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## BROTHER LALLY MILLICAN BURIED AT PAISANO

Rev. L. R. Millican, beloved sky-pilot of the cow country and one of the last and most colorful of the horseback missionaries, died Monday in an El Paso hospital and was buried Wednesday afternoon on the grounds of the Paisana Encampment which he conceived and helped mightily to develop.

Brother Millican had lived 85 years, 61 of which he spent in the Baptist ministry. Though he was 25 years old before he had much schooling, and never completed his college work, he was honored in life and death by many famous leaders and prominent educators, including Dr. J. B. Tidwell and Dr. George W. Truett, who had part in the funeral services.

The aged minister was active until within the last year. He was especially interested in securing the 1937 meeting of the General Convention at El Paso, but when the Baptist hosts gathered there last fall he was unable to attend the sessions. After months of failing health, he submitted to an operation last Friday.

In February he and Mrs. Millican celebrated their sixtieth wedding anniversary, 30 years of which, she laughingly said, they had been separated while he was away on his mission field. The year 1878 was the most memorable in his interesting life. In that year he was ordained to the ministry, married, and entered Baylor University at Independence.

The pioneer spirit was in his blood. The town of Millican was named for his family. His father, a friend of Gen. Sam Houston, was the first sheriff of Brazos County. At the age of 17 Lally was a member of the Anti-Horse Thief Association but declined to have a hand in the hanging of the thieves.

While still a boy he carried the mail, muleback, from Austin to Lampasas. He gave up this task to ride with the trail herds going up the Chisholm trail to Kansas. Before entering the ministry he spent winters at freighting.

Leaving his formal education unfinished, he rode west to his life work as frontier missionary. Once, it is related, Indians stole his saddle horse. In the early eighties he was riding to the new town of Abilene with a missionary fresh from the East when they were caught in a blizzard. Millican piled buffalo robes upon his tenderfoot companion and kept himself from freezing by keeping a campfire burning all night. They continued on their journey the next day and the First Baptist Church at Abilene was organized.

Many other prominent Baptist churches in West Texas were organized by this tireless missionary or were pastored by him in their uncertain early years. Among these were the First churches of San Angelo and El Paso.

His last "stamping ground" was the mountain region beyond the Pecos and the crowning achievement of his long ministry was the interesting denominational leaders, including many prominent cattlemen, in the establishment of the Paisana encampment where an annual camp meeting is held in the style of the old West.

There in the shadows of beloved mountains and surrounded by the ranges of his friends, the tireless body of the heroic trail-blazer awaits the coming of his Lord.

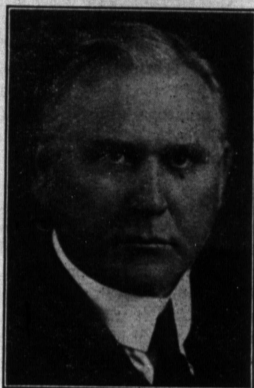
## SOUTHWESTERN ALUMNI LUNCHEON AT RICHMOND

Southwestern Seminary's annual alumni luncheon at the Southern Baptist Convention is scheduled for Friday, May 13, at 12:30 P. M., in the Roof Garden of the Hotel Richmond. Tickets, priced at 75 cents, may be obtained from officers and members of the alumni association's board of directors, or at the Seminary booth in the display room.

## YOUTH WELFARE PROGRAM

The Youth Welfare Committee, Rev. A. D. Foreman, Jr., chairman, suggests that at the B. T. U. general assembly of April 24 or other convenient date four minute talks be given on the following subjects: Christian Indifference—An Ally of Vice, by a Christian father. I Am No Bigger Than the Habits that Master Me, by a young woman. What Takes the Joy Out of Life for Youth, by a young man. This is the last of a series of programs especially designed to combat the twin evils of liquor and gambling.

## FOR SELF OR FOR CHRIST, DECLARES DR. TRUETT



DR. GEO. W. TRUETT

Our lives are self-centered or Christ-centered, was the central thought of Dr. Geo. W. Truett, the incomparable Baptist leader, before a vast audience which listened to him Tuesday noon at the municipal auditorium of San Angelo, where he spoke, and at the First Baptist Church of that city and over Southwest Texas, where the message was carried by radio station KGKL.

"Christ asks for our lives," he challenged. "In His sight there can be no substitute for life."

Taking his Bible thought from King Hezekiah, who was so repelled by the evil career of his father, Ahaz, that he established a reign of righteousness, Dr. Truett asserted, "It is utterly useless to try to mend a country's distress unless we mend their morals and religion."

