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Eliasville Church Was Organized In 1883, Says Writer

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Each community has within itself points of special historical interest. It was near the present picturesque village of Eliasville on the Clear Fork of the Brazos that Parson Tackitt, a pioneer Methodist preacher, and his sons battled with the Indians near Tackitt mountain, even years before the Donald brothers established a corn and flour mill at the present site of the town which really marks its beginning. This mill, still in operation and built during the middle seventies, enjoyed a patronage that extended out to seventy-five and a hundred miles distance.

This article, however, has to do in the main with the establishment of the first Baptist church of Eliasville which may be best told by quotations from the organization minutes.

"Know all Baptists by these presents that Elders G. W. Black and L. J. Crutcher, missionaries of the General Association of Texas and of the Red Fork Association conjointly did on Wednesday, the 19th day of September, 1883, according to the custom of our churches and the teachings of the Word of God, constitute at Donnell's mill a church of Christ, and extended to them the hand of fellowship composed of the following members, to-wit: Mrs. E. E. Whitmore, Mrs. Malissey De Long, Mrs. Mary Williams, Mrs. Mary Parsons, Mrs. Sarah H. Webb, Mrs. Harriett Long and Mr. E. De Long, Henry Long, Walter Long, Rolley De Long, J. J. Williams, and Miss Emma Long."

The organization meeting was presided over by Elder L. J. Crutcher, who was called as the first pastor. On motion it was unanimously agreed that Bro. Henry Long, being an ordained deacon, be elected to serve the church in the important office of deacon. Gus Long was elected church clerk.

A series of revival services conducted by Elders Black and Crutcher followed the church organization. The following members united on a profession of faith, "all of which were baptized by Elder Crutcher in the beautiful waters of Clear Fork, and received the hand of fellowship at 11 o'clock services Sunday:" Misses Ellen De Long, Ditha Williams, Bell Long, and George V. Long, and J. Q. Long.

A constitution, church covenant, and declaration of faith were duly adopted. That it was missionary in purpose is attested by the statement, "That we will contribute liberally of our means as the Lord may prosper us for the maintenance of public worship among us and a faithful evangelical ministry of the Word both at home and abroad."

According to the minutes, not a great deal of business was attended to at the early conferences. Invariably the "peace of the church" was called for. There seemed to be but few cases of discipline, quite a contrast to other frontier village churches where drunkenness and dancing were usual sins to be dealt with. About \$75 per annum was the average salary of the pastors. The minutes refer to the local body as the "Baptist Church of Christ." All older Baptist remember that this usage was common among Baptist churches a half century ago. The appellation has been dropped by Baptist, but of recent years has come into common usage by a branch of the Disciples church.

Besides the members already mentioned, the following people held membership with the Eliasville Baptist church during the first years of its existence: Mrs. G. H. Long, Mrs. Elbert Long, Mrs. S. H. Long, Mrs. J. J. Williams, F. M. Ballwin, and wife, Nancy T. De Long, Henry Jackson, Ann Jackson, Martha Yancy, Mary E. Yancy, Mary A. Long, Martha De Long, Mary M. Nelson, E. E. Moore, Charles Lee Nelson, Robert E. Singleton, W. B. Smith, Manada Smith, Peat De Long, Martha F. De Long, W. L. Hefner, Mrs. S. J. Hefner, Maggie Hefner, Catharine Singleton, C. D. Yancy, Maggie Bradley, Delia Whitmyre, Tabitha Allen, Elizabeth Robertson, A. J. Mc. Murtry, and D. A. Ford.

RAMBLING REMARKS

Dick O'Brien

I am encouraged to renew my contributions to this column since two of its three readers have told me they missed it last week and the week before. . . . If we made remarks about all the things we have seen and experienced in our recent ramblings it would require an entire issue of the West Texas Baptist, and we hardly feel justified in asking for that much space. . . . Our revival here at Colorado resulted in about 40 conversions and nearly that many additions. Brother James again pleased our folk with his pointed, scriptural, fervent messages. He is a most satisfactory pastor-evangelist. His preaching and personality leave lasting fruits wherever he ministers. We deeply sympathize with him in the recent loss of his father, who died at his home in Elmer, Okla. This sad incident kept Brother James from the Houston convention. . . . We enjoyed the fellowship of Pastors A. A. Watson, C. C. Scott, of Westbrook, and L. L. Trott, of Sweetwater, to the convention. That double "A," double "C," and double "L," sounds like a roll call of New Deal legislation. You could not find a finer group to travel with than these three men. One of the greatest blessings of a convention is the fellowship with preacher friends. . . . Ten pastors from the Mitchell-Scurry attended the convention. Pastors L. L. Hays, Snyder; G. W. Parks, Hermleigh; James Easterwood, Roscoe; Charlie Mathis, Horns Chapel; H. B. Naylor, Payne Chapel; Olen Wealch, Fairview; C. C. Scott, Westbrook; W. S. Brown, Buford; Dean Elkins, Champion; and myself. It will easily average 500 miles from every part of our association to Houston, which means more than ten thousand miles in the aggregate traveled by these pastors, which is a good indication of the deep interest these men have in their pastorates. . . . I wanted to contact a certain brother during the convention. I was first told that he had gone out to see the ship channel, or out to look over Rice Institute. Later I was informed that he had gone to visit the San Jacinto battle field, and still later that he had planned to make these side trips the following day and was somewhere about the convention hall. After searching the halls, lobbies, book room and sidewalks, I finally decided to try the auditorium, and sure enough he had gone to Galveston. . . . W. C. Williamson of Stanton, who was recently called to the church at Looney, has declined the call and will remain with his churches in Martin County. His work there has shown growth little short of miraculous. This leaves three good half time churches still pastorless in our association. Looney, near Colorado, Bethel, south of Lorraine, and Pleasant Valley, north of Lorraine. . . . Last week we had one of the best worker's meetings we have ever had in the Mitchell-Scurry association. The session was held at Lorraine and a very fine spirit prevailed throughout the day. We had as visitors Brother Lawrence Trott and E. D. Dunlap of Sweetwater. Our district missionary, Willis J. Ray, led the discussion on "Echoes From the Convention." The convention seemed to have made a deep impression on a number of our younger pastors who attended for the first time. . . . Monday night of this week a very successful Brotherhood meeting was held in the basement of the First Baptist Church, Sweetwater. Pastor Dunlap and his men invited the men from other churches in this section to attend the meeting, which was a banquet followed by musical entertainment and a superb address by Mr. Ollie B. Webb. Some of us had heard Mr. Webb many times, but it was generally agreed that he gave his greatest address to these 200 men. Virgil Reynolds of Trinity Church, Abilene, directed the music, and gave several special piano numbers. I never saw anybody that punished a piano keyboard like he does, and from the sounds emanating from its inwards it seemed that he makes the instrument like it. And I am sure his listeners do. . . . We are about to leave for Breckenridge where we have the honor of speaking before the Brotherhood of the First Baptist Church. We are looking forward with keen pleasure to the privilege of being with Dr. Pond, and his fine group of men, including Judge Welch, who is the efficient president of the district brotherhood. . . . We join with the thousands of friends of Dr. Lee R. Scar-

