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## RAMBLING

EMARKS



By DICK O'BRIEN

I suppose the subject of conversation is about the same all over America today. We are all thinking of Pearl Harbor and all the implications suggested by the action of the Japanese there even while they were pretending to be trying for a peaceful settlement with our government. This is by no means the first time a thing like this has happened. If you will turn to the 55th Psalm, verses 20-21, you will find a perfect parallel. "He hath put forth his hands against such as be at peace with him: he hath broken his covenant. The words of his mouth were smoother than butter, but war was in his heart; his words were softer than oil, yet were they drawn swords." The closing verse of the Psalm tells us that the end of all such shall be. . . I do not believe in war as a means of settling international differences, but when war is thrust upon us there is nothing left for us to do but fight, and fight to win. . . The old Methodist preacher in East Texas expressed my sentiments about the matter exactly. . . It seems that a young Methodist preacher had spoken out in his pulpit against a certain sin prevalent in his community and a citizen took great offense at the preacher's remarks. He approached the preacher and demanded an apology. The preacher refused to apologize, and repeated with some warmth what he had said in the pulpit. The offended citizen decided to whip the preacher, but came out second best in the encounter. The preacher was brought up before the annual conference accused of conduct unbecoming a minister. He was charged with fighting on the street, and unhesitatingly pleaded guilty to the charge. He said, "I did fight, and I refuse to lie about it to this church court. I would like to recount exactly what happened, then I am ready to accept the decision of this body." He went into detail in relating all the circumstances. After some discussion the conference decided to exonerate him, but mildly reprimand him, and warn him to be careful in the future. After the decision had been announced an old brother was asked to lead in prayer. With much effort he got down on his knees, and in a quivering voice peculiar to old age he began, "Lord," he said, "keep our brethren from fightin' if you can. But, Lord, if they have to fight, help 'em to whup! Amen!" If there was ever a time when America had to fight it is now, and I want them to whup, and if they need me or anything I have to get the job done my address is Stamford, Texas, U. S. A., 110 East Oliver Street, Telephone 296, Post Office Box 25.

No paper next week. The next issue will be dated January 1, 1942.

## EVENTS TO COME

- January 26-29—Training Union Emphasis Week in all associations.
- December 21-31—Christmas Holidays, H-SU.
- February 24-25—District 7 Convention, Marfa.
- February 26-27—District 8 Convention, Lamesa.
- March 5—District 17 Convention, Rotan.
- March 17-18—District 16 Convention, Coleman.
- March 31-Apr. 1—District 9 Convention, Coleman.
- April 2-3—District 10 Convention, Amarillo.
- April 3—District 11 Convention, Vernon.
- April 7-9—State Sunday School Convention, Houston.
- April 14-15—District 17 W. M. U. Convention, Stamford.

## YOUTHFUL ODESSA PASTOR TRAFFIC CRASH VICTIM

Rev. John T. Kee, 24, pastor of First Church, Odessa, was fatally injured in a traffic accident near Midland last week. He was returning, in a drizzling rain, from the marriage of his brother at Big Spring.

Killed in the same accident were State Representative Taylor White and Mrs. E. F. Edwards of Odessa. Mr. Edwards and Mrs. White were critically injured, as were two passengers in the other car involved in the collision.

Rev. Kee came into statewide prominence at the Central Convention at San Antonio in 1939 when Secretary R. C. Campbell selected him as one of three pastors of small churches which had made a notable record to speak to the convention. At that time he was the pastor at Canton. He was shortly called to Odessa.

The church at Odessa has made marvelous progress under his guidance and in spite of his youth, he was rapidly rising to a place of leadership in the denomination. At his untimely death, plans were under way for the employment of a full-time education director and many other progressive steps.

## SPECIAL DONATIONS COME FOR HOSPITAL CHARITY

By E. M. Collier

Mr. H. N. Turner gave us access to about six acres of turnips. We have already pulled and buried 65 bushels. The employees are very fond of turnips, and with the high cost of food this is going to mean a great deal toward keeping our food budget down. Brother Turner has been very generous to the hospital in the past, making a donation every few months.

### Other Donations Through Dec. 15

Mr. and Mrs. Tate May, Hamlin, recently donated \$50 to help purchase a new X-ray machine.

Mrs. O. D. Stephens, Ralls, \$1.  
Mrs. L. C. Lansford, Ralls, \$1.

Hancock W. M. U., 24 pts. canned fruit; Kellerville W. M. U., 16 jars fruit and jelly; First Baptist Church, Ralls, 12 doz. jars fruit; Denton Valley W. M. U., Clyde, 8 jars fruit and jelly, 1 can fruit, 8 wash cloths; Lueders W. M. U., 11 jars food.

## INVITE SOLDIERS TO BE CHRISTMAS MEAL GUESTS

By ALFRED CARPENTER, Superintendent, Camp Work, Baptist Home Mission Board

This is the slogan sponsoring the idea of every American home, within reach of a military center, putting at least one extra plate on the Christmas dinner table to share the meal with a man in uniform. Preferably there should be two invited as this makes it a little easier for the guests. They should be invited well in advance so they will realize that they are really wanted and not just last minute fill-ins. The chaplain or commanding officer of nearby military centers will be glad to help secure the men.

Many soldiers and sailors are far from home at Christmas time, and unable to secure holiday leave, or to finance a long trip home. They will be lonely, but being normal young men will probably be unwilling to admit it. The meals provided for them by the Army and Navy will be good meals, but an Army barrack is not a home and the most efficient, sanitary mess-hall is not a dining room and a group in uniform, no matter how congenial, cannot take the place of a home circle.

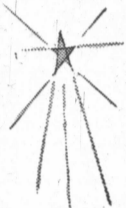
Families desiring to spread the Christmas cheer and to help our defense forces, should put the slogan in practice, "Every soldier and sailor at a Christmas dinner table." Invite two service men to share your Christmas dinner.