The sin offerings of the Mosaic law, he said, always prefigured the sin offering of the Christ, and he reminded his hearers that after the sin offering there came the burnt offering, which stands for dedication of life. Especially today, he continued, are there great lessons picturing burnt offerings, for wherever a life is unreservedly dedicated to a cause, that cause will be carried triumphantly forward.

The intent audience was urged to make the best of life's trials. Contrast was drawn between Lord Byron, whose life was embittered by his lameness, and Sir Walter Scott, who suffered a similar affliction and never mentioned it at all.

Reference was made to Emerson's essay on Compensation with the observation that if we are faithful to the highest lights there will eventually be compensation for all our losses. This is especially true, he said, in the realm of religion.

The life of Helen Keller was cited as a worthy example and Florence Nightingale, when asked to reveal the secret of her victorious life, replied, "If my life means anything to the world it is because I work hard and never refuse Christ anything." And Jenny Lind, the world famous singer, "I always sing for the ear of Jesus who died for me." General Booth, founder of the Salvation Army, once told Dr. Truett, "For a long time I have allowed Jesus to have all of me."

"The self-centered life is doomed," declared the preacher, earnestly. "Selfishness is the negation of God and the precursor of downfall. The great nations of the past mocked God and sleep today in the cemetery of the defeated."

He impressively spoke Kipling's Recessional and asserted, "The need of the hour is renewed dedication—rightly motivated men and women to stand in the gap." Upon invitation, practically the entire audience stood in testimony of renewed dedication of their lives in Christian service.

## THROCKMORTON-YOUNG WORKERS CONFERENCE

Meeting April 28 at Bunker Church, south of Graham, Rev. Boyce Wiggins, pastor.  
Theme: The Cross of Christ.  
10:00—Song and Devotional, Rev. B. A. Roark.  
10:30—The Cross as a Motive of Stewardship, Rev. Willis.  
10:50—The Cross as a Motive of Missionary Endeavor, Rev. Holt.  
11:10—Music.  
11:15—Sermon: The Cross as the Only Hope of the World, Rev. A. A. Davis.  
1:30—Inspirational Message, Rev. S. A. Newman.

## State Sunday School Convention Floods San Angelo This Week

Typical Western sunshine, western hospitality and western enthusiasm characterized the opening sessions of the Thirteenth Annual State Sunday School Convention of Texas Baptists, meeting April 19-21 at San Angelo. At the first general meeting of what is declared to be the largest Sunday School convention in the world, an estimated 75 per cent of the audience raised hands to indicate that they had never attended a Sunday School convention before. Approximately 3,500 messengers had registered on the first day and experienced workers estimated that fully one-third of those in attendance had not taken the time to sign registration cards.

The general session of Tuesday, which was climaxed with an inspiring sermon by Dr. George W. Truett, included welcome messages by Dr. A. D. Foreman, Jr., pastor of First Church, San Angelo, and former mayor Dorsey B. Hardeman. Dr. Ben M. David of Cleburne responded with a call for Baptist leadership to combat the confusion of a world torn between Fascism and Communism. Rev. J. Ralph Grant of Childress presented large delegations and gave a brief period for everyone to meet those near him.

W. J. Lites, field secretary of Sunday School work, substituted for State Secretary G. S. Hopkins, who was called away by the death of his brother at Tlaga, Texas. President Robert Jolly of Houston spoke of the irreligion of tax supported schools, urged special emphasis on Bible study in churches of cities where these schools are located and cautioned, "Be careful who teaches the Bible in your church."

Messages of condolence were voted to be sent Dr. Hopkins, Mrs. Millican, sole survivor of "Brother Lally" Millican, pioneer missionary, and Dr. Arthur Flakes, author of several books used in training courses, who buried his wife in Mississippi, Tuesday.

The general session of Tuesday evening was held in two divisions, the Municipal auditorium and the First Baptist Church. By means of the radio, Dr. Truett addressed packed houses at both places at the morning and evening hours.

Committees announced by President Jolly were: Time and Place of next meeting, Harry P. Wootan, Dallas; Rhed Williams, Amarillo; M. L. Dhoed, Waco; Jesse Garrett, El Paso; O. R. Smith, Tyler; N. B. Moore, Kingsville; Joe Parks, Jr., Houston. Resolutions: H. H. Hargrave, Waco; J. B. Oliver, Beaumont; J. M. Cook, Abilene; W. M. Turner, Pecos. Banners and Awards, R. O. Feather, Austin; V. M. Hailey, Luling; Mrs. A. O. Thompson, Hereford; A. B. Mayhew, Uvalde. Nominations, Theo. W. Gayer, Uvalde; J. Vernon Wheelless, Sour Lake; R. E. Tarpley, Greenville.