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Thanksgiving

The Prophet Isaiah said, "Sing, O heavens: and be joyful O earth; and break forth into singing, O mountains: for Jehovah, the Lord, hath comforted His people, and will have compassion upon his afflicted." The Psalmist said: "Every day will I bless thee; and I will praise thy name for ever and ever." Again this same writer declared, "O give thanks unto Jehovah; for He is good; for His loving kindness endureth forever. Praise him for his mighty acts; praise him according to his excellent greatness."

As we come to the day set aside by our government as a day of thanksgiving and praise, our thoughts carry us back to the pioneer days of our early forefathers. Their lot was a hard one. Heroically they fought and conquered the wilderness under circumstances that would utterly dishearten this modern pleasure-seeking and ease-loving generation. In the midst of all of their adversities they took time to proclaim a day of thanksgiving and praise to God for His manifold blessings.

The hymn, "Count Your Many Blessings," admonishes us to take stock and see the manifold blessings God has bestowed upon us today. Surely they are many, and especially in this section of the country. It seems our country is emerging from a long drawn out financial depression. As an ally to this depressing experience we have had two or three years of devastating drought. This year, however, nature has again bestowed upon us generous rains and our people are now in the winding up of a bountiful harvest.

In the midst of these bountiful blessings let us not forget to give thanks to God for all his benefits towards us. With the Psalmist let us say: "Every day will I bless thee; and I will praise thy name for ever and ever." And in the midst of these material blessings let us not forget Him who, with redeeming love brought salvation to all who will believe. With Paul let us say, "Thanks be unto God who giveth us the victory through Jesus Christ our Lord."

BIBLE TELLS STORY OF HOW ETHIOPIANS BECAME CHRISTIANS

Ethiopia, land of strange contrasts, was one of the first civilized nations on earth.

It was the first Christian country; developed early a simple, legible and easily understandable language; and has successfully defended itself against conquests for about 7,000 years, according to Dr. John P. Harrington, ethnologist of the Smithsonian Institution.

Dr. Harrington has spent considerable time in the little African empire studying its language, habits and customs. His respect for it is matched only by his admiration for the people and the progress they have made.

Bible Reports Conversion
The record of the beginning of Ethiopia conversion to Christianity is found in the Bible itself where the 27th verse of the eighth chapter of Acts relates that the Ethiopian minister of finance was converted by St. Phillip five years after the crucifixion.

About 195 years later the entire country was Christian with a large priesthood and the Bible and other religious literature translated into Ethiopian, a language much older than the Hebrew in which the Bible was written, Dr. Harrington says. It has remained Christian down to the present.

Only once in its 30 centuries of existence has Ethiopia been threatened as it is now. About 1600 A. D. the Mohammedans conquered Egypt, changing the language and religion of that country, but their efforts to control Ethiopia were stopped. About 1100 B. C. the country paid tribute to Egypt but was only nominally under control of the Pharaohs.

Language of the Free
Because of their heritage of freedom, the Ethiopian refers to his tongue as "lessawa geghez," meaning language of the free, Dr. Harrington says.

"The Ethiopian language did not take the primitive Semitic alphabet over without change," he remarks. "The Ethiopian modification of that alphabet was a real invention."

Dr. Millard A. Jenkins of the First Church, Abilene, made an airplane trip to Nashville this week to attend a board meeting of the Sunday School Board. He expects to return to Texas in time to attend the B. T. U. meeting at Dallas this week-end.

Brother J. C. Scott has accepted the associational mission work of the Throckmorton - Young Association and has been on that field since the first of October. He did some mission work in that section last year, and the Throckmorton-Young Association decided to make it possible for him to give his full time to the work this year.

CHRISTMAS SEAL SALES WILL BEGIN TODAY

By A. Schaeffer, Jr.

Continuing a custom that is now almost traditional in American life, Christmas Seals will appear again throughout the nation on Thanksgiving Day. From then until Christmas they will make their silent plea for aid for the tuberculous.

For more than a quarter of a century the National Tuberculosis Association and its 2,000 affiliated units throughout the country have been waging war against this disease. They point out startling facts about it that deserve the attention of every one.