## WICHITA-ARCHER HOLDS GOOD S. S. CONFERENCE

There were 137 present from 19 churches in the Wichita-Archer meeting of Sunday School Emphasis Week. The session was held at Lamar Avenue Church, Monday, December 8, with J. P. Edmonds of Nashville the leading speaker. B. T. Adams is the superintendent for the association. A really profitable day with good conferences was reported.

## A Different Christmas

EDITORIAL



THIS Christmas will be quite different from any that we have ever seen. We approach the day when we are accustomed to sing, "Joy to the World," and find all the world is in a vortex of the cataclysm of sorrow of all the ages. And this sorrow of the world has now become our sorrow; this war, our war. We had a wartime Christmas in 1917, but Americans had not then fully realized that they were at war. Only the aged of our country, whose memories encompass the War Between the States, can remember a Christmas when our country was really at war and the changing times leave little relation between the two years.

WE COME to this Christmas thinking, not only of the war which girdles the globe, but of the Bill of Rights which, in this war, we defend. This bill of rights protects the three basic freedoms, religion, speech and the press. They provide for security in the home, justice in the courts and equity in government. This immortal groundwork of fundamental freedom is written into the first ten amendments to the national Constitution. Baptists had no small part in the embodiment of these rights in the basic law of the land and they will have no small part in defending them from attack at home or abroad.

THIS war is not a struggle for lands or markets or materials. It is a conflict between ideologies, one of which denies these liberties; and, wherever its arms have conquered, the most elemental of human rights have been eclipsed. While we must fight, and are now fighting to maintain these principles, we must recall that they cannot be defended or maintained by force of arms alone. Except we deserve these rights through spiritual fitness as well as earn them by physical prowess, we will find that we have fought for soap bubbles that perish in our grasp.

SO, AS we approach this strange Christmas, if we would retain and conserve the values which make our land and our institutions worth dying for, we needs must come in the spirit of the Christ who is the embodiment of love. More and more through the years, we have commercialized and paganized the day until we were in danger of robbing it of all real meaning. It is our opportunity this year to go far toward putting the Christ back in Christmas.

THIS Christmas is a day of outstretched hands of hunger and of hungering hearts. Let it be ours to bring with our gifts of bread the gift of the Bread of Life. Though the planes drone and the guns thunder and the bombs scream, may we keep our eyes on the Star and carry to our King the gold of courage, the frankincense of sympathy and the myrrh of love. Let us return from an era of super-sophistication to the simple faith of the shepherds of David's field, who lived with hearts attuned to catch the angel chorus. And let us pray for the speedy coming of that day when the world shall indeed have joy in the presence of its Lord and King.

## Will America's Christmas Honor the Prince of Peace

By C. E. Bryant, Jr.

The world is at war, but December 25 will be Christmas day this 1941 just as any other year. Perhaps the wide-spread battle fronts will be silenced for a few hours and business men will close their stores for a day of rest after the December rush.

But it is far from a Christian world this Christmas. And it will be far from the peaceful day that would glorify our Savior as the Prince of Peace. Nation will hate nation, concentration camps will continue to hold innocent prisoners, and the guillotine will claim more heads.

Abroad, the eyes of totalitarian secret agents will be trained to see if anyone within their scope bows in tribute to one greater than Hitler, Stalin, or the Mikado.

In our own America, this land founded in bloodshed for the worship of God and now at war for the preservation of that freedom, we'll more than likely be denying Christ. Instead of glorifying His name, America's civilians will indulge in merriment and feasting, materialistic comparison of gifts and dangerous highway traffic.

It will be another tragic note in Christian history.

Jan Valtin, author of the best seller "Out of the Night," who has served as foreign agent for both Russian Communism and German Nazism and now seeks shelter in America, put these fears in my mind. I was privileged to interview him on the future of Christianity in Europe, and heard him tell a sad story of right surrendered to might.

Religion in totalitarian lands today is not a thing tolerated but a thing used by the dictators in forwarding their own political programs. Predominant always is the pagan law of supreme divinity of the gov-

ernment. Protestantism has been blotted out, and Catholicism exists only as far as churches confess agreement to divinity of the dictator.

It's true, Valtin relates, that Catholic services still are held in Germany. But Gestapo agents are present to see that the church does not mess in Hitler's political pie. When the sermon is finished, a government agent rises to query the priest: "Who is greater, Jehovah or Hitler?" Demolition of the church and death of the priest is the penalty for a Christian answer.

The same philosophy dominates Japan, driving to America many months before outbreak of this Japanese-American war but one of our Southern Baptist missionaries.

"But what about the return of religion to Russia?" I asked Valtin in reference to newspaper stories concerning his native country.

"Propaganda," was his quick, clear-cut reply. That's Jan Valtin's analysis, not mine. Too, it preceded publication of announcement that 30,000 Bibles are being sent to Russia.

"What about these Christians," I asked, seeking information on Baptists and protestantism, "who have continued their worship in cellars and caves away from the military police? Can they come back after the war in a revival of religion?"

Valtin was definite in that answer, too. "If Hitler wins," he said, "they can never come above ground. If Hitler loses, at least three years of civil war will follow as factions fight for dominance. There cannot be a revival of religion for many years yet."

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## FAITH MISSION OPENED IN DOWNTOWN ABILENE

Opening last Sunday afternoon with a special welcome to soldiers, a downtown Gospel mission launched a program which will include services every night. The new project is interdenominational in character and will be known as the Abilene Gospel Mission. The location is at North First and Cedar, just across the street from the soldiers' recreation club.

Plans are to operate as a "faith" mission, depending wholly for support upon the free-will contributions of interested people.

Temporary director will be Sam Bonetati, Hardin-Simmons ministerial student who has been active in the preliminary work for the enterprise. Bonetati, an American of Italian descent, was an electrician of Galveston and was earning more than \$100 per week in the construction of Camp Hulen when he decided to enter the ministry and came to H-SU.

