.
II. Leaders and Sponsors of Intermediates:
Age 13—Miss Maurine McKenzie, Iraan.
Age 14—Miss Everitt Whitlock, Paris.
Age 15—Miss Floy Barnard, Seminary Hill.
Age 16—Miss Helen Gardner.
4:15—Adjourn.
4:20—Meeting of all judges and conductors of State Intermediate Sword Drill Contest. Rules will be discussed by Miss Helen Gardner.

Thursday Night, November 26, 1936

7:00—Song Service.
7:15—Special Music by Intermediates of Trinity Baptist Church, Abilene; Rev. Virgil Reynolds, pastor.
7:25 — Conference Theme: "Functioning Committees."
1. Personnel of Committees.
2. The Time and Place of Committee Work.
3. The Work of the Committees During the Week.
I. Intermediate Members:
Age 13—Mrs. F. A. Hollis, Putnam.
Age 14—Miss Ruth Adams, Ennis.
Age 15—Mrs. J. W. Marshall, Handley.
Age 16—Mrs. A. Hope Owen, Quanah.
II. Leaders and Sponsors of Intermediates.
Age 13—Miss Floy Barnard.
Age 14—Miss Helen Gardner.
Age 15—Mrs. Leon Price, Dallas.
Age 16—Mrs. J. D. Grey, Denton.
8:25—General Assembly and Report from Conferences. Song Service.
8:35—"The Value of Program Variation."—Miss Maurine McKenzie, Iraan.
8:45—The Address by Rev. Clyde Hankins, Ennis — "Witnessing For Christ in Church Life."
9:10—Adjourn.

Friday Morning, November 27, 1936

9:00—Song Service.
9:10—"The Spirit of the Intermediate Sword Drill Contest."—Rev. Kelly Barnett, Talpa.
9:20—State Intermediate Sword Drill Contest, directed by Miss Helen Gardner.
Contest Conductors
Age 13—Frank Mills, Dallas.
Age 14—Mrs. J. W. Marshall.
Age 15—Mrs. R. H. Tharp, Houston.
Age 16—Miss Helen Gardner.
9:45—New Intermediate Choruses.
9:50—Report of Judges in State Intermediate Sword Drill Contest.
10:00—Adjourn for General Assembly in First Baptist Church auditorium.

Friday Afternoon, November 27, 1936

2:00—Song Service.
2:15—Address: "The Challenge of Missions," by Mrs. B. L. Lockett, Africa.
2:45—Special Music.
2:50—Address: "The Intermediate Department An Evangelistic Opportunity," by Rev. Neal Ellis, San Antonio.
3:15—Conference Theme: "Cooperation and Coordination."
1. Relation of departmental officers to general training union officers.
2. Relation of departmental officers to union officers.
3. Relation of individual union officers to the union members.
4. Relation of the intermediate union to the church.
I. Intermediate Members:
Age 13—Mrs. J. D. Riddle, Abilene.
Age 14—Mrs. P. C. McGahey, Houston.
Age 15—Miss Virginia Martin, Jacksonville.
Age 16—E. A. Scarbrought.
II. Leaders and Sponsors of Intermediates:
Age 13—Mrs. R. H. Tharp.
Age 14—Mrs. Fred Betry, Dallas.
Age 15—Mrs. J. W. Marshall.
Age 16—Miss Helen Gardner.
4:15—Adjourn.

Friday Night, November 27

7:00—Song Service.
7:15—Program of Intermediate Union of Elmdale Baptist Church, near Abilene, Rev. Finis A. Williams, pastor.
7:35—Conferences:
Theme: The Duties of Individual B. T. U. Members During the Week.
1. Daily Bible Reading and Study.
2. Study the Whole Lesson Every Week.
3. Visitation, letters, phone calls.
I. Intermediate Members:
Age 13—I. E. Lonzino, Corpus Christi.
Age 14—Rev. Luther J. Holcomb, Louisville, Kentucky.
Age 15—Miss Ione King, Sweetwater.
Age 16 — Rev. Edgar H. Ratliff, Corpus Christi.
II. Leaders and Sponsors of Intermediates:
Age 13—Joe Davis Heacock, Fort Worth.
Age 14—Miss Mabel Elrod, Dallas.
Age 15—Leo E. Waite, Lubbock.
Age 16—Miss Nola Hasty, Texarkana.
8:30—General Assembly. Music.
8:35—Address: Mrs. J. T. Williams, Shanghai, China.
8:50—Address by Dr. S. G. Posey, Austin.
9:15—Adjourn.