Among those introduced by Secretary Lites were conference leaders: J. I. Gregory, Wichita Falls, Vacation Bible Schools; Prof. I. E. Reynolds, Seminary Hill, Music Conference; Dr. T. B. Maston, Seminary Hill, Social Recreation; Miss Marie Estes, Nashville, Church Libraries; R. A. Springer, Amarillo, Administration—Verda Von Hagen, Nashville, Extension; J. Earl Mead, Dallas, Adult Department;

Rev. J. William Mason, Memphis, Young People's Department; Miss Mary Alice Biby, Nashville, Intermediate; Miss Annie Goings Taylor, Fort Worth, Junior; Mrs. O. E. Parris, Dallas, Primary; Miss Floy Barnard, Seminary Hill, Beginner; Miss Mattie L. Leatherwood, Nashville, Cradle Roll; Dr. P. E. Burroughs, Church Building.

These district vacation Bible school leaders were introduced: Rev. J. I. Gregory, Wichita Falls, Districts 9, 10, 11, 12 and 17; Rev. Elmer Dunham, Santa Anna, 7, 8, and 16; John H. Gary, First, Tyler, 1, 2, 3, 13, 14, 15, and Mrs. W. H. Russell, Districts 4, 5, 6.

District Sunday School presidents: Carl D. Maury, Mt. Pleasant, District 1; Rev. A. C. Turner, Tyler, 2; Rev. J. Vernon Wheelless, Sour Lake, 3; Walter Jackson, First, Houston, 4; Judge P. G. Greenwood, Harlingen, 5; Rev. W. L. Rodgers, Pleasanton, 6; Rev. M. M. Fulmer, Alpine, 7; Claude O. Crane, Midland, 8; Clyde Hamilton, First, Plainview, 9; R. A. Springer, First, Amarillo, 10; Volus Norsworthy, Vernon, 11; Rev. F. W. Swank, Fort Worth, 12; R. E. Tarpley, Greenville, 13; M. E. Compton, Waco, 14; Rev. P. C. Williams, Georgetown, 15; Walter Leach, Brownwood, 16; and J. M. Cook, Abilene, 17.

District missionaries: Rev. M. A. Roberts, Longview, District 1; Rev. Frank Gayer, Jacksonville, 2; Rev. J. B. Oliver, First, Beaumont, 3.

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## BAPTIST HOSPITAL STAFF LEADER DROPS DEAD



DR. E. R. MIDDLETON

Dr. E. R. Middleton, prominent member of the Hendrick Memorial Hospital staff, who dropped dead in his office late Friday afternoon was buried from the First Baptist Church, Abilene, Sunday afternoon, Pastor Millard A. Jenkins officiating.

Dr. Middleton was past-president of the staff of Hendrick Hospital, president of the Taylor-Jones County Medical Society, and Fellow of the American College of Surgeons. He was also a deacon of the First Baptist Church and for many years taught a class of young men in the Sunday School. He was converted and joined the Baptist Church in early boyhood.

Born January 14, 1885, at Franklin, Texas, he moved with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Middleton, to Winters in 1902. In 1909 he received the M. D. degree from Baylor University and returned to Winters to practice medicine. He was very successful in his profession and within a few years had a hospital in his home town.

With the founding of West Texas Baptist Sanitarium—now Hendrick Memorial Hospital—Dr. Middleton opened an office in Abilene and stepped to the front rank among the physicians and surgeons of that city.

He is survived by his wife, the former Edith Catherine Fred, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. M. K. Fred of San Marcos; two sons, Dr. Edwin E. Middleton and Weldon B. Middleton, and one daughter, Lorraine.

## PRAY FOR MISSIONARIES

Friday, April 22—Mr. and Mrs. Donata Ruiz, Box 687, San Angelo, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Delgado, 1601 Caldwell St., Corpus Christi. They work among Spanish speaking people in Texas.

Saturday, April 23—Miss Blanche Rose Walker, educational worker, Kai Feng, Honan, China, temporarily engaged in mission work with Calvary Baptist Church, Bakersfield, Calif.