The management of the mission will be in the hands of an advisory board of 13, including President W. R. White of Hardin-Simmons, President Frank L. Turner of McMurry, E. P. Mead, E. S. Cummings, Walter Jarrett, Mrs. A. C. Pratt, A. M. Carpenter, Dr. E. B. Atwood, J. J. Toombs and W. E. Ledbetter. Others are to be named later.

The day to day direction will be in the hands of an executive committee composed of James Alexander, city missionary for the First Baptist Church; Joe Temple, radio evangelist, and the director.

The idea for the mission first appeared at a prayer service during a recent revival at Friendship Mission in southeast Abilene. Services were being conducted by student preachers from H-SU. The university ministerial council enthusiastically adopted the plan and raised the money to provide expenses for the first month.

The daily preaching services will be conducted largely by ministerial students. Plans contemplate using a different speaker each night. Other volunteer workers will assist in the services.

## BUSINESS WOMEN'S CIRCLE ORGANIZED AT CLYDE

A business women's circle of the Clyde W. M. S. was organized November 17 with eight members. Mrs. W. L. Sikes, W. M. U. president, presided in the organization. Mrs. L. M. Green was elected chairman of the circle, and Miss Opal Perry, secretary-treasurer. The following committee chairmen were appointed: Mrs. Jewel Swanzy, missions; Mrs. J. E. Bagwell, mission study; Miss Annabell Taylor, benevolence; Miss Evelyn Hollis, personal service; Miss Alda Nordyke, education.

The circle meets the second and fourth Monday evenings in each month in different homes. They are now studying the foreign mission book, "These Things Remain." They plan to follow the "Guide to Daily Bible Study."

## BROWNFIELD ASSOCIATION HOLDS MISSION REVIVAL

By Mrs. E. F. Lyon

Brownfield Association is taking missionary education to the rural churches.

### History

An item clipped from the Baptist Standard of June, 1937, states that "Wilson and New Home Churches participated in a W. M. U. Family School of Missions with very pleasing results." In July of 1937, Brownfield Association recommended that since this was so successful for two churches, that the churches of the association sponsor a simultaneous school of missions, each church having classes for all ages, and that their work be augmented with addresses from missionaries. This should precede the week of prayer for foreign missions and the Lottie Moon Offering. This recommendation found a ready response in the minds and hearts of the pastors of the Brownfield Association, and a committee on general arrangements was chosen. Books for each grade were decided upon and a leadership institute was held as part of the preparation.

### Method

Each church cooperating in the movement placed a sum of money in the associational treasury for expenses, including transportation for

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## EXPANSION PLAN STUDIED BY UNIVERSITY CHURCH

Pressed for room to take care of an increased attendance and an expanding program, leaders of University Church, Abilene, are giving consideration to an enlarged plant which will take care of 1,200 to 1,500 in the auditorium and furnish accommodations for 1,000 in the education building.

With more than 435 additions to its membership since Pastor Douglas Carver came here from Harlingen last April, the church facilities are taxed in all departments, and expansion is urgent, leaders point out.

The church had a \$9,000 budget a year ago, increased to \$12,000 with the coming of the new pastor. More than \$16,000 was subscribed, and payments are on the basis of \$20,000, a generous over-payment above subscriptions.

Enlargement and expansion committee at the church is headed by Hiram Arrant of the Hardin-Simmons faculty, with W. C. Ribble, chairman of the board of deacons, Dean W. A. Stephenson, Mrs. C. D. Owens, Mrs. B. Y. Lacy, Mrs. H. U. Freeman, Dr. George Gray, Luther Webb, and Sid Pass as members.

Dr. T. L. Holcomb of Nashville, Tenn., this fall visited the church plant and made expansion suggestions, and Dr. G. S. Hopkins, Dallas, has since made additional suggestions.

Still more recently, W. A. Harrell, secretary to the department of architecture of the Southern Baptist Convention, was guest at a dinner given him by church leaders, and studied the local church plant, suggesting more efficient ways to utilize its facilities.

## ATTENDANCE REPORTS FOR DECEMBER 7

There will be no West Texas Baptist issued Christmas week. In our issue of January 1, we will carry reports for both December 21 and 28. Mail a card with your Training Union and Sunday School attendance to Box 1560, Abilene, at any time during the week and it will appear the week following.

Sunday School		
Church	Enr.	Att.
Amarillo, First		1772
Lubbock, First		1257
Abilene, First		1128
Wichita Falls, First	2359	986
El Paso, First		854
Vernon, First		782
Wichita Falls, Lamar Ave.	1432	742
Brownwood, Coggin Ave.		702
Breckenridge, First		696
Borger, First		622
Odessa, First		540
Plainview, First		532
Sweetwater, First		450
Coleman, First		413
Burkburnett	718	382
Big Spring, First		345
Wichita Falls, South Side	606	312
W. Falls, Highland Hts.	758	265
Wichita Falls, North Side	480	219
Iowa Park	487	208
Merkel	324	179
Petrolia	210	125
Thrift	220	94
Johnson Chapel		32
Training Union		
Abilene, First	628	333
Breckenridge, First		164
Vernon, First		162
Sweetwater, First		154
Big Spring, First		129
Burkburnett, First	148	111
Merkel	109	71
Johnson Chapel		35

## CHESTER SWOR TO HOLD H-SU WINTER REVIVAL

Chester E. Swor, one of the most popular leaders of young people in the South has accepted an invitation to conduct the annual winter revival at Hardin-Simmons University. He will speak at First Church, Abilene, at the morning service February 1 and at University Church in the evening. On February 8 he will be at University Church in the morning and at First Church at night. During the week he will speak twice daily at the H-SU chapel.

Mr. Swor is professor of English at Mississippi College. His popularity among young people has led to his taking a leave of absence to conduct youth revivals. He was one of the headlined speakers at the recent Training Union convention at Fort Worth.