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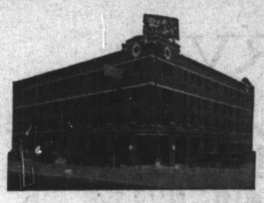
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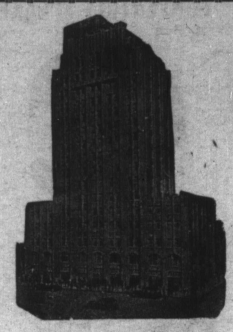
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B. T. U. CONVENTION PROGRAM

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to the Other Officers and Membership Committeemen.—Mrs. J. D. Grey, Denton.
3. The Relation of Recording Secretary to Individual Union Members, Departmental and General Secretaries.—Joe Parks, Jr., Dallas.
4. The Relation of the Bible Drill Leader to Instruction Committee and All Union Workers.—Miss Lora Hicks, Brady.
5. The Relation of Corresponding Secretary to the Social Committeemen and Other Individual Union Members.—Carl Head, San Antonio.
6. The Relation of the Treasurer to Missionary Committeemen and Other Union Officers.—Shelby Collier, Dallas.
7. "I Will Build My Church by Training College Students in the B. T. U."—Mrs. T. C. Gardner.
4:15—Adjourn.

SENIOR ORATORICAL CONTEST
Friday Night, November 27
St. Paul Methodist Church

7:00—Song Service led by Shelby Collier, Dallas.
7:15—Spirit of the Contest. — Dr. A. C. Miller, Belton.
7:30—Orations by Contestants. Five State Winners Will be Chosen.
Age 17—Kelly Barnett, Abilene.
Age 18—Rev. P. D. O'Brien, Colorado.
Age 19—Rev. A. D. Foreman, Jr., San Angelo.
Age 20—Dr. H. H. Hargrove, Vernon.
Age 21—Dr. N. A. Moore, Abilene.
The five contests will be conducted simultaneously.
Music by college quartets while judges are tabulating reports.
Reassemble in auditorium for announcements and reports.

