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RAMBLING REMARKS



By DICK O'BRIEN

I do not know when I have ever felt quite so relieved. I notice by the papers that the Duchess of Windsor had a barber or beauty operator, or something, (or was he?) to fly from the mainland to the Brahama Islnds to comb her hair after a fatiguing voyage from Portugal; and later she sailed on a huge British boat to Miami, Fla., and got a tooth yanked out. . . . It seems from the papers that she left the tooth and took twenty bags and her ex-king back to the islands. . . . I am sure that the ladies who remember the days of long hair, especially childhood days, when combing the hair meant "digging out rats nests and cockleburs," with wire combs, will sympathize with the Duchess from the hair problem viewpoint; but I can fully understand from experience about the tooth pulling. . . . I shall never forget the first tooth I had pulled by a doctor. He was a simple, country M. D. and not a city D. D. S. My tooth had been giving me fits for two days, but I had bravely stood it, fearing that dad would do exactly what he did do when I could keep it to myself no longer. It was late in the afternoon when he hitched the team, old "Sealum and Button," to the hack and loaded me in and drove away. I shall never forget the looks on the faces of the sympathetic family as we turned into the "big road," and headed for town. . . . Dad said we would "push" the team and maybe we would get there before Dr. Kimball closed his office. As we neared town my tooth began to get easy. I suggested the improvement to dad, but he simply clucked to the team and urged them into a fast trot. To my great disappointment we entered the drug store just as the doctor came out of the back where his so-called office was located. I suggested that we should not bother him to reopen his office after he had started home, that we could come back later, maybe next week. But he smilingly assured us that it would be no trouble, so we followed him into the horror chamber. He and dad began to jest and laugh as light heartedly as if no terrible calamity was imminent. . . . Instead of aching in one tooth I was paralyzed with fear and aching all over. The doctor opened the door to a closet containing all sorts of crooked handled instruments which he pushed and rattled around

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EVENTS TO COME

December 19—Christmas holidays begin, H-SU.

December 31-January 3—Southwide Training Union Conference, Memphis, Tennessee.

January 2—Classes resumed, H-SU.

January 13-17—Training Union Emphasis Week. Meetings in all 110 associations.

February 24-25—District 16 Convention, Brownwood.

February 28-March 1—District 7 Convention, Van Horn.

March 4-5—District 8 Convention, Colorado City.

March 6-7—District 17 Convention, Stamford.

March 17-18 — State Laymen's Rally, Dallas.

April 15-17—Texas Baptist Sunday School convention, Dallas.

March 25-26—District 9 Convention, Brownfield.

March 27-28—District 10 Convention, Pampa.

March 27-28—District 11 Convention, Paducah.

MEMPHIS HOST DEC. 31 TO SOUTHERN TRAINING U.

Over 1,000 Texans are expected to be among the 16,000 from all Southern states attending the Fifth South-wide Baptist Training Union conference which meets at Memphis, Tenn., from December 31 to January 3.

The fiftieth anniversary of the Baptist Sunday School Board will be observed on Wednesday, January 1, with Dr. T. L. Holcomb, executive secretary, in charge.

Among the speakers will be Dr. Luther Wesley Smith of Philadelphia and such well known Southern leaders as Dr. John L. Hill, Dr. J. Howard Williams, Dr. W. F. Powell, Dr. L. R. Scarborough, Dr. John R. Sampey, Dr. W. W. Hamilton, Dr. Chas. E. Maddry, Dr. W. R. White, Dr. J. B. Lawrence, Dr Frank H. Leavell, Dr. J. O. Williams, Dr. Charles St. John, Luther Holcomb, Bill Marshall and E. E. Lee.

B. B. McKinney of Nashville will be in charge of the music, which will feature a number of Southern colleges and three great choruses from Memphis.

The South-wide conference meets only every four years. Birmingham was host for the meeting in 1936 and Kagawa, the Japanese Christian leader, was the featured speaker.

SUGGESTED SCHEDULE WATCH NIGHT SERVICE

Sponsored by the Texas Baptist Training Union for December 31, this meeting, if possible, should be held in your own church building.

Suggested committees: Attendance, Publicity, Program, and Refreshment.

9:00-10:00—Union or Department Socials. Where the Training Union is organized by departments, it will be better to have department socials. Where there is no department organization, these should be held by unions. The corresponding secretaries and members of the social committees, together with leaders and sponsors, should be in charge. The program should be planned in keeping with the season and the dignity of the occasion.

10:00-11:00—General assembly with the General Director in charge. 10:00-10:30, Informal Fellowship period. The official church family may be recognized including pastor, deacons, Sunday School workers, officers in the Training Union, W. M. U. and Men's Brotherhood, and members of the choir. Visitors should be introduced, and new church members received during the past year, or the past quarter, may be presented. 10:30-11:00, Refreshment period.

11:00-12:00—Assembly in Church auditorium with pastor in charge. 1941 objectives for the Training Union or Church presented. Personal testimonies. Scripture quotations. Hymns and prayers. A brief devotional period should be led by the pastor, closing with an invitation to accept Christ as personal Savior. 11:55-12:00 A five-minute period of devotion should be led and each individual member should be engaged in silent prayer as the New Year begins.

Respectfully submitted,
W. L. Howse, Fort Worth,
Miss Mabel Elrod, Dallas,
John L. Whorton, Longview.

H-SU OFFICIALS ATTEND SOUTHERN ASSOCIATION

Hardin-Simmons and Baylor Universities were accepted as unconditional members of the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools at the meeting of that accrediting organization at Memphis last week, report President W. R. White and Dean L. Q. Campbell, who represented H-SU.

Hardin-Simmons had never been placed on probation but continued standing has been conditioned upon certain matters of salaries and library facilities which have been met.

The matter of scholarship had never been in question in either of the Baptist universities of the state and increased income has made possible full compliance with all standards, state Presidents White and Neff.



AT CHRISTMAS-TIDE

Following established custom, this will be the last issue of the West Texas Baptist until January 2, 1941. With it goes out the deepest appreciation to the thousands of friends over the state, and beyond, who have contributed in various and important ways to this most happy and successful year.

To the uncounted number, who, in person or in writing, have brightened and smoothed our pathway with thoughtful words and gracious acts, we would publicly acknowledge indebtedness. For whatever of merit there has been in this publication and whatever of service it may have rendered, the credit is to you who have thus made it possible. The Father, we believe, will not overlook those kindnesses in the day when He makes up His jewels.