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## Sunday School Lessons

December 21, 1941

December 28, 1941

### THE COMING OF GOD'S SON

Read and Study Isaiah 9:6-7; John 1:1-4, 10-14; 1 John 4:9-11.

The coming of God's Son was promised by the prophet (Isa. 9:6-7), fulfilled in the appearance of Jesus the God-man (John 1:1-18), and accepted by every Christian as Savior from sin and Lord of life and love (1 John 4:9-11).

#### 1. Announcement of God's Son (Isaiah 9)

**THE FORECAST BY ISAIAH** sketched the sovereignty and the service of God's Son. Note two things: Advent. The coming of the Messiah was definitely foretold. Note his divine parenthood, "unto us"; his incarnation, "a child is born"; his mysterious union of deity and humanity, "a son"; and his unexampled grace, "is given." The crowning of the Messiah was vividly forecast. While his kingdom is not of this world, the governments rests upon his shoulder as its Creator and Commander. Moreover, he is now upon his mediatorial throne and will occupy it until all enemies are put under his feet. The character of the Messiah was accurately sketched. He is Wonderful in his divine personality; Counselor of inerrant wisdom; Mighty God with omnipotent power; Everlasting Father in his infinite protection and provision for his people; and Prince of Peace in his beneficent sway.

**Authority.** The government of the universe is now in the hands of God as it always has been and always will be. He is absolute monarch over every inch and atom of his illimitable creation. And yet during the present age in his administration of the world in which we live he is pleased to limit his government so as to allow men to be free in their choice of good or evil and so directly responsible for their deeds. Hence his government is capable of increase. Indeed, the Christian centuries exhibit its increase from the handful that gathered around the Master in Galilee to the myriads now scattered over the globe. And far more radiant days are ahead. Moreover, his government is one of peace. Men will be at war with each other when they are out of harmony with God. The only path to universal peace is that which leads mankind to the palace of the Prince of Peace. Under no other sway can he seething and swirling world find repose. So may the government of God increase to universality and the peace of God last to all eternity.

#### 2. Advent of God's Son (John 1)

**THE FULFILLMENT IN JESUS** revealed the glory and the grace of God's Son. Think, first of the Person: He was God. That is expressly stated. It is repeated for emphasis. Without it the entire scheme of redemption would fall to the ground. He possessed and exhibited the traits of deity. He was God eternal, for he antedated creation. But he was God manifest, for as the divine Word he embodied in himself not only the thought of God but also the expression of God. Moreover, he was God associate, for he was with God even in the beginning as distinct personality. At the same time, he was God unified, being inseparably with God from eternity's dawn. He performed the works which were possible to deity alone. He was God creative, for all things were made by him. He was God sustaining, for he is not only the source of life but also he is kept by his unfailing providence. Finally, he was God redeeming, for as the light of men he is the source and gracious giver of knowledge, righteousness, and happiness here and hereafter. Steadily and mercifully the light shines in the darkness though not appreciated by some, yet wondrously effective in the salvation of others.

Think, again, of the Purpose: The first was revelation. That is the mission of light. Nations may sit in darkness but there is joy when the Light arises upon them. To that  
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### THE CHRISTIAN'S HOPE

Read and Study John 14:1-6; Revelation 22:1-5

In his sermon on "The Last Things" Jesus pictured the judgment scene climaxing in his "Come, ye blessed" (Matt. 25:31-46), and in his farewell discourse to his disciples he promised a happy eternity in the Father's house (John 14:1-6). Paul wrote of the house eternal in the heavens (2 Cor. 5:1-10), and of the crown of righteousness awaiting him at his martyrdom (2 Tim. 4:6-8). Peter exercised a living hope of an inheritance incorruptible, undefiled, and fadeless (1 Peter 1:3-9). John glimpsed the city celestial aglow in the light of the Lamb and entering in the throne of God (Rev. 22:1-5).

#### 1. Grace from Jesus (John 14)

**HOPE THROUGH FAITH IN CHRIST** rests on his promise. Amid the gloomy forebodings of that eventful night, the disciples were filled with anxiety and alarm. Jesus spoke peace and bade the waves of their distress grow calm. The antidote of fear is an absolute confidence in God the Father and God the Son. If God's hand be upon the helm of our lives, there are no rocks that can shatter, no shoals that hinder, no storms that can submerge. On the basis of their faith Jesus drew aside the curtain so that they could see the Father's house. Heaven is where God is; it is a place of many mansions, and so there is no lack of room. It is not a glorious reality, our faithful Lord would have told us long ago. And he has himself gone to prepare a place for us. Moreover, he will return and receive us into unending association with himself.

He receives us unto himself at death when absence from the body means presence with the Lord; also and especially at his second coming, when the body shall be raised in incorruption, reunited with the redeemed soul, and taken up to be forever with the Lord in heaven. And our highest expectation of heaven is not merely that it is a place of happiness, of freedom from temptation or rest from toil or reunion with loved ones, but a place of immediate and unceasing union with our Savior.

#### 2. Guidance by Jesus (John 14)

**HOPE IN FOLLOWING AFTER CHRIST** rests on his guidance. The disciples would have known both the way and the goal before them if they had but recalled what they had heard their Master say both in public and in private. However, they knew and yet did not know. Hence, the inquiry was made by Thomas in his perplexity. He would not abandon the idea that Jesus was to be a temporal king. In answer Jesus declared that he is the way, the truth, and the life. The whole saying of Jesus, according to Hovey, declares what men may have in him, namely, the only way to God; the only perfect revelation of God; the only source of life with God. "As soon as they accept the way, they accept the truth and the life. As soon as they begin to follow the way, they begin to know the truth and to share the life. The consummate blessing is future, the incipient blessing is present." Only through Jesus can we come to the Father. As God observes, it is not in heaven that we are to find God, but in God that we are to find heaven.