Sunday, April 24—Valleria Green Rankin (Mrs. M. T.), evangelistic worker, 466 Rue Lafayette, Shanghai, Ku., China; Miss Lena Valinda Lair, educational worker, Ogbomoso, via Lagos, Nigeria, West Africa; Miss Blanche Virginia Simpson, educational worker, Caixa 352, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

Monday, April 25—Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Lopez, Box 863, Pearsall; Mr. and Mrs. Andres R. Cavazos, 1316 San Bernardo, Laredo. They work among Spanish speaking people in Texas.

Tuesday, April 26—Mrs. A. Scott Patterson, former evangelistic worker in Africa, now on pension at Madison, Georgia.

Wednesday, April 27—Mr. and Mrs. Matias C. Garcia, 121 San Marcos Street, San Antonio; Mr. and Mrs. Alfredo Cavazos, 446 Pruitt Street, San Antonio; workers with Spanish speaking people in Texas.

Thursday, April 28—Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Rodriguez, 212 Jefferson Street, Kerrville; Miss Ollie Lewellyn, 1201 West Ashby Place, San Antonio. Home missionaries in Texas.

The spring revival of the First Baptist Church of Talco closed Sunday, April 17. Pastor Rev. Thos. J. Young did the preaching, and Barney Rogers of Mount Pleasant directed the choir. The earnest messages brought by Brother Young were an inspiration to both young and old. He is a hard worker and not afraid to fight sin. There were 28 conversions and 32 additions to the church, 24 by baptism and eight by letter.

## MISSIONARY

ESSAYS



By B. N. SHEPHERD  
Missionary, District 17

When news is not gotten out on time it ceases to be news. I am sorry that I did not get the notes ready last week. But it is a known fact that when a fellow does all he can that is all he can do. I just was not able to get the notes ready.

Our hearts were made happy last week when we learned the great work that was done during the last year by the W. M. U. The annual meeting was well attended and the spirit was superb. Those Stamford people certainly know how to treat people to make them want to come back.

The women are making great plans for the camps for our boys and girls this summer. The men doing their part will make the greatest year we have ever had. Well, I feel that you can count on the men under the leadership of Judge E. S. Cummings after such a splendid foundation laid under the leadership of Judge Welch.

Then, with people like J. I. Cartledge, B. T. U. district director, and J. M. Cook, Sunday School district superintendent, to help Mrs. J. B. Buckley, district W. M. U. president, we are sure to have, not only young people's camps, but a great general camp.

The revival in which Brother C. A. Powell was leading at Rochester was postponed to some future date on account of the snow storm and cold weather. We are hoping they may soon have it. Brother Powell, as we all know, is one of Texas' greatest Gospel preachers. Well, that means one of the best anywhere.

Brother E. D. Dunlap did a good job of it leading in the meeting at Coggin Avenue, Brownwood, according to Brother Bradford, the beloved pastor. Brother Bradford says Dunlap is one of the best helpers he has ever known. We like to hear that kind of statements about our district 17 preachers, don't we? There were some fifty or more additions to the church. That makes a pastor's heart really glad.

Brother Poe is fast finding his way into the hearts of his people at Cross Plains as well as the people around. During the revival the missionary conducted at Dressey, near there, he was out to lend a helping hand. The people out there appreciated his help. Along with him came his good wife and several others, among whom was Brother Clark, who lead the singing the most of the time for the meeting. The meeting was a good one. I did not get to be out there much of the time on account of so many other duties. But the Lord lead on just the same. Brother Van Pelt started the meeting the first Sunday of it. Brother Ross Respass preached Tuesday night. It rained us out Thursday night. But we had seven for baptism and one by letter joining the church. The whole church seemed to be revived. On Sunday morning the church prayed for the Lord's leadership as to whether it should go into the call of a pastor. The members all voted to go into the call. Then paper was passed out for their votes. After all prayed for His lead all voted, on first ballot, for Brother Ross Respass. Cards were passed out for the tithers to sign up and for the budget. It rained Sunday night so many were kept away, but quiet a number signed up to tithe, and several others to give a certain amount each week.

The women met Wednesday to organize a W. M. S. I am sure you will hear good things from that church.

The Jones County W. M. met with the Hebron Church. It was a good one. Brother Melvin Byrd is the young, aggressive pastor. The church has recently completed a Sunday School training school in which two books were taught: Building A Stand (Continued on page 2)

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### STATE RELIGION

The powerful pressure which is now being brought to bear upon British Baptists to join in the unification movement which is under way in their country is part and parcel of the efforts in Germany and other countries to make religion subservient to the state.