Although progress has been made in the fight, tuberculosis is still the greatest cause of death in this country between the ages of 15 and 45. The annual toll is approximately 70,000 men, women and children—more than twice as many persons as are killed in auto accidents.

One and one-half times as many young women as young men between the ages of 15 and 24 are victims. It causes an annual economic loss to the nation of nearly one billion dollars.

The work, financed by Christmas Seal funds, is varied, but it is all directed toward the discovery of unknown cases of tuberculosis, securing treatment for them, and educating the public in basic facts about the disease so they will know how to protect themselves from it. Education of the public is the fundamental purpose of the organization. The National Tuberculosis Association declares that if modern knowledge about the disease were properly applied by the public, tuberculosis could be wiped out almost overnight; all present deaths from the disease are totally unnecessary. Educational work is therefore unceasing and includes the distribution of literature and posters, lectures, radio broadcasting, the showing of motion pictures and lantern slides, exhibits and other devices.

Nursing service is frequently the major activity. Many associations conduct clinics at which tuberculin tests for children and chest examinations for adults are given. Tuberculin testing of children, which reveals whether tubercle bacilli are within the body regardless of whether active disease has developed, has assumed new importance in recent years. X-rays are given when the physical examination or tuberculin tests indicate the possible presence of active disease. Rehabilitation work—assisting the tuberculous patient to discover his most productive activity and to secure adequate training in

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Missions Our Missions

By Mrs. J. W. Ware

(Address given Young People's night of Sweetwater Association at First Church, Abilene, Oct. 9).

Missions and evangelism are synonymous terms. Their meaning is the same. Evangelism is the heralding of the glad news of a living Savior to a lost world. Missions is the proclaiming of this same gospel to all peoples, regardless of race. Could we not say, then, that evangelism is missions at home and missions is the evangelism of those far away? We surely could not feel that either is more important than the other. Both are pre-eminently important; both, the crowning challenge of every age! Jesus said, "The field is the world." Therefore, missions should be the impassioned mission of every regenerated heart!

Missions should motivate a Christian's thinking, his being, his serving! The Holy Spirit does not impel us all to "go," but He does urge us all to give Christ such pre-eminence in ourselves that missions will motivate our living, whether it be in the school, the field, shop, home or elsewhere.

If Christ has this preeminence, we will ever have time to do His work. The cry "I don't have time," which meets our Young People's leaders so frequently as they seek for counselors and leaders would be no more heard if every church member's time first belongs to his Lord. Every task would be filled. Every R. A. would have a faithful counselor; every Y. W. A. and every Sunbeam band, a glowing leader.

There are some things that Christians do not have time for, and there are some things which the truly consecrated heart always has time for. A little woman whom I know told an Easter story beautifully one Sunday morning in one of our churches in West Texas recently. It was told with such grace and such mastery that the audience not only felt its message but realized the earnest preparation back of it. She was a woman with a big household and many duties. After the service a well-dressed woman with few responsibilities swept up to her and said,

"I liked your story! It must be wonderful to have time to do things like that!"

Have time! The little woman tried to remember how much time she had had. It was Friday, before she was asked to tell the story. Saturday morning was filled with the R. A.'s and other duties piled up, so that after dark that evening there was yet some ironing to do, a cake to bake, the children to bathe and put to bed, part of the house to be cleaned and a Sunday School lesson to be finished; yet all the while, from sing to ironing board and back again, she carried a little book with an Easter story in it, until the beautiful message was a part of herself and her soul!

It wasn't that she had so much time, but what she had, first belonged to her Lord. Missions was her mission, and she made it so—in everything!

One's strength, also, will be his. You have some strength to give your church as long as you have any for yourself. It is true that many a fervent spirit is weak, physically. It is true that many a time we all but faint at our task. But shall not they that wait upon the Lord renew their strength? O that super-strength that He gives! That power that transcends human power, that incomparable buoying force that lets us mount with wings, as eagles! Claim some of this promised strength from Him and let Him turn your weakness into pinions to rise over every mountain of difficulty!

The person who makes missions his mission, has vision to see an opportunity for service in everything that occurs. He realizes that, every moment of his activity is either a positive or a negative force in the evangelization of a lost world; that of the earth; not only now, but for all eternity.

I stood on the streets of Stamford, the 4th of July, when the annual what he does counts not only in the small circle about him but to the ends of the earth; not only now, but for all eternity. There were tall people, short people, old ones, young ones, happy and sad, a variegated stream of human personality. And I found myself seeing not the carnival of the festivity, but the deep needs of a lost mankind. I

found myself yearning after the black people whom I saw laughing on the streets; for the sober-faced Mexicans about the stands; for the Anglo-American masses, indifferent, worldly and self-confident. They all revealed even in their quest for pleasure, that insatiable longing for something for which only Christ can fill!

Why are we not more fervent about giving these people the loving, satisfying Savior, who only can fill the vacant emptiness of their hearts; who only can put radiance into their faces!

I wanted to hold a daily vacation Bible school this summer in the little tumbled down negro church across the railroad in our town. But I didn't do it; and you did not, in your town. If some member in your church so makes missions his mission, that he wants to do something for the negroes of your town—if you can't encourage him, for Christ's sake, don't discourage him!

I love foreign missions with a passionate, abiding love, and to me it is the climax of mission love. But I'm afraid that Southern Baptists are inconsistent when they send such lovely beings as Ruth Walden, Elizabeth Royth, and J. Christopher Poole to dark Nigeria with enthusiasm as we did just last year, yet we are reluctant to do anything at all for the Nigerinians at our very door! If a training school or a D. V. B. S. in one of their churches across town caused but one little dusky boy to accept the Savior, who will lift him and his race, it would be worth every hot hour you or I had given it and every dollar the work required. Nigeria has come to us, and we are too busy to care!