#### 3. Glory with Jesus (Rev. 22)

**HOPE OF FRUITION WITH CHRIST** rests on his revelation. Look through the lenses of inspiration. There is the river of life, pure, clear, issuing from the throne. There is the tree of life bordering the river, bearing fresh fruit every month, and curing the nations with its leaves of healing. There is the throne of God central, sovereign, sublime. There is the Lamb of God who took away the sin of the world and shines away every speck of shadow from the city of everlasting light and love. There are the servants of God redeemed and rejoicing as they behold his face, bear his name on their foreheads, dwell in nightless day, and reign forever.  
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## News Notes

The quarterly meeting of the Sweetwater Association W. M. U. will be held at Immanuel Church, Abilene, on January 15, announces Mrs. J. R. Spaulding, president.

The Hardin-Simmons campus has been decorated with about 200 cactus plants of a dozen varieties. They are the courtesy of C. O. Lynch, Brotherhood president at Phoenix, Arizona, who furnished them to Gib Sandefur.

The Hardin-Simmons boys quartet will sing the theme song, "The Old Rugged Cross," for the "Cling to the Cross" program conducted by Evangelist Cleveland Autry over Station KPFL, Dublin, 1340 kc. This program is heard each Sunday morning from 9 to 9:30.

Dr. E. S. James, Vernon, and Pastor Dick O'Brien of Stamford, will be speakers at a Pastors' Retreat at San Marcos, December 29 to January 2. Others on the program include Secretary W. W. Melton, Editor F. M. McConnell, and Dr. W. H. McKenzie, Austin.

Rev. R. M. McGinnis of Gustine preached at Clyde December 14. Pastor L. S. Jenkins of Amherst is to supply on December 21.

Rev. Scott Hickey of Abilene conducted a revival at Buffalo Gap which resulted in several conversions, a greatly awakened interest and the completion of the building sufficiently for use.

Missionary J. Henry Littleton has been a patient in Hendrick Hospital for several days. He is greatly improved and will soon be back on the field.

Dr. C. E. Hereford, pastor of First Church, Lubbock, conducted a revival at Wayland College last week, preaching twice daily during the week days.

Smith Chapel Church, District 8, led the state in per capita gifts to the Cooperative Program, sending in an average of \$8.12 for each member.

Dr. Edward B. Jenkins is assisting Pastor Sam E. Brian in a study course at Wilmett December 14 to 19.

R. G. Le Tourneau spoke December 14 in Brownwood. The Sunday previous he was with Oklahoma City Baptist churches.

Dr. George W. Truett will inaugurate the Baptist hour on the radio, speaking 7:30 to 8:00 Sunday morning, January 4. Seven stations will carry the message, WFAA, Dallas, being the nearest to West Texas.

Rev. Vernon Yearby of Clint has accepted the call of Eagle Lake Church.

Rev. Frank Cheavens of Victoria has been called to Seventh and James Church, Waco. This church has been without a pastor since Dr. W. W. Melton, pastor for over 30 years, accepted the work of state executive secretary.

Pastor A. E. White of College Avenue Church, Lubbock, has been holding a revival at the Union Gospel Mission in East Lubbock.

Evangelist Truman Crouh supplied at First Church, Big Spring, December 14. It was incorrectly stated last week that he would begin a revival at that time.

Dr. W. R. White preached at Odessa, First, December 14, following the tragic death of Pastor John T. Kee.

Rev. Carl Willis preached Sunday at Brushy, Haskell Association.

Rev. Ira Harrison supplied December 14 for Pastor W. H. Albertson at Munday.

Missionary H. Leo Eddelman is now professor of Semitic languages at Baptist Bible Institute. He was formerly stationed in Palestine.

Prof. Edwin McNeely of the music faculty at Southwestern Seminary will assist First Church, Abilene, in a presentation of the Messiah, December 21.

Dr. W. R. White is to preach for the Clyde Church both services on Sunday, December 28.

Dr. W. T. Walton of H-SU preached at Clyde Sunday, December 7. The young people gave a program at night.

## BROWNFIELD ASSOCIATION HOLDS MISSION REVIVAL

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The missionary speakers. Each church financed its local school and provided its local faculty. Six foreign missionaries were engaged as speakers.

The program adopted was as follows: Sunday morning, Missionary sermons or a guest speaker in each church; Sunday afternoon, a great rally at a central point where all speakers were presented, an inspirational address given, and the school officially launched; on Sunday night, speakers were shifted. Each night thereafter classes were held for all ages in each church followed by a general assembly at which time a missionary spoke, a different one each night. These missionaries were entertained in the homes of the members and taken by automobile to their next engagements; however, some had to speak twice a night in order to make the rounds.

The regular all day Associational Workers' meeting was held on Wednesday, bringing together all teachers and missionary speakers and many others not participating in the school. The business of planning for a similar school for the next year was attended to at this meeting. On Sunday morning, a great offering for foreign missions was taken in each church, the whole church participating. That afternoon, a final rally was observed with reports on the offering, the attendance, and other results such as conversions and volunteers for special work. Prayer was made a great feature and the State Executive Secretary of Missions brought the closing address.

### Results

A report of this week's work occurs in one of the papers thus: "An experience of Grace, like that of a revival, full of joy and blessing was experienced." Most churches participating were rural and half time, but the offering was around \$1,000 in spite of rain and heavy roads. These people did not wait to complete their plans for the following year, but even engaged their speakers a year ahead for the school in 1938. This year 14 churches participated with eight missionary speakers. Tabulated results showed 2,000 people scattered over a sparsely settled territory, embracing three counties, as having studied missions. In 1939, both Home and Foreign fields were represented in their school with 11 missionaries and an increase in attendance and offerings. Only one church in this association has a membership of around 1,000 members. One other has about 600, all others falling below 300 in membership.