We are humbly grateful for the privilege of this field of service and we face the future with confidence and the assurance that God reigns supreme and in the fulness of time His will shall, in all things, be done.

To each reader in person, we would wish a Christmas season of happiness in the love of Jesus Christ and a new and better year of service under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

LAW ENFORCEMENT TO BE STRESSED IN TRAINING U.

We, the members of the Youth Welfare Committee, recommend:

1. That at least once each quarter during the next year special programs be prepared in cooperation with our state director, Dr. T. C. Gardner, to be presented in the general assemblies of our Training Unions, dealing with temperance and law observance.

2. We suggest that if at all possible a playlet be prepared by a well qualified person, having as its principal theme the condemnation of liquor in all forms and also giving an emphasis to a high plane of Christian living.

3. We recommend that the Baptist Training Union cooperate with all temperance organizations in bringing about legislation to make Texas a dry state.

4. We further recommend that during the year, judges, mayors, chiefs of police, sheriffs, and others interested in Christian citizenship be invited to speak on the programs of our unions, departments, and assemblies pointing out in such talks how Christian young people may cooperate with them in enforcing the laws of our land.

Respectfully submitted,
W. L. Howse, Fort Worth,
Troy V. Campbell, San Antonio
L. H. Tapscott, Dallas.

ELMDALE PASTOR GOES TO ASPERMONT CHURCH

Rev. Byron Bryant, pastor at Elmdale, resigned Sunday, December 15, to accept a call to the pastorate at Aspermont. He moved Tuesday and will begin work at the Stonewall County seat at once. He is a graduate of H-SU, class of 1940, and had served at Elmdale, an outstanding full-time rural church, for about a year.

Rev. Collins Webb, pastor at Monument, N. M., will supply the pulpit at Elmdale December 22.

PIONEER DISCOVERS ITEM OF HISTORIC INTEREST

Mrs. Allen Parmer, one of the charter members of the First Baptist Church, Wichita Falls, was a sister of Frank and Jesse James, recalls Will Young, Abilene pioneer. Her husband was also a member of the noted Quantrell guerilla band during the War Between the States. Her father, Elder James, was a Baptist preacher of the Missouri-Kansas border during the turbulent days preceding the war.

METHODS-FINANCE PLANS FOR DISTRICT 17 WMU

Recommendations of the Methods and Finance Committee

1. The Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions is upon us and we wish to stress the importance of its observance by every society. Our foreign missionaries need our help and prayers more during these tragic times than thye have ever needed them. The goal for the Lottie Moon offering has been set at $50,000 for Texas.

2. The Day of Prayer for Ministerial Relief has been set by the State W. M. U. for June 9, with $8,000 as the goal for the special offering. The apportionment for District 17 is $350.

3. All societies are urged to meet their apportionments of clothing, which are minimum needs, to Buckner Orphans Home, and in addition make liberal cash offerings to the Home in November and December. March and September are the months for our district to meet these apportionments.

Gifts of sheets, pillow cases, spreads and toys to B. O. H. and Southwestern Training School nurseries are urged.

4. We recommend the continuance of the gift of two and a half scholarships to Southwestern Training School.

5. To meet the requirement of the District Standard of Excellence, we recommend that a quarterly bulletin be published.

6. January has been set as enlistment month. We urge that the number enlisted be reported to the associational Personal Service chairman.

7. We wish to stress the importance of the organization of business women's circles. There will be an honor roll for the first fifteen organized. These should be reported to Mrs. L. Q. Campbell as soon as organized.

8. We recommend that the district follow the state plan for the Margaret Fund students and send their "Burney gifts" to Mrs. Olivia Davis. It has been suggested that these gifts be raised by giving silver teas in the societies. Miriam Moore and Byron Fielder are our Margaret Fund students.

9. All circles and societies are urged to teach "The Way of Missionary Education" sometime during the year.

10. We urge that more stress be placed upon the forward steps in the G. A. and the ranking system in the R. A. organizations. The names of those who attain the highest rank should be sent to the Young People's secretary so that the coronation ser-

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DISTRICT DRYS LAUNCH DRIVE ON WET DOCTORS

Legislation to end a situation by which licensed physicians are writing as many as five to six thousand prescriptions for whiskey in one month was the goal of a meeting of dry leaders from a number of communities in the 24th sensatorial district, at First Church, Abilene, Thursday, December 12.

Pledging cooperation, Representative Joe Humphrey of Taylor County, quoted Lincoln in declaring that liquor has defenders but no defense. State Senator John Lee Smith and Representative A. H. King of Throckmorton sent messages of sympathy with the movement.

Official figures from the liquor control board citing names of drug stores and doctors in 11 of the 12 counties in the district were presented to the meeting, reciting the number of prescriptions and the number of gallons sold in this manner.

Committees were appointed to encourage local organizations, to present the aims of the body to other legislators-elect, and to cooperate with the Texas United Drys.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S REPORT FOR DISTRICT SEVENTEEN

As your Young People's leader for the past year I offer the following account of my stewardship.

I have visited in each of the seven associations during the past months, several times in a number of them. In these visits we made some very helpful and pleasant contacts. We have been granted the privilege of presenting the Young People's work in all of these associations under the best of circumstances. We are grateful for this beautiful spirit of cooperation on the part of associational officers. The Young People's leaders in the associations and the local churches have co-operated to the fullest, and we have had real joy in working with them all.

We have written nearly five hundred letters in the process of keeping in touch with our several helpers and leaders.

We conducted the two camps for R. A. and Y. W. A. and G. A. girls as usual at Lueders during the summer months. We consider this our richest fieid and greatest opportunity for evangelism and consecration among our young people. A total of 533 were registered in the Y. W. A. and G. A. camp. Thirty-three conversions resulted from the evangelistic preaching of our camp pastor, Rev. J. M. Sibley of Sweetwater, and the personal work done by leaders and sponsors in this camp. The R. A. camp registered 310. There were 29 boys saved, making a grand total of 62 conversions in both camps. Scores of these young people rededicated their lives to the Master, and many surrendered their lives for special service. There were, in all, 17 mission study classes for the two camps.

A mid-winter House Party for Y. W. A. girls was held at Abilene, with the First Baptist Church and Hardin-Simmons University as joint hosts. There were 110 who registered for this occasion. Mrs. B. L. Lockett was our principal speaker.

We attended the state board meeting at Belton in September, and the State W. M. U. convention, and the Baptist General convention at Houston in November.