Floy Hawkins brought some rare linens back from China which she has been selling to help keep a little Chinese girl in school. There were small pieces, and larger ones, hand made, gorgeously embroidered and beautifully made. There was one exquisite luncheon cloth, too expensive for one to look at carefully or wish for. A group of women with whom I worked this year gave this cloth to me recently as a gift. I was overwhelmed then and am today at the meaning of it all! A few days ago I sat dreaming over the lovely cloth, fingering its folds, and it came to me that some day perchance some wistful child, three generations hence, might touch the embroidery and would, on hearing the story again of how it came into the family through the humble life of one who loved her Savior and missions, set to dreaming dreams of service and sacrifice such as I have never known.

Thus the tiniest events of today touch the years after we are gone, for Christ or against Him; now and forever, here and to farther shores. It may not be a luncheon cloth in your life that portrays what your chief interest has been the past year, the days just gone. It may be far more significant a thing, or less, but its inevitable impress is sure!

If we believe this, we will motivate the youth who are in our hands to know that the pre-eminent mission, which God put them here is to bring the Kingdom come. We will early set the world in their hearts. There is a scripture which says: "He hath built everything beautiful in his time, and he hath set the world in their hearts." Flowers are beautiful—and music—and youth! It must have been the latter that the poet had in mind when he said, "He hath set the world in their hearts."

God uses our hands to set the world needs in the hearts of little children. When I was a prairie child on the plains of New Mexico, I was only 14 when I realized—ere I was aware—that the form of a lost world was set in my heart, indelibly, irrevocably, unmistakably! Human hands had helped to put it there: the hands of a praying father and consecrated mother, and the faithful hands of some humble teacher.

Christianity has always moved forward on the feet of youth in whose hearts the world has been set. Zewendorf, that young prince who stirred all Europe of his day with his burning zeal for missions, got his impressing of world needs very early. Henrietta Hall Shook and Harriet Mewell counted it an honor to die in their young twenties for the lost world which was set in their lives in tender years, that Christ might be

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ABOUT THAT SUBSCRIPTION CAMPAIGN

As stated in last week's issue of the West Texas Baptist, the month of December has been designated as Baptist literature month in this section of the country. It is a good time of the year for this work because our people have a little extra money on hand. Frankly, we do not believe a pastor, Sunday School teacher, or other religious worker could do a more constructive work than to place the West Texas Baptist and Baptist Standard in the home of our Baptist people in this section. These papers will bring to the home each week a message of information and inspiration that will mean much to the individual Christian's life and to the cause of Christ in general. The Baptist Standard will keep the reader well informed on the general denominational work. The West Texas Baptist can be made to serve this immediate section in a way that cannot be served by any other medium. The combined price of these publications is well within the reach of practically every Baptist in West Texas.

We are offering the West Texas Baptist at the small sum of only 5 cents per month or 60 cents per year, when as many as ten subscribers are included in one club. At this price we cannot make a personal contact with the churches of this section. Neither can we place a solicitor on the field and pay a commission on this small amount charged for subscriptions. During the next few days we plan to send literature to the pastors of all our churches in this section. The success of the subscription campaign will depend upon the response of these pastors. If you are interested in increasing the circulation of this paper, just drop us a post card and we will send sample copies of the next few issues of the paper.

WHO IS A MURDERER?

Elsewhere in this issue is an article on "Road Hogs." Our pastors will do well to read it and then lend their assistance in the general campaign against speeding and reckless driving on the highways. The death rate from speeding and reckless, drunken driving on the highways of America is appalling. It is a disgrace to any so-called civilized country to have over fifty thousand people killed and many times more than that maimed for life by reckless, thoughtless drivers of automobiles. A driver who by this sort of driving kills a human being is just as much a murderer as the man who deliberately kills. A man killed by a hair-brain fool at the steering wheel of an automobile is just as dead as the man killed by a modern bandit. We feel that it is about time the good citizenship of our country rises up in its indignation and demand of the law enforcement officers that they do something about this speeding mania.

SERVING THE LORD WITH PEANUTS

Have you been eating some of those delicious parched peanuts shipped into Abilene this fall? The chances are they were made that way by Taylor McCasland of Portales, N. M. Brother McCasland sent the editor a large sack of these peanuts a few days ago and as we have enjoyed them we have thought of the fine work being done by this consecrated young Christian worker and his talented wife. Brother McCasland's occupation is serving the Lord; and to make expenses he is running a large peanut roasting business at Portales, in the heart of the famous irrigated valley in New Mexico. This young man is leading a large group of young people in the Portales church, leads the choir, sings in evangelistic meetings, and his influence for good is being felt throughout that section of the country. In a letter a few days ago Brother Mac said: "The fight against the evils of the liquor traffic you are making in the West Texas Baptist I am passing on to our young people in Portales." After all, is not our main mission as Christians to serve the Lord. Paul's main job was to serve the Lord, but he made tents to pay expenses. Carey's main business was to serve God. He worked as a shoe cobbler as he studied the maps of the world mission field and with the vision he received as he worked at his task, he started a missionary flame of fire that cried missions to the uttermost parts of the world. Ollie B. Webb is one of the high officials of one of our largest railway systems, yet his main task is to serve the Lord and his influence for righteousness is being felt all up and down the Texas & Pacific railroad. We could go on and on eulogizing the roll of consecrated men whose main business was to serve the Lord who have worked industriously and efficiently in secular work to pay expenses. This is the type of Christian that is counting most in the great laymen movement of this day. May the tribe increase.