JUNIOR PROGRAM
Central Presbyterian Church
Mrs. A. Adamick, Smithville, Presiding.
Rev. J. W. Mason, Handley, Music Director.
Clarence Johnston, Cleburne, Pianist.
Motto: "I Will Build My Church."—Jesus.
Scripture: "Jesus loved the church and gave himself for it . . . That he might sanctify and cleanse it . . . That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish."—Ephesians 5:25-27.
Song: "I Love Thy Church, O God."—(Page 103 "American Hymnal").
Theme: "The Whole Church Supporting the Baptist Training Union."
"Aim: "A Fuly Graded Training Union in every Baptist Church in Texas."
Thursday Afternoon, November 26, 1936
2:00—Song Service.
Prayer.
2:15 — Group program demonstration by Junior B. T. U. of Calvary Baptist Church, Abilene, Mrs. J. M. Dean, Director.
2:45—Special Music.
2:50—Address: "Witnessing for Christ." by Rev. Guy Newman, Waco.
Appoint a committee to bring suggestions for 1937 Junior Memory Contest to Friday afternoon meeting.
3:15—Conference Theme: "Essential Elements in Building Junior Unions."
1. Enlistment and Training Through Organization.
2. Individual Development by Utilization.
3. Interesting Program by Variation.
I. Conference for Junior Members.
Age 9—Miss Mary Frances Moore, Abilene.
Age 10—Mrs. Randall Odom, Dallas.
Age 11 — Miss Verna Lee Carson, Fort Worth.
Age 12—Mrs. Curtis C. Smith, Waco.
II. Conference for Leaders and Sponsors.
Age 9—Miss Corinne Curtis, Brownwood.
Age 10—Miss Nola Hasty.
Age 11—Mrs. A. Adamcik, Smithville.
Age 12—Miss Betty Hazelwood, Dallas.
4:15—Adjourn.
Thursday Night, November 26, 1936
7:00—Song Service.
7:15—"Building the Baptist Training Union Through the Junior B. T. U. Department."—J. W. Marshall.
7:25—Conference Theme: Functioning Committees.
1. Personnel of Committees.
2. Time and Place of Committee Work.
3. The Work of the Committee During the Week.
I. Junior Members:
Age 9—Mrs. W. T. Billups, Winters.
Age 10—Mrs. Judson Prince, Hamilton.
Age 11—Joe Parks, Jr., Dallas.
Age 12—Miss Mary Frances Moore.
II. Leaders and Sponsors of Juniors:
Age 9—Mrs. W. H. Russell, San Antonio.
Age 10—Mrs. A. Adamcik.
Age 11—Miss Nola Hasty.
Age 12—Mrs. H. A. Pender, Abilene.
8:25—General Assembly and Reports from Conferences.
8:30—Music.
8:35—Special Music.
8:40—Address by Dr. T. L. Holcomb, Nashville, Tennessee.
Friday Morning, November 27
9:00—Song Service.
9:10—"The Spirit of the Contest."—Mrs. A. Adamcik.
9:20—State Junior Bible Memory Contest Directed by Miss Betty Hazlewood.
Contest Conductors
Age 9—Miss Hasty.
Age 10—Rev. Don O. Covington, Kenedy.
Age 11—Mrs. A. Adamcik.
Age 12—Miss Betty Hazlewood.
9:55—General Assembly and Music.
10:00—Adjourn for General Assembly in First Baptist Church Auditorium.
Friday Afternoon, November 27, 1936
2:00—Song Service.
2:15—Departmental Assembly Program by Junior B. Y. P. U. of University Baptist Church, Abilene, directed by Miss Ola Harlan.
2:35—New Junior Choruses.
2:45—Address by Dr. W. M. Wright, Paris, "Witnessing For Christ by the Service We Render."
3:10—Announcements.
3:15—Conference Theme: "Cooperation and Coordination."
1. Relation of Departmental Officers to General Training Union Officers.
2. Relation of Departmental Officers to Union Officers.
3. Relation of Individual Union Officers to the Union Members.
4. Relation of the Junior Union to the Church.
I. Junior Members:
Age 9—Miss Louise Hall, Marshall.
Age 10—Miss Brake of Sweetwater.
Age 11—Rev. James Abernathy, Comstock.
Age 12—Mr. Weekley Bradford, Dallas.
II. Leaders and Sponsors:
Age 9—Mrs. George Chamlee, Longview.
Age 10—Mrs. H. M. Smith, San Antonio.
Age 11—Mrs. E. E. Bradford, San Angelo.
Age 12—Miss Betty Hazlewood.
4:15—Adjourn.
Friday Night.
7:00—Song Service.
7:15—Address: "Witnessing For Christ In China." Mrs. J. Williams, Shanghai, China.
7:35—Conference Theme: "The Duties of Individual B. T. U. Members During the Week."
1. Daily Bible Reading and Study.
2. Study the Whole Lesson Every Week.
3. Visitation, Letters, Phone Calls.
I. Junior Members:
Age 9—Miss Hazel Moseley, Marshall.
Age 10—Mrs. Horace Early, Brownwood.
Age 11—Mrs. John Scott, Pampa.
Age 12—Mrs. H. A. Pender.
II. Leaders and Sponsors.
Age 9—Mrs. A. Adamcik.
Age 10—Mrs. C. E. Roark, Plainview.
Age 11—Mrs. Randall Odom.
Age 12—Clarence Johnston.
8:35—General Assembly for Song Service and Reports from Conferences.
8:45—Address: "Witnessing For Christ in Our Daily Lives," by Dr. W. F. Ewton, Spur.
9:10—Adjourn.

MUSIC CONFERENCE
First Presbyterian Church
Prof. I. E. Reynolds, Presiding Officer.
Thursday Afternoon, November 26
"Building the Music Program for B. T. U."
2:00—Devotion, Song, Scripture, Prayer—Rev. Ramsey Pollard, Tabernacle Baptist Church, Fort Worth.
2:15—"What is the Purpose of Music in B. T. U.?"—T. C. Gardner.
2:35—"In the Light of Bible Ideals and Standards and Present-day Music Appreciation, Should Music Programs be Built According to Needs or Desires?"—J. D. Riddle, Abilene.
2:55—"How Should B. T. U. Music Programs be Built?"—L. E. Payne, Gladewater.
3:25—Round Table Discussion.
4:30—Adjourn.
Friday, 9:00-10:00 A. M.
The Music Leadership For B. T. U.
9:00—Devotion, Song, Scripture, Prayer—Dr. Albert Venting, Cleburne.
9:15—The Qualifications of the Music Director—A. G. Pritchett, Kilgore.
9:35—"The Qualifications of the Accompanist"—Roland Leath, Fort Worth.
9:50—Adjourn for General Assembly in First Baptist Church.
Friday Afternoon
2:00—Devotion, Song, Scripture, Prayer—Rev. C. E. Hereford, First Baptist Church, Lubbock.
2:15—What Type of Congregational Music Should Be Used?"—Troy Campbell San Antonio.
2:35—"What Should Govern the Type and Character of Special Music Used—Vocal or Instrumental?"—Leo E. Waite, Lubbock.
2:55—"Will the Young People Respond to a Good Grade of Music Program?"—H. P. Black, Waco.
3:15—Round Table Discussion.
4:30—Adjourn.

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