### The 1941 School

Recently Brownfield Association closed its fifth simultaneous School of Missions, and some were calling it "A Mission Revival." Churches participating were Brownfield First, Rev. Avery Rogers; Tokio, Rev. G. W. Lair; Ropesville, Rev. R. T. Barton; Tahoka, Rev. G. A. Dale; O'Donnell, Rev. McDonald; Challis, Rev. A. L. Hicks; Denver City, Rev. Walter Deaver; Seagraves, Rev. J. S. Rankin; Gome, Rev. R. C. Guest; Johnson, Rev. Guest; Wilson, Rev. W. H. Jackson; New Home, Rev. Collins Webb; Wellman, Rev. John H. Johns; Plains, Rev. Carroll Holtzclaw; Pleasant Hill, Rev. R. M. McSwain; Redwine, Rev. W. P. Brian; Loop, Rev. Lynn Lemon.

Meadow, Rev. R. L. Shannon, pastor, withdrew because of an epidemic, and Edith and Alfred Churches because of local conditions. The foreign missionaries who spoke were Rev. M. W. Rankin, Mrs. J. Walton Moore and Miss Wilma Weeks from China, and Miss Cecile Lancaster from Japan. Home missionaries were Rev. and Mrs. C. F. Frazier of Coolidge, Arizona; Rev. and Mrs. Luke Johnson, Indiana; Mrs. Lewis DePetro, Kansas City, Missouri; Miss Wilma Bucy, Atlanta, Georgia. Texas missionaries were Rev. Lowell Ponder, Plainview; Rev. John Abbott, Grand Falls; Mrs. E. F. Lyon, Dallas. Other speakers were Mrs. J. W. Ware, Louisville, Kentucky, writer for a Southern missionary magazine and worker among the mountaineers and Dr. Edward B. Jenkins of Abilene, world traveler and evangelist. Rev. Manuel Gonzales and Miss Francisca Chapoy brought messages about their own Mexican people.

Rev. W. H. Jackson, Rev. G. A. Dale and Rev. Collins Webb were the committee on arrangements.

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## Fear Not I Am Th

By GEORGE W. Foreign Mission

The words of the apostle come to us with fresh effectiveness. By them we are comforted and reassured. In their strength, we come to the relatives and friends of missionaries about whom we are all solicitors: "Fear not for I am with thee; be not afraid for I am thy God; I will be with thee; yea, I will help thee; and I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness."

Soon after the dreadful attack on Hawaii reached established contact with the department by telephone. Whenever information is shall forward it to the relatives of the missionaries. Dr. Maddy arrived in December 4. He had planned by the Clipper on the plane service was suspended passage on a steamship scheduled to sail on the word has been received since the outbreak of hostilities and our missionaries are safe we are reassured but when he will be we can not say.

Dr. M. T. Rankin, secretary, had planned to go for Canton on Miss Ruth Ford, who turned to the Orient, to go on the same boat not heard whether it would be to execute their terms. In addition to Dr. Rankin, 102 missionaries in the of these being in the Philippines in Japan. Fifteen representatives are at work Hawaiian mission.

The Present, Our Foreign Mission responsible for 467 active the great majority of their posts. In every of the Board's sphere of one, our representative tioning effectively until deed was done on December missionaries are our and of course Southern continue to support the prayers and their mate

Dr. Lowe spent in China as a missionary Baptists. No one more of himself into than Dr. Lowe has put the physical and spiritual his beloved adopted land of "The sad plight of ies. In these times of our mission stations are women only. Mrs. Bening on alone in Spain. her adopted people are from cold and famine Stewart, our only missionary in Manchuria, is a Since the tragic death of Phil White at Kweitung, we have seen women missionaries in China Mission. The names will call forth their safety: Misses Clifford Barratt, Katie Stribling, Addie Cox, and Mrs. Eugene Sallions in China are "m women. Even in times is not considered safe; tainly hazardous in the peril of these faithful such a time as this ca "We need to remind that our missionaries are pined territory in China tically prisoners of the vasion. These faithful Christ have suffered mental abuses, indecent

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# Fear Not Thou . . . . For I Am Thy God

By GEORGE W. SADLER,  
Foreign Mission Board

The words of the ancient prophet come to us with fresh force and effectiveness. By them we are fortified and reassured. Having found in them strength, we commend them to the relatives and friends of the missionaries about whose well-being we are all solicitors: "Fear thou not; for I am with thee; be not dismayed; for I am thy God; I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness."

Soon after the dreadful news of the attack on Hawaii reached us we established contact with the State Department by telephone and telegraph. Whenever information is available, we shall forward it to the friends and relatives of the missionaries.

Dr. Maddy arrived in Honolulu on December 4. He had planned to leave by the Clipper on the 9th. When plane service was suspended, he booked passage on a steamer which was scheduled to sail on the 13th. No word has been received from him since the outbreak of hostilities. That he and our missionaries on the island are safe we are reasonably certain but when he will be able to return we can not say.

Dr. M. T. Rankin, secretary for the Orient, had planned to leave Hong Kong for Canton on December 6. Miss Ruth Ford, who had just returned to the Orient, was scheduled to go on the same boat. We have not heard whether it was possible for them to execute their plans.

In addition to Dr. Rankin there are 102 missionaries in the Orient, eight of these being in the Philippines and one in Japan. Fifteen of our representatives are at work in the new Hawaiian mission.

### The Present, Our Concern

The Foreign Mission Board is responsible for 467 active missionaries, the great majority of whom are at their posts. In every major division of the Board's sphere of activity, save one, our representatives were functioning effectively until the dastardly deed was done on December 7. These missionaries are our pride and joy and of course Southern Baptists will continue to support them with their prayers and their material substance.