Church Music

POINTED PARAGRAPHS
I. E. Reynolds

4. The Present Day Secular Music Program.

Secular music education is making the most rapid development of any phase of educational activity, because of the influence of the public school music system with a well outlined study course for every grade, from the ward schools through the high schools, to say nothing of the music departments of the colleges and universities. In 1930 there were 4,000,000 plus high school pupils in the United States. There were 45,000 orchestras and approximately the same number each of brass bands, glee clubs and choruses. Approximately two-thirds of these pupils were coming in contact with some phase of music development. Recitals, concerts, and the work done by private teachers must be taken into consideration. The radio is wield-

ing a tremendous influence in music instruction and appreciation. The Etude of February, 1933, states that \$100,000,000 is being expended annually for music instruction alone, instruments and other accessories for study not included. The Etude of June, 1932, says that \$500,000 is being given away in music scholarships annually. There are many national organizations working for the improvement and development of every phase of music in the home, school and church. We are rapidly growing a nation of music lovers. Our young people will derive the greatest development because of these advantages. Even now the average young person from ten to twenty-five years of age has a higher music appreciation than does the average adult. The churches are experiencing reactions as a result of this condition today and will more so in the coming years, which condition exists in the rural districts as in the towns and cities. In the future there will be churches in the country but no country churches. The district high schools, automobiles, and radios are making it necessary that we have the same sort of church programs musically and otherwise in the country churches as in the city churches. If we are to command the respect and attention of our young people we, as churches, must face these facts squarely and adapt ourselves.

READING AS A LIABILITY

By J. O. Heath

I suppose we are inclined to commiserate those who are unable to read. However, a little reflection may convince us that we are bestowing our pity on the wrong people. It is likely that some of the strongest and purest minds in our country are classed as illiterate. They are the minds whose native vigor has not been vitiated by the false and degrading in literature. Not being able to read, they can use their own minds, unhampered by anything that is printed. Yet, if the thoughts from those minds were gathered up and written into a book, the volume would contain the most original thinking that is now being produced.

I am disposed to believe that illiteracy is entitled to this lowly tribute. For where illiteracy is polluting its thousands, reading is corrupting its tens of thousands. For the social order, reading is now, largely, a mental and moral liability. Among young and old, books and magazines are being read that are exceedingly harmful. Such literature perverts the moral nature, defiles the imagination and empties the head of all clean and serious thinking.

There is no more pitiful sight than to see an immature boy or girl pouring over a "sex magazine" or some other emotionally devastating literature. It is lamentable enough when maturity has been attained. But for young people to be developed by that sort of reading is an unspeakable crime against the present and the future. It is a literature which casts a dark and disintegrating cynicism over every sacred thing. It deftly paints alluring pictures of the free life. It gives deceptive touches to the immoral and renders it attractive. It mocks the fidelity and solemnity which attend real marriage and describes the home as a drab institution which the smart have out-moded. On its pages which so fascinate the young, it skillfully represents church services as a dullness that the intelligent will not endure. That such reading is a deplorable liability cannot be doubted. For the young are led to think that the path which leads into impurity is the one that they should choose. It is a literature to be avoided. For its designs are evil, and its teaching exerts a pernicious influence over innocent and credulous minds. But it is being read and its baneful results are increasingly evident in the social life of this nation.

CONCERNING "ROAD HOGS"

The "roadhog," the reckless driver, the "get-out-of-my-way" fellow, the road owner, is responsible for the fast growing sentiment in the entire United States against automobile accidents. No meaner man or woman exists today than roadhogs. The fellow who takes everything and is unwilling to allow the other fellow half.

It doesn't matter with him if it's a baby, an old man, a mother or a child that he injures or kills just so he doesn't get caught. Reckless automobile driving is plain murder and the day is not far distant when beasts who call themselves human who murder folks in that manner will suffer the consequences of their acts.

Up to this time in the good year 1935 one hundred people have lost their lives in Dallas county alone from automobile accidents, some of them unavoidable, the majority of the cases, however, plain murder. Lives sacrificed because some fool wanted to get somewhere quick, or was drunk and not capable of driving a car. What is true in Dallas county is true all over the land. People don't care what happens, so long as they get away with their mad mania for speed.

From an article published in The Reader's Digest, "—And Sudden Death," written by J. C. Furnas, we take the following paragraphs:

"An enterprising judge now and again sentences reckless drivers to tour the accident end of a city morgue. But even a mangled body on a slab, waxily portraying the consequences of bad motoring judgment, isn't a patch on the scene of the accident itself. No artist working on a safety poster would dare depict that in full detail.

"That picture would have to include motion-picture and sound effects, too—the flopping, pointless efforts of the injured to stand up; the queer, grunting noises; the steady, panting groaning of a human being with pain creeping up on him as the shock wears off. It should portray the slack expression on the face of a man, drugged with shock, staring at the Z-twist in his broken leg, the insane crumpled effect of a child's body after its bones are crushed inward, a realistic portrait of an hysterical woman with her screaming mouth opening a hole

in the bloody drip that fills her eyes and runs off her chin. Minor details would include the raw ends of bones protruding through flesh in compound fractures, and the dark red, oozing surfaces where clothes and skin were flayed off at once.

"Those are all standard, everyday sequelae to the modern passion for going places in a hurry and taking a chance or two by the way. If ghosts could be put to a useful purpose, every bad stretch of road in the United States would greet the oncoming motorist with groans and screams and the educational spectacle of ten or a dozen corpses, all sizes, sexes and ages, lying horribly still on the bloody grass.

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EZRA'S MISSION TO JERUSALEM

Ezra 7:6-10; 8:21-23, 31, 32

GOLDEN TEXT—The hand of our God is upon all them for good that seek him. Ezra 8:22.