Epidemics of ideas are as contagious as the influenza. We can no more escape the impact of the thought prevalent abroad than we could escape the world-wide depression or the World War.

Baptist papers from southeastern states are having considerable to say about only union churches being allowed in the new towns under the control of the Tennessee Valley Authority and the Resettlement Administration. We wonder what will happen when some Baptist preacher with the spirit of Peter before the Sanhedrin opens a revival and organizes a church in one of these towns.

### THE PREACHERS' CONFERENCE

It is to be hoped that every pastor and every evangelistic worker in the State will make an opportunity to attend the Preachers' Conference at Southwestern Seminary, meeting five days from May 30 to June 3.

This meeting may well be called the Evangelists' Revival. It was from there last year that the flame of evangelism was carried abroad, lighting nearly a hundred thousand lost souls to Christ.

Churches, make it possible for your pastor to be there and to remain there. Wedding dates can be varied a few days and funerals can be conducted by some good Methodist, Presbyterian or other man of God. But for the sake of lost souls, let's not deprive our Baptist pastors of these five significant days.

Pastors, we expect you to bring back glowing coals from holy altars which will rekindle our smoldering zeal that the spirit of soul winning may blaze higher throughout the Southwest. The eternal fate of another hundred thousand souls depends upon this conference.

### FOR CLEANER PICTURES

Whether you like it or not, most of your neighbors and especially the neighbors' children, are going to attend the movies. Therefore it behooves every citizen who is interested in public decency to support the efforts now in Congress to abolish the pernicious system of block-booking and blind-selling which now prevails in the business of distributing motion pictures.

Under the prevailing system, the local exhibitor may be anxious to provide his patrons with clean, worthwhile pictures but he can get them only by showing whatever slime and smut Hollywood may happen to send along on the same contract. He has one choice—he can show whatever they have to offer or he can get out of the business. Some have taken the latter step; but while it undoubtedly helped the conscience of an individual, it made no progress toward cleaner movies because too many others were glad to take his place.

The motion picture industry claims that it can not survive the abolition of the present selling system. The way it works is something like this. One of the film companies sends out a salesman who contracts with exhibitors to deliver so many feet of film of specified length on stated dates and at contract prices. With these contracts as collateral the producer then sets his studios to work on pictures to be delivered on the contracts.

A manufacturer of automobiles can follow this system because his product can be built to tangible specifications. Large cotton planters and wheat growers sometimes sell for future delivery knowing that, if their own crop falls below grade, the contract can be filled on the open market. Unfortunately for the film manufacturer, the public judges his product by the rules governing works of art instead of by those having to do with commodities.

The studios admit this when they claim that the system of blind-selling is essential to prevent disastrous losses on unpopular films. We know of no other important industry which has devised a system of saddling the public with the expense of their mistakes and bad judgment. Not only the writer, the painter, the composer, and the sculptor, but the publisher and the exhibitor who deals in works of an artistic nature has to back his judgment and take the risk of a failure.

Independent picture exhibitors who must bear the brunt of any public displeasure with the movies and who are most responsive to popular wishes, are reported by their trade organ to favor the Neely bill which is now before the United States Senate. It is a measure designed to permit the exhibitor to select his features according to the demand of his patrons.

The Parent-Teachers Association is mobilizing a great force to effect the abolition of block-booking. We will continue to have motion pictures and they will remain one of the most powerful formative forces in American life. Then let us strive for cleaner and better pictures.

## NEWS NOTES

The Semnoto Sentinel, published by Editor Sam Malone of Seminole, Texas, and former editor of the West Texas Baptist, blossomed out last week with a fine eight-page magazine section. We wish the best of success to both Editor Malone and Preacher Malone.

The regular third Sunday conference of Sunday School workers of the West zone of the Sweetwater Association will meet with the Hilton Church on the third Sunday in May. The April meeting with the First Church, Sweetwater last Sunday was well attended by representatives from six churches.

The Hamby Church, Rev. J. William Arnett, pastor, will entertain the workers conference of the Sweetwater Association on May 5.

Pastor E. D. Dunlap, Sweetwater, is holding a great meeting with the Coggin Avenue Church, Brownwood. Rev. J. M. Bradford of Brownwood brought the Easter sermon at Sweetwater First Church and at the evening service the choir rendered an Easter cantata.