### Dr. John Lowe Speaks

Dr. Lowe spent many years in China as a missionary of Southern Baptists. No one among us has put more of himself into any enterprise than Dr. Lowe has put into meeting the physical and spiritual needs of his beloved adopted land. He writes of "The sad plight of our missionaries. In these times of war several of our mission stations are 'manned' by women only. Mrs. Bengtson is carrying on alone in Spain. Thousands of her adopted people are facing death from cold and famine. Miss Reba Stewart, our only remaining missionary in Manchuria, is alone in Harbin. Since the tragic death of our beloved Phil White at Kweiteh, Honan province, we have seven defenseless women missionaries in our Interior China Mission. The mention of their names will call forth a prayer for their safety: Misses Attie Bostick, Clifford Barratt, Katie Murray, Grace Stribling, Addie Cox, Josephine Ward, and Mrs. Eugene Sallee. Other stations in China are 'manned' by single women. Even in times of peace this is not considered safe; and it is certainly hazardous in time of war. The peril of these faithful workers at such a time as this cannot be denied.

"We need to remind ourselves daily that our missionaries in Japan occupied territory in China are now practically prisoners of the army of invasion. These faithful witnesses for Christ have suffered physical and mental abuses, indescribable in detail,

yet they stand their ground, refusing to quit their fields lest the Christians suffer greater indignities from the enemy.

### The Sad Plight of the Persecuted Christians

"The Communists in Russia have torn Baptist pastors from their families in Poland and banished them to concentration camps in Russia to freeze and starve during the cold winter of Siberia.

"The members of our 30 self-supporting Baptist churches in Korea are suffering along with thousands of other Christians in that distressed land.

"The Chinese people, and especially the Christians, have by their behavior in tribulation and persecution gained the unstinted admiration and praise of the whole world.

"The persecution and liquidation of our Chinese leaders by Japanese methods, similar to those of Hitler, now prevail in Japanese occupied territory. Recently Hitler compelled 1,000 Jews to dig a trench, and sitting on the margin they were ruthlessly slain! In China the Japanese are forcing the Christians to dig their own graves, into which they are bludgeoned and buried dead or alive!

"The influence of these Chinese Christians is out of all proportion to their numbers. Dr. J. H. Franklin said in a recent address: 'Though there is but one Christian to one thousand of the population of China, there are more outstanding leaders among these five hundred thousand Christians than in any similar group anywhere else in the world. One-half of the names in Who Is Who in China are from 18 Christian colleges and universities.'

### The Orphans ("Warphans")

"This is a heartening message from Madame Chiang Kai-Shek, who says: 'I am putting my heart into the movement to save millions of our homeless children. There are some six hundred women cooperating with me in this effort.' This First Lady of China also says: 'While millions of people are moving westward, little children, no longer able to keep up with the procession, may be heard crying after their parents, "Please, Daddy, Mommy, don't leave me, I won't cry any more."' Some three thousand "warphans" have already been adopted into homes in the West. There are an estimated fifty million women and children in the coastal provinces who are homeless and defenseless. They face death from cold and hunger during the winter now upon them. Winter and want won't wait. One dollar will exchange into 20 and will save a boy or girl one month. Something should be done about it now. Please do not forget that we have supplies for only one in ten.

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thing must be done about it immediately. And what about the mothers far removed from the dusty bags of flour?

### Silent Witnesses for Christ and His Church

"In many lands our churches have been destroyed or the doors locked by order of the enemy. In Jerusalem and other cities as in China, our Christians may be seen standing with bowed heads before the locked doors of their churches praying to our heavenly Father who knows and cares and will hear their silent petitions for deliverance. Others may be seen worshipping God within the charred walls of their churches. Our missionaries in China report that the Christians have never missed a single service, although their churches are in ruins. I shall never forget the thrill this winter received as he looked at Dr. Humphrey's pictures of the Christians worshipping amid the ruined walls of their Baptist church in Ching-kiang, China. That is where Bun Olive and Miss Grace Wells are so heroically giving relief to multitudes of starving people, and giving the Bread of Life to thousands. Our Savior's command, 'Give ye them to eat,' was not spoken of physical bread alone. Let us do something about it now."

### EVANGELIST JOYNER IS NOW RECOVERED

Please inform the brotherhood through the medium of your very fine and valuable paper that I am well and active now. My physical disability was temporary. I had congested bronchial tubes and the doctor put me to bed a few days that I might fight off pneumonia. I won. It prevented my being with the South Side Church, Abilene, in their recent revival. However, Pastor Ashford and his people, have graciously decided to have me later. I am fine now.

God bless you glorious West Texas Baptists.

Cordially always,  
W. H. JOYNER.

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The missionary spirit is inherent in the nature of God.—W. W. Melton.

## The Coming of God's Son

(S. S. Lesson, Dec. 21)

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Light the great forerunner bore faithful testimony. Some of his hearers thought that he was the Messiah but he was true to his mission. Jesus alone was the true light shining upon every person born into the world.

The second element in the purpose is salvation. Christ is in the world that he made by his own power. Yet when he came in the flesh his world did not recognize him. Even though he came to his own land and revealed himself to his own people they turned the deaf ear and the cold shoulder and the icy heart. And men are doing that to this day. Yet many receive him with penitence for their sins and faith in his power and mercy. To them he gave the privilege of becoming his children. So it was that they were born not by lineal descent, or natural generation, or human wisdom and effort, but through the grace and power of God.

The divine purpose of the incarnation leads finally to association with God. The flesh in which he tabernacled was not sinful, but it was susceptible to temptation. The incarnation, therefore, brought Jesus into the most intimate touch with men. He tabernacled among men, dwelling in his body as a shepherd lives in his tent. Nevertheless, the divine glory shone upon him and round about him. The apostle John and others with him beheld that glory as upon the Mount of Transfiguration and in his resurrection body.