It has been 78 years since the first company of Jewish captives numbering 50,000 returned from Babylon to Jerusalem. Their spirituality declined; that prosperity waned; they fell into various vices; and a reform was needed. Happily the captives remaining in Babylon were more faithful to the Lord and so they now originated a movement to reform and revival in their homeland. The influence of the Jews at the court of Persia was great and it was probably not difficult for them to secure royal sanction for a second emigration of the Jews to their home in the far west. So it was that Ezra with about 7,000 of his people set out in March, 458 B. C., on a four-months' journey to Jerusalem (Ezra 7:1 to 8:36).

1. The Leader (Ezra 7)

Preparation was made by the leader. First of all, Ezra was a skilled copyist and interpreter of the law of Moses. He was also influential at court for the king readily granted his request in its entirety, although Ezra attributed it more to divine favor than to his own influence. He was able to gather about him a fine group of prominent religious leaders who could effectively co-operate with him in the reforms proposed at Jerusalem. As he faced a great new task he determined to be as capable and efficient as possible. He therefore took his mission seriously to heart. He made a special study of the law of the Lord. He made it his chief business to translate the Scripture into his own character and conduct. And he qualified himself to teach his fellow men the statutes in the Word of God.

2. The Fast (Ezra 8)

Prayer featured the fast on the eve of departure. Probably by an appointment the Jews who were to form this second body of emigrants met at the river Ahava, supposed to have been a canal in the vicinity of Babylon. Before setting out on their journey with its weariness and peril they spent a season in prayer and fasting. They desired spiritual culture and journeying mercies. With large treasure, with many children in their care, with no military escort, and with a robber-infested route of 700 miles before them, they had especial need for the divine help which they preferred to the help of the Persian Empire. Having expressed their confidence in God, they could not consistently request a guard for the journey. So their prayer was for a definite object; it was so earnest that it was accompanied with fasting; it was so humble and united and believing that Ezra had assurance of protection before the fast ended.

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Progress was made according to program. The camp on the banks of the Ahava was abandoned in March and it took them till June to reach the end of their journey. It is not unlikely that during the four months they were on the way they were threatened repeatedly by robber bands, but they were divinely delivered from them all. Finally, they reached the sacred soil of Canaan and came to Jerusalem where they rested for three days after the long journey. Then courtesies were exchanged, the treasure was properly deposited, the returned exiles made their offerings, and the reforms were inaugurated.

Prepare for Service

1. Preparation of Feelings. "Had prepared his heart." Every strand of Ezra's emotions was intertwined with the great enterprise before him. Can anybody succeed in anything without putting heart into it? The best preparation is heart preparation.

2. Preparation of Intellect. "To seek." Ezra was a Bible student. He searched the Scriptures. He knew the law of Moses. His mind was saturated with the thoughts of God.

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5. Preparation by Fasting. "That we might afflict ourselves before God." Mentality and gluttony are incompatible. Spirituality cannot thrive best in the social whirl and stir. The soul gets strength when in self-denial and devotion it keeps trust with God in the solitudes or under the open sky.

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7. Preparation by Faith. "He was intreated of us." Ezra and the 7,000 brave hearts with him placed their confidence in God. And they obtained assurance before they took a step towards Jerusalem. Faith is the victory.

8. Preparation for Activity. "We departed—to go." It was a wearisome journey. It was a dangerous way. A long time was required. Sacrifices were necessary. Ties must be severed. New alignments must be made.

9. Preparation for Antagonism. "The enemy and of such as lay in wait." No aggressive movement for good can be carried out without opposition. Animosity must be expected. The purest and the best may become targets of hate and trickery. The worker must be a warrior.

10. Preparation for Achievement. "We came to Jerusalem." The journey was over. Babylon was behind. The future lay in the holy city of their fathers. Their task was herculean. But they were ready for work and God was ready to bless.

Home Daily Bible Readings

Monday—Ezra's Purpose. Ezra 7:6-10.