Three of our associations sponsor quarterly conferences for their young people. These associations are Cisco, Callahan and Jones. We hope to see these grow in effectiveness, and others organized in the other four associations.

We register our gratitude to God for His blessing on this work during the past years. It has been a real joy to work with Mrs. J. B. Buckley, our district president, the several associational and local young people's leaders, the 118 organizations over the district and the 1,470 young people who hold membership in them.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. DICK O'BRIEN,
District Young People's Leader.

MISSIONARY MESSAGES



By J. Henry Littleton
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We had good meetings in every Association in our Sunday School enlargement campaign. The attendance was not as large as we had hoped for, but we did have a good representative group from each Association. I think we had the best team lealer in Texas. Brother and Mrs. Sisemore of Amarillo did the job in a way that was pleasing to everyone. Brother Jones Weathers of Eastland held the service in Graham Monday. He brought an outstanding message. You may not know it, but he is really one of the great preachers of Texas. Dr. J. M. Bradford of Brownwood was with us the other four days. We could not have found in all the state a better pastor than he. The weather was very bad the last two days, but in spite of that we had a good attendance. I have not had time to get a report from the three Associations that Brother Phil McGahey was with, but I am sure they were good.

I believe that this entire district will do more work than they have ever done in a Sunday School way by having these meetings. I want to thank personally, each church and each individual that in any way made these meetings possible. We found a gracious welcome wherever we went.

The thing just ahead of us now is a tour of a district similar to the one we have just made for Training Union work. More will be said about this through the columns of the West Texas Baptist and private correspondence in the next few days. These meetings are to be held the week of January 13, through 17.

We have before us the report of the churches for their gifts to the cooperative program during the month of November. 36 2-10 per cent, or 63 of our churches gave to missions. There were eight districts below us and eight above. I am not satisfied with being in the middle. I would like to see our district in the top bracket. Let us determine now to see that our churches give something

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HARDIN-SIMMONS B. S. U. PRESENTS MORALITY PLAY

"The Summoning of Everyman," a morality play, was presented by the advanced dramatic class of H-SU in the auditorium of the Caldwell Fine Arts building Sunday afternoon. The play was produced under the auspices of the B. S. U. with Miss Katharine Boyd directing. Charles McLaughlin, BSU president and education director at University Church, carried the title role.

Other important characters included Dewece McGahey, Ruth Ann Hall, Jewette Patton, Kathleen Nunnally, Betty Sue Pitts, Carlton Chapman, Blackie Gonzales and Karl Bonneaux. Standing room in the auditorium was taken at two performances during the afternoon.

MATTSON CHURCH ORDAINS THREE DEACONS

Revs. J. F. Curry of Rule and H. R. Whatley of Haskell assisted Pastor Olin L. Frasure and the Mattson Church in ordaining Edward Newton, J. C. Chamberlain and Curtis Overman as deacons Sunday afternoon, December 1. Rev. Curry brought a message on the doctrines of our faith and Rev. Whatley spoek on the duties and privileges of the deacon. Pastor Frasure speaks very highly of the services of the visiting pastors.

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"OBSERVING" NOT "CELEBRATING"

Instead of expensive gifts this Christmas, the Baptist women of Oil Center, New Mexico, voluntarily have planned to put the money into a worthy gift for the Lottie Moon Christmas offering, relates the Baptist New Mexican, which quotes the women as saying that instead of "celebrating" Christmas, they intend to "observe" the day.

This seems to be a proper way to commemorate the birth of Christ, the Savior who gave himself. Recent years have witnessed a great increase in the custom of exchanging gifts at Christmas parties for Sunday School classes and other church organizations. This exchanging appears to be contrary to the spirit of Christ, who said, "If ye do these things what thank have ye?"

It will be most unfortunate if any child fails to share in love-gifts to brighten his Christmas day. Among older people, where there is a definite bond of love, gifts will be appreciated, not for the intrinsic value, but for that love of which it is a token. But this business of exchanging presents is a rather poor sort of way to honor Him who gave that first and great Christmas gift.

This exchanging smacks of, and perhaps fosters, that selfishness out of which others celebrate their holiday season by loosing the ordinary restraints of sobriety and sanity. The day should not engender a time of selfishness but radiate a spirit of universal love.

Might not more of us take a lesson from the noble women of the western oil town and make our next Christmas a time of giving to those less favored than we? We believe that He whose birth we remember would have it so.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL REVIVALS

Those who were in attendance at the associational Sunday School clinics last week speak most highly of the spirit, the information and the educative value of the meetings. But Texans, used to great numbers, have felt a little disappointed at the attendance.

First, we must remember that these are the beginning of a series of such meetings each year. Other years should witness a much larger interest, due to a broader knowledge of what may be expected and to the value of the meetings. It is to be hoped, too, that in the other years, they may be farther removed from our great, state-wide gatherings.

As a matter of fact, however, the attendance of these initial sessions demonstrates the wisdom of the Sunday School Board in promoting this type of clinic instead of holding one or two for the entire state. We have no information as to the relative expense of sending 22 teams simultaneously to the 110 associations in one week, as compared with the former plan of paying for gasoline for a car from each of these associations. Probably there is not a decisive difference.

There is a major difference, though, in the number of people reached. In the aggregate, several times as many people were directly benefited by the discussions last week as shared in the one state meeting the year before. Instead of a feast for one car of leaders, some ten to twenty or more cars full of the rank and file of Sunday School workers shared the inspiration.

In the years to come, we may expect improvements in the planning and the executive of this system. We may also expect far greater attendance and far greater growth than that which has followed the five-year plan which has just blessed us with a remarkable expansion.

THE END OF AN ERA

Christmas, 1940, may well be used as the date marking the end of an era in world history. To be sure, the world is ever in a state of change, of which the last decade, and especially the last year, has been a transition period of tremendous portent.

We are unable to see over the horizon of 1941, nor can we count with any degree of assurance upon what may befall during that year. But we can be assured that, for war or peace, whether Christ tarries or whether He comes, the world in which we will live next year will be markedly different from that which we have known and where we have lived, if not altogether comfortably, at least familiarly. We may dimly discern shadowy trails leading into the mist but as to which of these we may find ourselves following, or as to where it may lead, none is wise enough or far seeing enough to know.

But in the era past, when we were so confident in our own wisdom and so assured in our own strength, we made so many blunders and wandered so far from the true course that a new era which challenges faith does not chill with apprehension but thrills with anticipation.

We are like airmen in a cloud bank, with all familiar landmarks obscured, with visibility zero-zero, and only the radio beam for guidance in blind flying.