### 3. Acceptance of God's Son (1 John 4)

THE FAITH OF CHRISTIANS is centered in God's Son as our only Savior and Lord. "God sent his only begotten Son" into the world that he

might be the propitiation for our sins and that believing on him we might have life through him. Deity was incapable of greater love and sacrifice. He loved us definitely and savingly though we did not love him and were actually in rebellion against him. As we accept his redeeming love certainly "we ought also to love one another." Whom God loves we ought to love. We cannot be like God unless we love; nor can we live happily and helpfully with our fellow men. Love is the tie that binds in the fellowship of faith.


### Gold in the Golden Text

The Father sent the Son to be the Savior of the world.—1 John 4:14.  
Jesus was the Son of God. Again

and again the Father said so, Jesus said so, the apostles said so, the Bible says so.

### Daily Bible Readings

- Dec. 22—The Christian's Hope. John 14:1-6.
- Dec. 23—Hope in God. Psalm 130:1-8.
- Dec. 24—Hope in Christ. Colossians 1:24-29.
- Dec. 25—A Living Hope. 1 Peter 1:3-9.
- Dec. 26—Hope in Salvation. Romans 8:18-25.
- Dec. 27—Hope of Eternal Life. Titus 1:1-4.
- Dec. 28—A Blessed Hope. Titus 2:11-15.



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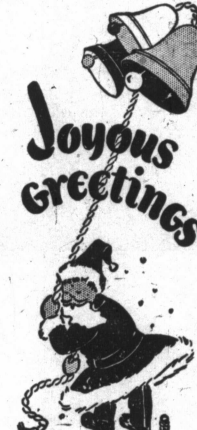
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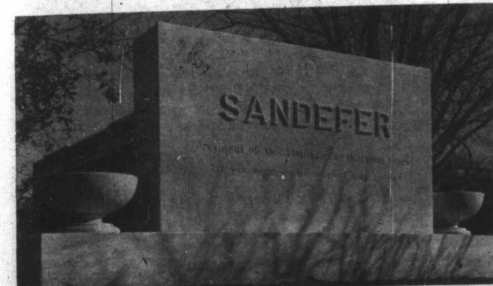
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### THE CHRISTMAS PRESENT OF THE AGES

By William H. Joyner, State Evangelist

John 3:16 tells clearly about this incomparable present. We need to stop and think about it in a special way at this season of the year when we are recipients of gifts and busy making and presenting gifts. We are prone to forget that God is the greatest Giver of all. Then often do we forget the greatest gift as well as the greatest Giver.

#### The Present

God did not put Jesus up for sale. Certainly the Savior was not loaned to us. He was given. "Unto us a Son is given."

#### A Love Present

People sometimes give to others because others have given to them. Not only did the loving Father voluntarily give this supreme present, but Christ assures us: "I lay down my life; I lay it down of myself." Paul was thinking of the Savior when he said, "Who loved me and gave Himself for me." How glorious it is that, "Christ loved the church and gave Himself for it." "God so loved the world that He gave." Love actuated God in presenting to us this unspeakable gift. Christ's love brought to us hope and life eternal. He came to us, to save us, because of His love for us. This is why He lived and died and rose again.

#### A Life Present

"The gift of God is eternal life" (Rom. 6:23). "In him was life" (John 1:4). "I am come that they

might have life" (John 10:10). "And this is the record, that God hath given us eternal life, and this life is in His son. He that hath the Son hath life." The gift of Jesus is the gift of life indeed.

#### A World Present

This present is offered to all. There is something you can't find in this big round world—a human being whom God does not love. That is why this gift is presented all for our acceptance or rejection. "He died for all" (2 Cor. 5:15). "Who gave himself for all" (1 Tim. 2:6). To whom is this gift offered? "The world." Yes, to every person under the sun is it proffered.

Let us accept Jesus then, as a costly gift, a vicarious gift, a missionary gift, a sacrificial gift and a salvation gift.

"Thanks be unto God for this unspeakably precious gift" (2 Cor. 9:15, Weymouth).

### LET'S DO IT!

By G. S. Hopkins

Four-hundred Sunday Schools of Texas have qualified for the Standard thus far this year. The goal is 425. We are confident that there are numbers of schools that have just about reached the Standard, if they haven't already done so, and with just a little aggressiveness on the part of the pastors and superintendent can be recognized as Standard school for the year 1941. There are a few churches that have held this recognition for quite a while and unless they get busy at once this chain of years will be broken.

### WILL AMERICA'S CHRISTMAS HONOR PRINCE OF PEACE?

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sheivism. Maybe, he hopes, each will destroy the other.

"Most important," he warns conclusively, "America must profit from the experience of vanquished nations. She must not go to sleep spiritually and morally."

American forefathers in 1776 fought and died for American liberty. Their aim was a Christian nation, and they set up the machinery for it. But democracy is not self-perpetuating. It endures only as its citizens sacrificially perpetuate the principles that brought it about—Christian love and Christian lives.

We must have a strong military force, to be sure. But the history of other nations these past few years tells us that even more important is undivided strength spiritually and morally. We cannot let the now sad story of Christianity in Europe and Japan be repeated here.

If America, democracy's last stronghold, does not remain Christian and radiate Christianity to this dark and warring world, what then can be the hope of the world? "Who will remain strong to battle down oppression and when military battles are won who will lead in reconstruction?"

Such should be our thoughts this Christmas time, this season set aside to honor the Galilean carpenter who commissioned "Love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, mind and soul, and thy neighbor as thyself."

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### The Christians Hope

(S. S. Lesson, Dec. 28)

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#### Gold in the Golden Text

In my Father's house are many mansions.—John 14:2.

Heaven is the Father's house. It is where God is and dwells. It has many mansions or abodes and so there is ample room for the redeemed. It is a place; a place prepared by Christ; a place prepared for those who believe in Christ. It is not only a spiritual state but a veritable and glorious reality, as real as any city on the globe or as the earth itself. If this were not a fact, our faithful Lord would have told us long ago. We can depend absolutely and exactly on what he says about heaven.

### SENTENCE SERMONS

By O. D. Henley

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