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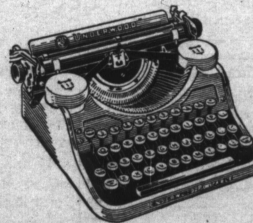
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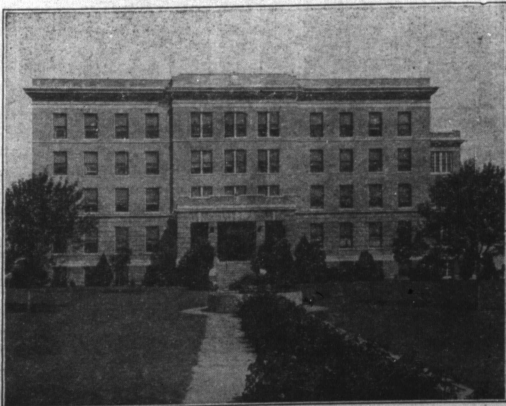
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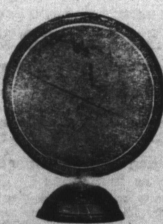
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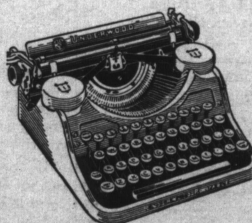
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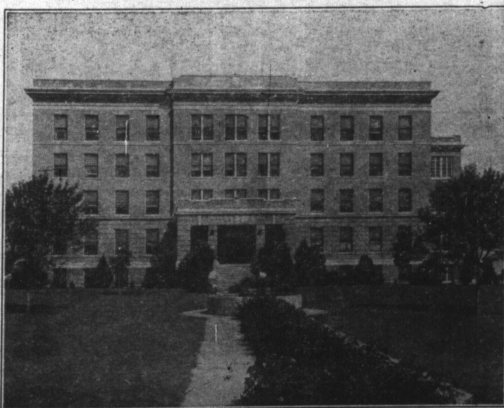
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Churches		Bethel		Valley View	
Admiral		Boyd Chapel	2.00		
Antioch		Compere	3.24	TOTOL	\$119.15
Atwell		Corinth	35.21	All churches have given one or more	
Baird		Delk	2.00	times during the year.	
Belle Plains		Fairview		Sweetwater Association	
Clyde	34.18	Flat Top	9.00	E. D. Dunlap, Sweetwater	
Cottonwood	4.68	Friendship	1.00	Abilene, Calvary	5.31
Cross Plains		Golan	7.20	First	601.11
Denton Valley	5.00	Hamlin	58.17	Immanuel	9.06
Dressy		Hannah	5.25	North Park	13.75
Dudley		Hawley	5.50	South Side	50.00
Eula	6.75	Hebron		Sunset	10.80
Oplin	3.00	Hodges		Trinity	11.59
Putnam	40.51	Lueders	44.04	University	61.15
Potosi	17.26	Mt. Pleasant	1.00	Blair	1.00
Scranton	5.53	New Hope	4.00	Blackwell	
		Noodle		Buffalo Gap	7.55
TOTAL	\$116.91	Nugent	1.50	Caps	24.50
All churches have given one or		Oak Grove	5.10	Calvary	7.38
more times during the year.		Prairie View	2.50	Cedar Gap	6.00
Cisco Association		Riverside	2.00	Hamby	
H. D. Blair, Cisco		Shiloh	5.12	Hillside	1.00
Albany	53.54	Stith	8.95	Elmdale	26.40
Breckenridge	191.89	Truby	4.12	Lawn	
Caddo	15.58	Tuxedo	30.10	Mary Neal	4.70
Carbon	15.00	Stamford, Coop. Mem.	101.00	Merkel	
Center		(Westside)		Mt. Olive	2.09
Cisco, East	11.80			Mt. Pleasant	
First	120.79	TOTAL	\$429.00	Moro	6.00
Desdemona	7.91	All of churches gave one or more		Neill	11.20
Eastland	16.50	times during the year.		Nojan (Dora)	14.00
Eolian	1.00	Stonewall Association		Ovalo	11.50
Gorman		J. S. Tierce, Aspermont		Salt Branch	10.00
Hodnut Grove	1.00	Aspermont	22.48	Shep	18.10
Ivan	2.05	Bulah	2.60	Sweetwater, First	75.50
Leon		Centerview		Lamar Avenue	10.90
Long Branch		Clairemont	16.50	Trent	5.00
Mangum		Girard	1.00	Tuscola	3.15
Merriman	5.00	Jayton	14.65	Tye	33.00
Midway		Johnson Chapel	5.62	View	3.19
Moran	14.35	Mt. Olive	1.80	White Flat	1.50
Necessity		Mt. View	1.00		
New Hope, No. 1	2.00	Old Glory		TOTAL	\$1,046.34
No. 2		Orranna	6.00	All churches have given one or more	
No. 3	13.60	Peacock	16.50	times during the year.	
Nimrod	3.00	Salt Flat	2.50	—J. HOWARD WILLIAMS.	
Olden	17.50				
Okra					
Parks					
Pioneer	13.40				
Pleasant Hill					
Pueblo					
Ranger, Central	87.98				
First					
Rising Star	32.70				
Sabanna	4.50				
Staff					
Union	2.00				
Wayland	1.00				
TOTAL	\$634.09				
All of churches gave one or more					
times during the year.					
Fisher Association					
D. G. Reid, Roby					
Barren View					
Bethel	3.50				
Cross Roads					
Cannon	6.85				
El Paso					
Highland Home	25.50				
Hitson	29.00				
Liberty					
Longworth	8.50				
McCauley	28.71				
Newman					
North Roby	3.00				
Plasterco	15.00				
Pleasant Valley	8.00				
Pledger	3.26				
Roby	32.03				
Rotan	115.30				
Royston	2.00				
Sardis	2.00				
Spring Creek	5.53				
Sylvester	19.01				
TOTAL	\$306.69				
All of churches have given one or					
more times during the year.					
Haskell Association					
W. D. Green, Knox City					
Bethlehem	5.25				
Brushy	5.50				
Cottonwood					
Curry's Chapel					
Gauntt	1.20				
Gillespie	32.75				
Goree (B. M. A.)					
Haskell, First	182.73				
Howard	4.00				
Knox City	30.63				
Munday	117.60				
New Hope					
O'Brian					
Pinkerton	5.00				
Post					
Rockdale					
Rochester	57.00				
Rule					
Sagerton	1.00				
Smith Chapel					
Sweet Home	10.00				
Tanner Paint	4.35				
Weaver					
Weinert	24.35				
Weston					
TOTAL	\$431.36				
All of churches gave one or more					
times during the year.					
Jones County Association					
L. A. Doyle, Anson					
Amity	3.86				
Anson	87.14				

Christmas Seal Sales

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this field is being given greater emphasis as a result of recent studies. Some associations maintain a preventorium. These are essentially hospitals which care for children who do not actually have tuberculosis, but who are in danger of developing it either because they are physically under par or because they live in a home in which one of the members has active tuberculosis.

At the preventorium they are built up physically with good food, plenty of rest, and supervised activity that permits adequate exercise but prohibits over-exertion.

All services are of course provided free. The varied program of work and the number of persons assisted by the tuberculosis associations during the year are a remarkable demonstration of the power of the penny, for it is all made possible by the sale of Christmas Seals for a penny each during the few weeks between Thanksgiving Day and Christmas.