We will be deeply thankful that we possess the Chart which has guided saints of all ages; that it is our privilege to be attuned to the Eternal Station through which we have infallible guidance to the great Landing Field.

With such assurance, we can rise into the tomorrow, confident in the Divine Love and assured of the eternal purpose which will infallibly unfold the ultimate good.

News Notes

Georgia Baptists are engaged in a five-year endowment campaign to raise five million dollars for their five colleges.

Dr. F. M. McConnell, editor of the Baptist Standard, will be "Founder's Day" speaker at the Southern Baptist hospital, New Orleans, January 21st.

Floydada Church, Rev. Vernon Shaw, pastor, was the first to report to the state office that they had accepted the one-third increase in gifts necessary in teaching the enlarged program for Texas Baptists.

Rev. A. T. Willis of Southwestern Seminary recently assisted Pastor M. M. Fulmer in a revival at Alpine. There were 23 additions, 19 for baptism, and other conversions and rededications.

Dr. W. Y. Pond, state evangelist, has been in a revival with Pastor Loyal E. Brown and the Lovington, N. M. Church. There were 14 additions.

First Church Sweetwater will have a Bible conference with Dr. H. E. Dana, president of the Kansas Cty seminary, speaking from January 19 to 26.

Mrs. J. Walton Moore, returning from China, accompanied by her daughter, Ruth, stopped at Abilene between trains on Thursday, December 12. She will make her home in Waco, where her second daughter, Miriam, is a Margaret student in Baylor.

"Godless schooling has had its day," the French ministry of public education is quoted as saying in announcing plans to return religious education to the schools of France.

Rev. Bill Marshall will hold a student revival January 26 to 29 for the students of Eastern New Mexico College, speaking at First Church, Portales.

Rev. Doyle Hughes of Hardin-Simmons will fill the pulpit at Hebron, Jones Association Saturday night and Sunday.

Dr. M. E. Dodd will speak on "Christ and Human Crises" on a Southwide radio hook-up, Sunday afternoon, January 5. This will be the first of 13 similar addresses by Baptist leaders.

The largest class in Baylor University is a sociology course in "The Family," with 67 students enrolled.

Eula Church has called Rev. Strauss Atkinson of H-SU.

Rev. Abe Hester, president of the Hardin-Simmons Ministerial Council, has been called to be pastor at Rockdale Church, Haskell Association.

Seminole Church, under the leadership of Pastor O. C. Curtis, has completed a building program involving an expenditure of $2,000. Included in the work was enlarging and redecorating the auditorium, providing new pews and choir seats, and cix new rooms for Sunday School classes.

Dr. R. A. Collins represented H-SU at the Texas Council of Church Related Schools, meeting in San Antonio last week.

A pageant, "The Nativity," will be presented by the Training Unions of Baird and Clyde Churches Sunday evening, December 22, at the preaching hour in their respective churches.

The editor and family are indebted to Dr. L. R. Scarborough for a basket of the delicious grapefruit from the Seminary orchard.

No Time for Complacency

Lives depend upon the success of the Christmas Seal Sale this year. Even though the death rate from tuberculosis is being forced lower and lower, faster and faster, the disease is far from being vanquished. Last year, 64,000 persons died from tuberculosis in this country. That means 175 died each day, or one person every eight minutes. Hence, we cannot afford but a quick glance at past victories, great though they have been. We must face what lies before us—finishing the fight!



CALIFORNIANS ORGANIZE SOUTHERN BAPTIST BODY

Some 30 Baptist churches of Southern California organized themselves into the California General Convention of Southern Baptists last September, writes Rev. Roy O. Young, former pastor at Immanuel Church, Abilene.

Over a year ago a group of these churches organized the San Joaquin Valley association and there was some talk of affiliation with the General convention of Southern Baptists in Arizona. With the growth of the work, it seemed advisable to establish a state body.

Rev. Young is now located at Santa Anna, where he is pastor of a church which is only about two years old. It is in an area with one hundred thousand people and only two other Baptist churches. These are affiliated with the Northern convention.

Methods-Finance—

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vice can be held at the young people's camps.

11. We recommend that a young people's program be given in one of the associational quarterly meetings during the year.

12. To follow the plan of other districts, we recommend that the district treasurer be responsible for the financial management of the young people's camps, both in receipts and disbursements. We further recommend that a fee, not to exceed $100, be paid for each camp for the use of the encampment grounds. The Young People's secretary is asked to select a committee to arrange the programs, etc., for these camps and present same to the district to be voted on.

13. Attention should be called to the new point on the Standard of Excellence calling for a 10 per cent increase of tithers in each W. M. U. during the current year.

14. A goal of $20,000 has been set by the State W. M. U. for the 100,000 Club for this year; we therefore recommend a goal of 150 members for the district.

15. We re-emphasize continued interest in gifts through the Cooperative Program to mission causes.

Mrs. D. W. Arnette.
Mrs. W. C. Ashford,
Mrs. L. Q. Campbell.

Rambling Remarks

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as nonchalantly as a black-smith preparing to shoe a horse. After a while he decided on one, picked it up out of the dust, which he partially blew away and pointed toward a cane bottomed chair and told me to be seated. . . . He towered over me, he told me to take a firm grip on the rounds of the chair, and open my mouth as wide as I could. Reluctantly I did what he said. Then I closed my eyes and regretted that I did not know more about how to pray and get results. He asked me which tooth it was and would not remove his hands and instruments from my mouth to give me a chance to answer. Incidentally he tapped on several with the metal tool and there was no doubt in his mind when he hit the right one. He clamped the tweezers down on the offending molar, a liberal portion of my cheek and about one-third of my tongue, and. . . . But I just can't tell the rest!!! He laid the bloody tooth, the piece of cheek and tongue, on a dirty table and remarked that it looked like rain, as he rolled up his sleeve. Yes, Duchess, I'm glad it's over.

MISSIONARY MESSAGES

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each month during the year.

Before another issue of the West Texas Baptist, I will have spent one year as your district missionary. I hope to give you an annual report in the next issue, which will be the first of January. In many ways, I feel that we have made progress along many lines, and yet when I look out over the field, "it is all white unto harvest." Without a single exception, so far as I know, every individual in each church has been kind and cooperative in every way possible. If I have failed, it has not been because of you. It is my individual failure.