"Detours are always rougher than the main highway. Live right."—The Baptist Trumpet.

Easter services are not always a style show by any means. The First Baptist Church, Abilene, had fourteen additions at the morning service, six of whom were candidates for baptism. In addition to these, Gentry Scott Holmes, an active leader in his Sunday School class and B. Y. P. U., made public announcement of his surrender to the ministry.

Pastor Herman Coe of White Deer has just closed a splendid meeting with the First Church, Humble. Before going to White Deer, Brother Coe was at Sweetwater.

The First Baptist Church at Waxahachie had planned no spring revival but one grew spontaneously out of prayer meetings and personal soul-winning and in spite of floods and the blizzard they had 71 additions to the church, 46 by baptism. No outside help was called in. Pastor McKinley Norman did the preaching and Director of Music and Education Woodrow W. Harris led the song services. "Through it all," writes Dr. Norman, "the revival fires of God's grace continued to burn and the meeting grew in power and interest through the very last service."

An impressive pageant-cantata was presented at the Easter evening service of the First Church, Abilene, by the choir and young people under the direction of J. D. Riddle and Miss Verna Lee Carson.

Dr. Julian Atwood has resigned from a long and successful pastorate at Roswell, N. M., to accept a call to the First Baptist Church, Texarkana.

Sixty-one additions to Tahoka Church, thirty of whom were baptized, resulted from their spring revival which was conducted by Pastor George A. Dale and Rev. J. R. Hickerson. Rev. C. O. Huber of Gallup, New Mexico, led the song services.

The First Southern Baptist Church of Phoenix, Arizona, recently celebrated its 17th anniversary with a Sunday School attendance of 433 and an offering of \$987.46. Average Sunday School attendance is 273, which is an increase of over 50 from a year ago. Without a revival there were 88 additions with 25 for baptism during the winter months. Plans are under way for air conditioning the auditorium for summer. Rev. C. Vaughan Rock, a Hardin-Simmons man, is pastor. He succeeded his father, Dr. C. M. Rock, who was pastor from the organization till his death in 1936.

Dr. L. R. Scarborough, president Southwestern Seminary, has just concluded a very successful meeting at Ouachita College and the First Baptist Church, Arkadelphia, Arkansas. There were forty-six professions of faith and thirty-eight additions to the church. Thirty-four of the thirty-eight additions presented themselves as candidates for baptism. A large number of Ouachita College students surrendered for special religious service. Rev. Bob Naylor is pastor of the First Church, Arkadelphia.

Dr. L. R. Scarborough, president Southwestern Seminary, will assist Dr. Allen S. Cutts, pastor, and the First Baptist Church, Pensacola, Florida, in a revival meeting during the week of April 10-17.

A high spiritual hour was experienced in First Baptist Church, Rule, on Easter morning. The auditorium was well filled. Two conversions and four additions to the church; two by letter and the two young ladies who were converted united with the church.

Pastor Aubrey Short of Foran has closed a two weeks meeting with the Odessa Church in which there were 68 conversions and 15 additions by letter.

Pastor Wyman of Forest Avenue Church, Dallas, entered Baylor Hospital Tuesday.

There were 67 additions and 42 conversions in a great spiritual revival in Forest Avenue, Dallas, led by Evangelist Chester M. Savage. Rev. Savage, who is addressed at Box 213, Dallas, has a few open dates.

### Missionary Writings of Terror--

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 of the Japanese people oppose the ruthless aggression of China, but they are helpless. They are shot down if they interfere.

In view of the facts, it is almost inconceivable that Americans would aid Japan by buying her goods or by selling her war supplies. If profiteers continue to supply Japan with war materials, China is sure to be crushed. If the Japanese war machine crushes China its anti-social policy will continue to expand and endanger what remains of our crumbling civilization. For what will the Japanese war-lords with the hearty cooperation of the mad dictators of Italy and Germany, not do in the future? Since the sale of war supplies to Japan may turn the victory to Japan, private munitions concerns are a major menace to world peace and security. They are betraying the interests not only of America but of all peace loving nations.

I ask you in the name of God to do all you can to stop this brutal devastation of China. Think for a moment of these thousands of Chinese children, being slaughtered in a routine fashion, I tell you I admire these kiddies, so under-privileged, yet as a rule, exceedingly plucky and cheerful. I love them. They are my little brothers and sisters through Christ. You can do much to turn the tide of this struggle for China and righteousness. Stop aiding Japan by buying her goods. Write your representatives, state and national, to launch a move for exclusive, government ownership of munitions works. Stop the sale of all war supplies to the aggressors.