Evangelist John W. Newsom of Weatherford was in Abilene a few days last week visiting a daughter. For several years he has been doing evangelistic and mission work in Oklahoma. He has returned to Texas to continue his independent evangelistic work. For many years Brother Newsom has specialized in holding revival meetings with pastorless churches. In nearly every instance where he has been with such churches, he has succeeded in leading the church to call a pastor. We know of no other evangelist who has specialized in this sort of work. Brother Newsom is sane and constructive in his

BENEVOLENCE REPORT FOR QUARTER ENDING SEPT. 30

Callahan Association. Nothing done. Chairman, Mrs. W. E. Faires, Cisco, Rt. 4.

Cisco Association. Buckner Orphan Home 1 box; West Texas Baptist Sanitarium 1 box; beneficiary, 1 offering and 1 box. Chairman, Mrs. Graton Adams, Okra.

Fisher. Nothing to report. Chairman, Mrs. Emery Scott, Rotan, Rt. 1.

Haskell. No report to make. Chairman, Mrs. D. Scott, Haskell.

Jones. Buckner Orphan Home 1 offering, \$28.50. Chairman, Mrs. Ralph Herrick, Lueders.

Stonewall. Report for associational year, ending Aug. 31, 1935: 8 talks made; Buckner Orphan Home 8 offerings, \$31.75, 7 boxes \$111.60, 1 quilt \$5.00; West Texas Baptist Sanitarium, 9 offerings, \$18.25, 8 boxes, \$24.30; relief annuity bond, 2 offerings, \$5.00, beneficiary, 4 offerings, \$8.25, 3 boxes, \$6.08. Chairman, Mrs. Guy Southern, Swenson.

Sweetwater. Buckner Orphan Home 3 offerings, \$72.13, 1 box, \$5.00; West Texas Baptist Sanitarium, 3 offerings, \$32.79, 2 boxes, \$37.00, charity fund, 3 offerings \$5.50; Min. relief 4 offerings, \$8.67, beneficiary, 1 box, \$3.15. Chairman, Mrs. W. F. Joiner, Tye.

All reports on time except Stonewall, who sent a fine annual report from her five societies in Aspermont, Girard, Jayton, Peacock and Swenson.

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The management of the West Texas Baptist is anxious to help promote our causes in this great section of Texas. Brother Pastor, won't you see that a West Texas Baptist Club is formed in your church. Won't you cooperate with us in helping to make the paper better by seeing that some one in your church sends in the news from your section. Won't you get a club started in your Church by January 1, and remember, that 15 cents will pay for a subscription to April 1.

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exalted in China and India. God bless their memory! William Carey studied a map of the continents as he cobbled shoes. No wonder he refused to sit down when the older man shouted to him, at the service that day, that the world would be saved without in his young life as he followed the threads of a loom in the Scotland factory, and he never stopped until he opened up Africa for Christ. Neither starvation, jungle, nor nameless his help. David Livingstone found a strange impress of China and Africa perils stayed him until his heart beat no more and was buried in Africa's soil. I love to think that Africa was in his heart and his heart was in Africa.

The youth of this generation who count it a joy to follow in the train of these and lose themselves in Him, are the ones in whose hearts the imprint of the world has been made deep. Shall we teach the tiny ones, too, to know its call? to be sensitive to its cry for the true God?

I made a home mission scrap book last winter. As I sat about the fire and worked with careful design on my book, our oldest little boy—six years old—sat by me and made a book of foreign missions. I helped him make maps of South America and Africa and paste them in. We wrote the names under pictures of missionaries. Hour after hour we worked together. Then one day he made a suggestion to me which was his own. He said, "Let's call this page 'What We Can Do.' Then he took a tiny picture of praying hands and asked me to help him spell correctly 'We Can Pray.' An outline of some money he pasted in next and wrote 'We Can Give.' Last at the bottom of the page I saw a little ship on a blue sea already pasted in. Under it he asked to write 'We Can Go!'"

His interest was natural and earnest, an outgrowth of things he had heard in the home and seen. Will he ever be able to remember just when the world was set in his heart? O if we might only, somehow, touch this growing generation with some tiny flame of zeal that even its smoldering presence in the next, would spread veritable mission fires! We have never yet had a truly missionary age. But could we not grow one with our own hands and hearts, if we ourselves were less worldly-minded and more world minded?

Dr. Maddy's recent report on foreign missions has startled all Southern Baptists with the call for fifty new recruits, twenty of whom are necessary at once to fill in the broken lines of our farther fields, occasioned by the retirements and resignations of the past months. These failing hands are caused by feeble age of some and the strain of the past ten hectic years. Dr. Maddy

says that the astonishing fact is that it is not our heavy debt that is hobbling us now, but whether or not we have the young men and women the right age with the equipment and training, ready to be sent out. There is something strangely pathetic in this situation to me. With the hundreds of young people longing to go but passing the age limit; with the restrained voice with which we have called out our youth the past ten years; to arrive at this day with not enough recruits to send out?

It is a sign of triumph even in its pathos! It means a new day for missions. Southern Baptists are paying their debts, preaching the gospel, pushing forward, praying it through!

In conclusion, let us remember that it is a missionary heart that makes the missionary. Every life that makes missions its mission is a radiant evangel whose afterglow will shine down through all the years, until Jesus comes again!

RAMBLING REMARKS—

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brought in the prayer that the Great Physician will soon restore him to his normal health. . . . We are happy to welcome Rev. A. A. McHenry, of Kansas, to this section, as pastor of the church at Blackwell. It was my privilege to assist Brother McHenry in a revival at Dumas, Texas, several years ago. He is our sort. He tells me that the next Workers meeting is to be held with his church on Dec. 5. . . . The church at Loraine has about completed plans to proceed with the building of their church plant which was started several years ago. Pastor Hardin thinks they will be able to finish without debt. . . . Brother Redden, of Wayland College, preached for the church at Looney last Sunday.