I hope for everyone a good Christmas and a Happy New Year. As we begin the New Year, mountains of work are piled up before us. I will expect that same spirit of loyalty, love, prayer, and cooperation you have ever given. I have no doubt but that you will do this. Pray for our work.

Hundred Thousand Club offerings showing an increase over the same month last year, brought to the Home Mission Board in November $4,870.61 to be paid on debts.

Sunday School Lesson

December 22, 1940

By HIGHT C MOORE

SHARING THE SHEPHERD'S JOY
(Christmas Lesson)

Read and Study Luke 2:8-20

It was during the first term of Quirinius as Governor of Syria, in which Palestine was included, that Caesar Augustus issued a decree that everybody in his world empire should be enrolled, probably with a view to taxtion and military service. The Jews, according to custom and preference, enrolled themselves in their ancestral cities. So, all was bustle and stir throughout Palestine, as the people were going "every one to his own city." Joseph and Mary, though poor and obscure residents of a Galilean village, were yet of the House of David; hence the most royal blood of Israel flowed in their veins. David was born in Bethlehem and the city was often called by his name. Here, then, Joseph and Mary must enroll themselvse. Accordingly, they set out from Nazareth on their southward journey of eighty miles. Fatigued by the travel, they at last arrived at Bethlehem.

Many others had passed them on the way and so the inn was crowded to its capcity when they came. Nothing was left them but to occupy an empty stable, which may have been a limestone cave or grotto. In these cheerless surroundings, and probably on the night succeeding their arrival, Jesus was born. Mary wound about him the customary strips of cloth, and for want of better accommodations, she made his first bed in the feeding trough of the stable. Since he is spoken of as her first-born son, it is inferred that Mary became the mother of other children. But the point here is that the birthplace of David was, in fulfillment of prophecy, also the birthplace of David's greater son.

1. The Shepherds Hear the Angels

THE JOY OF HEARING ABOUT JESUS is the joy of revelation. It may have been in the same pastures where the youthful David tended his father's flocks that some shepherds were guarding their sheep. There was some verdure in the fields even in the winter and sheep owners would not be slow to utilize it. The flocks must be watched by night as well as by day that they might be protected from robbers, wild beasts, and stormy weather. As these humble shepherds were performing their regular duties there was a sudden downflashing of heavenly effulgence upon them and an angel appeared, calming their natural ularm and announcing the joyous news of the birth of the Savior.

For centuries the Jewish eye had been turned heavenward looking for the Deliverer. Now, at last, he had actually come and these shepherds were the first to know it! But they were not asked to believe blindly. They were given a sign and were to test its reality—the sign of the Babe in swaddling clothes lying ih tne manger. No sooner were the glad tidings announced and the sign given than there was an appearnce of unnumbered angels, outdazzling the starry heavens with their glory and flooding the air with their melodious refrain: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among men in whom he is well pleased." Truly to God alone belongs the highest glory from the highest creatures in the highest heaven forever and ever. And surely the advent of Jesus brings to earth the infinite good will of heaven and establishes peace instead of warring strife.

2. The Shepherds Find the Savior

THE JOY OF COMING TO JESUS is the joy of redemption. Brief was the angelic message and short the angels' stay; soon their melodies ceased and they withdrew into the invisible blue above. No wonder the shepherds agreed at once to "go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass." And when, having come with haste, they found Mary and Joseph and the Babe who was lying in a manger, their feelings must have been those of humble awe and reverential joy. They recited the story of the wonderful events which had brought them hither, the virgin mother keeping these things in her heart. The shepherds then returned to their tasks, glorifying and praising God for what they had seen and heard.

Share and Spread the Shepherds' Joy

Incarnation of the Savior. "She brought forth her first born" (v. 7). The cardinal mystery of redemption is the entrance of God into human flesh in the person of Jesus of Nazareth. Deity was thus linked with humanity. A chasm was bridged by the God-man. In no other way could lost men be saved by a just and holy God.

Humiliation of the Savior. "Laid him in a manger" (v. 7). He laid aside the glory of heaven and was laid at his birth in the feeding trough of an ox stall. Thus he emptied himself of the power and majesty of heaven and robed himself in human flesh as a helpless infant. What infinite mercy and love brought him from such a height to such a depth!

Expectation of the Savior. "There were—shepherds." Evidently they were devout. Certainly they were looking for the Messiah. Perhaps they were actually talking about him when the angel appeared. The good news is good only to those who appreciate it. The Savior comes only to those who come to him.

Glory of the Savior. "Shone round about them." Was the Babe of Bethlehem born humbly in a cheerless stall? Even so; but the very heavens blazed with his glory and the angels fuond earth more attractive that night than heaven itself. There is more than a halo about his head.

Proclamation of the Savior. "I bring you good tidings." Angel lips were none too pure to bear the best message earth ever heard. Happy are they who transmit these tidings to others down the ages and through the world. And happy are they of every race who hear and heed.

Sovereignty of the Savior. "Christ the Lord." He came to seek and to save that which was lost. But he is Lord as well as Savior. He not only snatches men as brands out of the burning but he sways his scepter over their lives. We are saved to serve pur Savior-Sovereign.

Accessibility of the Savior. "Ye shall find." Explicit directions were given the shepherds. They had no trouble going direct to the Babe in Bethlehem. And he is equally accessible to all who want to reach him. "Seek, and ye shall find."

Mission of the Savior. "Glory to God—peace, good will toward men." The life of Jesus on earth had its heavenward asptct, for he glorified God as none else ever did in all the world, and as even he could do in no other way. And, of course, his life had an earthward aspect, so transforming the lives of men that all animosities should be extinguished and every heart filled with the peace of God which passeth all understanding.

Knowledge of the Savior. "The Lord hath made known." The knowledge of Christ is the highest knowledge in the entire universe. Indeed, it is the substance of the divine revelation. That is, the infinite and omniscient God had nothing better to communicate to men. There is no higher aspiration in any heart than that expressed by Paul when he said "that I may know him."

Acceptance of the Savior. "Glorifying and praising God." Long had the shepherds looked for the Savior. Now their eyes had looked upon him. Their hearts were filled with joy. Their tongues were loosed in praise. Such joy the Savior spreads in every yielded heart. Happy, indeed, are they who are happy in him.

GOLD IN THE GOLDEN TEXT

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men. Luke 2:14.