Intercede with fasting and prayer that God will raise up a "standard against the enemy which has 'come like a flood' upon us."

In sore distress for China,  
 Yours for righteous peace,  
 R. R. HOLDER.

### Missionary Messages

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 dard Sunday School, and another book. Brother Ted McGehee, Merkel, taught one of the books. Thirty-five were enrolled and 17 took the examinations.

The Workers' meeting at Shep, Sweetwater association, was well attended, and the spirit ran rather high and the fires of evangelism as well as mission fires seem to be burning rather high.

The Ballinger Church is moving on in a great way under the strong leadership of the new pastor, Clarence A. Morton. For seven years he was pastor of the Gatesville Church. There he led in building a \$50,000 plant. His efficiency has popularized him to the extent that he is vice-president of the Baptist General Convention of Texas. All of us love and appreciate him. Since his coming to Ballinger the Sunday School has gone from a little over 200 to an average of 440, and the B. T. U., as are all other departments of the work, is growing. In a recent revival in which Brother Morton did the preaching there were 65 additions. Thirty for baptism.

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## STATE RELIGION

The powerful pressure which is now being brought to bear upon British Baptists to join in the unification movement which is under way in their country is part and parcel of the efforts in Germany and other countries to make religion subservient to the state.

Epidemics of ideas are as contagious as the influenza. We can no more escape the impact of the thought prevalent abroad than we could escape the world-wide depression or the World War.

Baptist papers from southeastern states are having considerable to say about only union churches being allowed in the new towns under the control of the Tennessee Valley Authority and the Resettlement Administration. We wonder what will happen when some Baptist preacher with the spirit of Peter before the Sanhedrin opens a revival and organizes a church in one of these towns.

## THE PREACHERS' CONFERENCE

It is to be hoped that every pastor and every evangelistic worker in the State will make an opportunity to attend the Preachers' Conference at Southwestern Seminary, meeting five days from May 30 to June 3.

This meeting may well be called the Evangelists' Revival. It was from there last year that the flame of evangelism was carried abroad, lighting nearly a hundred thousand lost souls to Christ.

Churches, make it possible for your pastor to be there and to remain there. Wedding dates can be varied a few days and funerals can be conducted by some good Methodist, Presbyterian or other man of God. But for the sake of lost souls, let's not deprive our Baptist pastors of these five significant days.

Pastors, we expect you to bring back glowing coals from holy altars which will rekindle our smoldering zeal that the spirit of soul winning may blaze higher throughout the Southwest. The eternal fate of another hundred thousand souls depends upon this conference.

## FOR CLEANER PICTURES

Whether you like it or not, most of your neighbors and especially the neighbors' children, are going to attend the movies. Therefore it behooves every citizen who is interested in public decency to support the efforts now in Congress to abolish the pernicious system of block-booking and blind-selling which now prevails in the business of distributing motion pictures.

Under the prevailing system, the local exhibitor may be anxious to provide his patrons with clean, worthwhile pictures but he can get them only by showing whatever slime and smut Hollywood may happen to send along on the same contract. He has one choice—he can show whatever they have to offer or he can get out of the business. Some have taken the latter step; but while it undoubtedly helped the conscience of an individual, it made no progress toward cleaner movies because too many others were glad to take his place.

The motion picture industry claims that it can not survive the abolition of the present selling system. The way it works is something like this. One of the film companies sends out a salesman who contracts with exhibitors to deliver so many feet of film of specified length on stated dates and at contract prices. With these contracts as collateral the producer then sets his studios to work on pictures to be delivered on the contracts.

A manufacturer of automobiles can follow this system because his product can be built to tangible specifications. Large cotton planters and wheat growers sometimes sell for future delivery knowing that, if their own crop falls below grade, the contract can be filled on the open market. Unfortunately for the film manufacturer, the public judges his product by the rules governing works of art instead of by those having to do with commodities.

The studios admit this when they claim that the system of blind-selling is essential to prevent disastrous losses on unpopular films. We know of no other important industry which has devised a system of saddling the public with the expense of their mistakes and bad judgment. Not only the writer, the painter, the composer, and the sculptor, but the publisher and the exhibitor who deals in works of an artistic nature has to back his judgment and take the risk of a failure.