The great hymn of the nativity ("Gloria in Excelsis," in its Latin version) will be sung today all over the Christian world. "As sung by the angels it is composed of two verses, each containing three corresponding notes, 'glory' and 'peace,' 'in the highest' (heaven) and 'on earth,' 'God' and 'men.' This is a hymn of praise to God who in the gift of a Savior manifests in heaven his excellence and on earth reveals his grace ot men, the recipients of his favor. The result of this, however, is declared to be 'peace'; in Christ alone can peace be secured—peace with God, peace for the human heart, peace between men, peace for the world."

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Dec. 23—"Be Ye Also Ready." Luke 12:35-40.

Dec. 24—The Faithful Steward. Luke 12:41-48.

Dec. 25—Faithfulness in Little Things. Luke 16:1-12.

Dec. 26—Faithfulness Required. 1 Corinthians 4:1-5.

Dec. 27—A Man of Faith. James 1:2-8.

Dec. 28—Heroes of Faith. Hebrews 11:1-10.

Dec. 29—The Crown of Life. Revelation 2:8-11.

Sunday School Lesson

December 29, 1940

By HIGHT C MOORE

JESUS REQUIRES FAITHFULNESS

Read Luke 12

Study Luke 12:35-48

Listen to the Lord in Luke 12, our larger lesson:

He warns against the downward look (vv.1-21) which is responsible for hypocrisy as pictured in the leaven of the Pharisees and for covetousness as arraigned in the parable of the rich fool. Beware!

He urges the upward look (vv. 22-48) which involves the antidote of anxiety, the investment of resources, the duty of vigilance, and the reward of fidelity with the corresponding penalty of unfaithfulness.

He invites the onward look (vv. 49-59) which recognizes in him the Divider separating the true from the false, and the Interpreter explaining the signs of the times.

1. Ready for the Lord

THE WAITING SERVANT is all the time ready for the Lord. Note five things about him:

His Preparedness. He is girded for action as the Oriental gathered his long loose garments about his body with a girdle, like Elijah running before Ahab's chariot, and Peter when he emerged from prison. He is awake, though far into the night, an anticipant with his lamp full and trimmed, already alight and aglow.

His Expectancy. He is anticipant like servants looking for their lord returning at a late but uncertain hour from the wedding feast and therefore able to respond to his first knock at the gate or door.

His Beatitude. The returning master is happy to find his servants alert and on duty, ready to welcome and wait upon him. He, therefore, bestows upon them and actually spreads a feast before them and girds himself to serve them, even as Jesus girded himself at the Last Supper to wash his disciples' feet.

His Alertness. Note the time that the master found his servants watching and waiting for him. It was between 9 p.m. and 3 a.m. (Roman time) and so the very dead of the night. Surely they could not be surprised even by the unexpected as pictured in the sentence parable of the thief breaking into a residence at an hour unsuspected by the occupant and owner.

His Readiness. "Be ye also ready"; the eye vigilant, the loins girt, the lamp lit, the hand free, the foot sandaled, the whole personality athrob and responsive and ready to greet the coming Son of man, our returning Savior and Lord!

2. Reward from the Lord

THE WATCHING SERVANT will in due time receive his reward from the Lord. Note four things about him:

His Character. He was faithful as related to his master, and he was wise in the discharge of his duty.

His Responsibility. His master had given him a position of honor, for he was to rule over the household. But there was also a duty to provide, for he was to give to the household "their portion of food in due season."

His Efficiency. He was active in the performance of his duties. And he was ready for the master's inspection at any moment. He lived the ready, the completed, the efficient life.

His Reward. When the master returns to such a servant he returns with a reward. And the reward is more responsibility, for now "he will set him over all that he hath."

3. Responsibility to the Lord

THE WICKED SERVANT must some time face his responsibility to the Lord. Note three things about him:

His Conduct. The trouble begins in the center of his being, for he says "in his heart, My lord delayeth his coming"—a reflection on his master. He goes further and begins to beat the menservants and maidens. To the maltreatment of his fellow men he adds personal profligacy; he begins "to eat and drink, and to be drunken."

His Reckoning. The master may delay long but he will certainly return. And to such a servant his lord's return is unexpected. Of course, the penalty follows which includes a two-fold woe: the woe of suffering, for he will be cut asunder; and the woe of segregation, for he will be assigned a portion with unbelievers.

His Penalty. The woe, however, is not absolute and unvarying; it will be graded according to desert. Thus, some will be beaten with few stripes. The degree of the penalty is, therefore, dependnt upon one's knowledge of the right, his unwillingness to perform the right, and his lethargy in doing the right. The higher one's privilege, the harder his fall.

The treatment of the wise steward and of the wicked servant, the one graded upward and the other graded downward, both perfectly fair and just, and so recognized by each, has ample justification in the righteous principle underlying it. It is simply this: Where much is given, much is required; where much is committed, much will be expected.

GOLD IN THE GOLDEN TEXT

For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required.—Luke 12:48.

"Much is given." Note: It is given. It is given of God. It is given as a trust. It is given to use for the good of man and the glory of God. It may be in the form of property, or position, or power. It may be for a crisis day or for a tedious lifetime. It may be hard or easy, difficult or delightful. But it is much in cost and quality and capacity, if not in quality or appearance.

Therefore, much is required. Five talents as well as one can be hidden. God expects the right thing and only that. Primarily not something for nothing or nothing from something; not much from little or little from much; but little from little and much from much. Yet God can take the infinitesimal and make it infinite. He expects much from us because he invests much in us. God help us to be faithful!

ABILENE PIONEER IS LAID TO REST

Mrs. Jennie Rebecca McKinney, wife of P. W. McKinney, passed away at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Orville E. Barbour, 331 Crescent avenue, Saturday afternoon at 12:45, at the age of 75 years and five days.

Mrs. McKinney and her husband had been in Peoria for the past four years, coming from their home in Abilene, where they had been a pioneer family of 50 years duration. The golden wedding celebration of Mr. and Mrs. McKinney had been an enjoyable occasion when it was celebrated January 6,1935. The wedding of this couple had taken place in McKinney, Kentucky, in the First Baptist Church, and had the distinction of being the first wedding party in the new church of that city.

She was born the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James P. Daniel, and is survived by her husband, one son, Elbert Irvin McKinney of Abilene; three daughters: Mrs. L. B. Crist, Lakeworth, Florida; Mrs. A. J. Cleary, Wichita, Kansas; Mrs. O. E. Barber, Peoria, Illinois; one sister, Mrs. N. A. Flint, Vincennes, Indiana; two brothers, W. T. Daniel of Abilene, and C. H. of Santa Cruz, California.

Mrs. McKinney was taken to a Peoria mortuary, where her friends called Sunday morning. The funeral party left Peoria Sunday noon and arrived in Abilene Monday evening. Services were held at a funeral home, Tuesday, November 26 at 3 p.m. with Rev. W. C. Ashford, pastor of South Side Baptist Church, in charge.

Two of Mrs. McKinney's favorite hymns were sung by a quartet composed of J. D. Riddle and M. Shaw, Mesdames R. C. Lewis and R. A. Glenn. The pall bearers were D. D. Parramore, E. M. Kirby, Buford Ellis, W. J. Cunningham, Eugene Wood and Otis Bryant. Mrs. McKinney was laid to rest in the family lot in the Odd Fellows cemetery.—(Peoria, Illinois, paper).

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A CALL TO TEXAS DRYS IN STATE SENATORIAL DISTRICT NUMBER 24

To all Texas drys in Senatorial District No. 24, composed of Mitchell, Scurry, Nolan, Fisher, Haskell, Jones, Taylor, Callahan, Shackelford, Throckmorton, Stephens and Eastland Counties:

Owing to the intolerable conditions existing in dry territory, brought about by drug stores and doctors, who operate unde rthe present law, whose laxity makes this abuse possible, the only recourse being legislative action in changing the present law; a call is hereby made for a meeting of key men and women, and of our Senator and Representatives in these various counties composing the senatorial districts, to meet at Abilene, Texas, Thursday, December 12, at 10 a.m. Meeting place; the First Baptist Church, corner Hickory and North Second Streets.

Purpose of the meeting: To canvass the liquor drug store situation in our dry territory, and plan for corrective measures through our representatives in the state's lawmaking body.

That there is need for such a meeting, it is only necessary to state that, according to the books of the Liquor Control Board at Austin, figures obtained from authorities of the board, in one town in this district situated in a county that voted dry five to two, in 90 days time 15 drug stores sold on doctors' prescriptions to the number of 90,888, liquor to the enormous amount of 7,954 wine gallons.

Like records in other towns in dry counties present a like astounding condition. The record is a common one being written by these liquor vendors, as the Liquor Control Board's record at Austin will show, that some of these liquor vending drug stores have doctors employed for the sole business of writing liquor prescriptions, and men, women, youths and children are patrons. They deal out their stuff to any and all who desire it without reference to age, or physical conditions. Under the present law written by the liquor interests, both drug store and doctor are immune from prosecution.

As you love the moral welfare of your sons and daughters, and the youth of Texas, and the moral preservation of our threatened civilization, come to this meeting, and lend your counsel and influence for the correcting of this monstrous wrong being committed against the communities that have spoken by their ballots in dry territory, now being debauched by this new form and legally protected "bootlegging."

GOOD S. S. MEETING IN CALLAHAN ASSOCIATION

In spite of disagreeable weather, nine churches of the 14 in Callahan association were represented at the associational Sunday School clinic at Baird, Wednesday, December 11, reported J. B. Easeerling, 40 years teacher of the Men's Bible Class at Clyde. Mr. Easterling is enthusiastic about the new program and believes in everything for the advancement for the cause of Christ.

Pastor Philip C. McGahey of Breckenridge stressed the importance of the sight sort of teachess in physical appeasance and morally. He emphasized their morality in public actions as well as in private. Religious census and complete organization were urged that more people might be enrolled and eventually won to Christ.

THE CHRIST OF THE CHRISTMAS EVE

By Edward B. Jenkins

There is an old legend in Poland that at each Christmas Eve every Polish family would put a chair at the table for the Christ on Christmas Eve. A Polish peasant woman had cooked all day her meats, cakes and cookies, and had everything ready for the Christmas Eve meal ready when there came a knock at the door. The father went to the door and there stood a poor old man clothed in rags. He asked if he might have something to eat so the father invited him to come in and share with them the Christmas Eve meal. When they had had the blessing for the food, they looked up and there in the chair that they had placed for the Christ child sat the Christ himself—and then he suddenly disappeared. Their hearts rejoiced that the Christ had honored their humble home by his presence on Christmas Eve.

"And as they thus spake, Jesus himself stood in the midst of them, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you.

"But they were terrified and afrighted, and supposed that they had seen a spirit.

"And he said unto them, Why are ye troubled? and why do thoughts arise in your hearts?

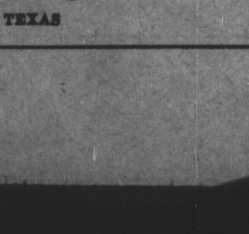
"Behold my hands and my feet, that it is myself: handle me, and see; for a spirit hath not flesh and bones as ye see me have.

"And when he had spoken he showed them his hands and his feet."

—Luke 24:36-40.

Sixty-five were converted in recent meetings held by Rev. Percy Ray, Home Board missionary.

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COOPERATIVE PROGRAM PERCENTAGE REPORT

NOVEMBER, 1940

Dist.	Missionary	No. Churches	No. Churches Giving November	Pct. Churches Giving November	Pct. Churches Giving October
1.	M. A. Roberts	179	50	27.9	53.0
2.	Frank Gayer	222	64	28.8	50.9
3.	O. D. Martin	136	49	36.0	58.8
4.	J. D. Brannon	208	101	48.5	75.8
5.	C. G. Carter	100	43	43.0	77.0
6.	W. J. Ray	156	98	62.8	82.9
7.	J. A. Kidd	42	27	64.2	100.0
8.	W. C. Harrison	83	27	32.5	74.6
9.	J. L. Ponder	189	69	36.5	62.2
10.	J. C. McKenzie	95	60	63.1	86.1
11.	J. M. Riddell	121	44	36.3	70.0
12.	W. R. Hornburg	326	100	30.6	48.5
13.	E. W. Marshall	405	111	27.4	59.6
14.	M. O. Cheek	215	95	44.1	76.6
15.	J. A. McIver	247	72	29.1	59.7
16.	J. P. King	207	55	26.5	60.1
17.	J. Henry Littleton	171	63	36.2	68.2
	Totals	3102	1128	36.3	64.3

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*Joseph Mohr

"Silent Night! Holy Night!
All is calm, all is bright,
Round yon virgin mother and child!
Holy Infant, so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace."

"Silent Night! Holy Night!
Shepherds quake at the sight!
Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heav'nly hosts sing Alleluia,
Christ, the Saviour, is born!"

*Stille Nacht! Heilige Nacht! was written for the Christmas celebration of 1818 in Laufen, near Salzburg, Germany, by Joseph Mohr who was the assistant priest in that town. This carol has become universally popular with Christians throughout the world.

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Churches	Amt. Thr. C. P.
Admiral	$
Antioch	
Atwell	2.00
Baird	
Belle Plains	.36
Clyde	
Cottonwood	
Cross Plains	1.74
Denton Valley	
Dressy	
Dudley	
Eula	
Oplin	
Potosi	3.25
Putnam	4.00
Scranton	
	$ 11.35

Cisco Association

H. D. Blair, Cisco, Organizer.

Churches	Amt. Thr. C. P.
Albany	$ 40.85
Bluff Branch	
Breckenridge	
Caddo	3.00
Carbon	11.00
Center	
Cisco, East	7.50
Cisco, First	64.60
Corinth	
Crystal Falls	1.30
Desdemona	6.25
Eastland	25.00
Fort Griffin	
Gorman	
Hodnett Grove	
Long Branch	
Mangum	
Midway	
Mitchell	
Moran	31.93
Morton Valley	
Necessity	2.00
New Hope No. 1	
New Hope No. 2	
New Hope No. 3	
Nimrod	2.00
Okra	
Olden	
Parks	2.00
Pioneer	5.00
Pleasant Hill	
Pueblo	
Ranger, First	104.66
Ranger, Second	11.63
Rising Star	5.00
Sabanna	
Staff	
Union	
Wayland	
	$323.72

Fisher Association

J. P. McBeth, Organizer.

Churches	Amt. Thr. C. P.
Bethel	$
Cross Roads	
Cross Roads	
El Paso	3.85
Cannon	
Highland Home	
Hitson	
Hobbs	4.47
Liberty	
Longworth	
McCaulley	
Newman	
North Roby	4.77
Plasterco	3.00
Pleasant Valley	
Pledger	
Roby	20.00
Rotan	54.05
Royston	
Sardis	
Sylvester	6.25
	$ 96.39

Haskell Association

S. E. Stevenson, Goree, Organizer.

Churches	Amt. Thr. C. P.
Brock	$
Brushy	
Curry's Chapel	
East Side	
Gillespie	
Goree	7.83
Grace	10.40
Haskell, First	29.07
Knox City	4.00
Mattson	
Munday	20.00
O'Brien	
Pinkerton	
Paint Creek	
Roberts	3.40
Rochester	
Rockdale	25.00
Rule	
Sagerton	
Sweet Home	
Weinert	
	$ 99.70

Jones Association

L. A. Doyle, Anson, Organizer.

Churches	Amt. Thr. C. P.
Amity	$
Anson	6.95
Avoca	
Bethel	
Boyd's Chapel	
Compere	
Corinth	2.00
Fairview	
Flat Top	
Golan	
Hamlin	50.00
Hannah	
Hawley	7.73
Hebron	
Hodges	
Lueders	
New Hope	
Noodle	
Nugent	
Oak Grove	
Prairie View	5.00
Riverside	3.85
Shiloh	
Stamford, First	113.03
Stith	
Truby	
Tuxedo	10.00
	$198.56

Stonewall Association

C. N. Gilbert, Jayton, Organizer.

Churches	Amt. Thr. C. P.
Aspermont	$
Bulah	
Clairemont	
Girard	8.00
Jayton	19.00
Johnson Chapel	4.90
Old Glory	
Oriana	
Peacock	27.25
Riverdale	
Swenson	
	$ 59.15

Sweetwater Association

W. C. Ashford, Abilene, Organizer.

Churches	Amt. Thr. C. P.
Abilene, Calvary	$
Abilene, First	195.81
Abilene, Immanuel	12.50
Abilene, North Park	3.00
Abilene, South Side	109.71
Abilene, Sunset	10.25
Abilene, Temple	
Abilene, University	98.84
Bethel	
Blackwell	4.87
Blair	
Buffalo Gap	
Caps	12.00
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Colony Hill	
Elmdale	10.67
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Nolan	9.00
Ovalo	
Salt Branch	
Shep	
Sweetwater, First	75.06
Sweetwater, Lamar Street	4.00
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Tye	3.50
View	
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SNYDER PASTOR BEGINS FOURTH YEAR OF SERVICE



Pastor Ira Harrison is beginning his fourth year with that growing church. During these three years the church has contributed $27,000 of which $7,000 went to outside causes. In this time there have been 352 additions, 138 of them for baptism. In the months ahead the church plans improvements on the property and hopes to call an education director or office secretary.

MITCHELL ZONE TO MEET AT BETHEL IN JANUARY

Bethel will be host to the next zone meeting for Bethel, Loraine, Pleasant Valley, Wastella, Roscoe and Champion churches on January 14, with Champion in charge of the program, states Marie Hawkins, secretary.

The last zone meeting was held at Pleasant Valley, December 8, with Wastella presenting the program under the direction of Miss Cleola Ward. The topic for the afternoon was "Fruit Bearing," with Miss Dorothy Shuler and Miss Dyce Ward speaking on that subject and Mr. J. D. Steward rendering a devotional.

SUNDAY WAS H-SU DAY AT UNIVERSITY CHURCH

Hardin-Simmons day was observed at University Church, Abilene, on December 15. President W. R. White was guest preacher for both hours and various university musical organizations participating in the services. In spite of the unusually wintry weather, which lowered attendance at most places, University Church had a great day with full attendance.

Out of 102 in attendance at the Baptist Rescue Mission in New Orleans at a recent Sunday night service, 18 made public professions of faith, according to Rev. Clovis A. Brantley, superintendent of the mission.

The Jew of today has not had his chance until the Gospel has been offered to him.—Jacob Gartenhaus.

Church Bulletins

REDWINE

Second Sunday was a good day for our church. We took the Lottie Moon Christmas offering and it amounted to $100.14. We had one hundred making reports in Sunday School. Eighty-three were present for the Training Union.

A Christmas holiday revival will begin on Wednesday night, December 18 and will close on Tuesday night, December 24. Let the pastor urge each one to make arrangements to attend.

Remember that Sunday has been set aside by the church to take our Buckner Orphans' Home Christmas offering.

Sunday School, 10:00 a. m., E. W. Holloway, superintendent.

Training Union, 7:00 p. m., Clayton Beard, director.

W. M. U., Tuesday, 2:30 p. m., Mrs. J. A. Giles, president.

W. P. BRIAN, Pastor.

JOHNSON CHAPEL

Sunday School 10:00.

Training Union 7:00.

We will take our Lottie Moon Christmas offering Sunday.

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