Independent picture exhibitors who must bear the brunt of any public displeasure with the movies and who are most responsive to popular wishes, are reported by their trade organ to favor the Neely bill which is now before the United States Senate. It is a measure designed to permit the exhibitor to select his features according to the demand of his patrons.

The Parent-Teachers Association is mobilizing a great force to effect the abolition of block-booking. We will continue to have motion pictures and they will remain one of the most powerful formative forces in American life. Then let us strive for cleaner and better pictures.

# NEWS NOTES

The Seminoe Sentinel, published by Editor Sam Malone of Seminole, Texas, and former editor of the West Texas Baptist, blossomed out last week with a fine eight-page magazine section. We wish the best of success to both Editor Malone and Preacher Malone.

The regular third Sunday conference of Sunday School workers of the West zone of the Sweetwater Association will meet with the Hilton Church on the third Sunday in May. The April meeting with the First Church, Sweetwater last Sunday was well attended by representatives from six churches.

The Hamby Church, Rev. J. William Arnett, pastor, will entertain the workers conference of the Sweetwater Association on May 5.

Pastor E. D. Dunlap, Sweetwater, is holding a great meeting with the Coggin Avenue Church, Brownwood. Rev. J. M. Bradford of Brownwood brought the Easter sermon at Sweetwater First Church and at the evening service the choir rendered an Easter cantata.

"Detours are always rougher than the main highway. Live right."—The Baptist Trumpet.

Easter services are not always a style show by any means. The First Baptist Church, Abilene, had fourteen additions at the morning service, six of whom were candidates for baptism. In addition to these, Gentry Scott Holmes, an active leader in his Sunday School class and B. Y. P. U., made public announcement of his surrender to the ministry.

Pastor Herman Coe of White Deer has just closed a splendid meeting with the First Church, Humble. Before going to White Deer, Brother Coe was at Sweetwater.

The First Baptist Church at Waxahachie had planned no spring revival but one grew spontaneously out of prayer meetings and personal soul-winning and in spite of floods and the blizzard they had 71 additions to the church, 46 by baptism. No outside help was called in. Pastor McKinley Norman did the preaching and Director of Music and Education Woodrow W. Harris led the song services. "Through it all," writes Dr. Norman, "the revival fires of God's grace continued to burn and the meeting grew in power and interest through the very last service."

An impressive pageant-cantata was presented at the Easter evening service of the First Church, Abilene, by the choir and young people under the direction of J. D. Riddle and Miss Verna Lee Carson.

Dr. Julian Atwood has resigned from a long and successful pastorate at Roswell, N. M., to accept a call to the First Baptist Church, Texarkana.

Sixty-one additions to Tahoka Church, thirty of whom were baptized, resulted from their spring revival which was conducted by Pastor George A. Dale and Rev. J. R. Hickerson. Rev. C. O. Huber of Gallup, New Mexico, led the song services.

The First Southern Baptist Church of Phoenix, Arizona, recently celebrated its 17th anniversary with a Sunday School attendance of 433 and an offering of \$987.46. Average Sunday School attendance is 273, which is an increase of over 50 from a year ago. Without a revival there were 88 additions with 25 for baptism during the winter months. Plans are under way for air conditioning the auditorium for summer. Rev. C. Vaughan Rock, a Hardin-Simmons man, is pastor. He succeeded his father, Dr. C. M. Rock, who was pastor from the organization till his death in 1936.

Dr. L. R. Scarborough, president Southwestern Seminary, has just concluded a very successful meeting at Ouachita College and the First Baptist Church, Arkadelphia, Arkansas. There were forty-six professions of faith and thirty-eight additions to the church. Thirty-four of the thirty-eight additions presented themselves as candidates for baptism. A large number of Ouachita College students surrendered for special religious service. Rev. Bob Naylor is pastor of the First Church, Arkadelphia.

Dr. L. R. Scarborough, president Southwestern Seminary, will assist Dr. Allen S. Cutts, pastor, and the First Baptist Church, Pensacola, Florida, in a revival meeting during the week of April 10-17.

A high spiritual hour was experienced in First Baptist Church, Rule, on Easter morning. The auditorium was well filled. Two conversions and four additions to the church; two by letter and the two young ladies who were converted united with the church.

Pastor Aubrey Short of Forsan has closed a two weeks meeting with the Odessa Church in which there were 68 conversions and 15 additions by letter.

Pastor Wyman of Forest Avenue Church, Dallas, entered Baylor Hospital Tuesday.

There were 67 additions and 42 conversions in a great spiritual revival in Forest Avenue, Dallas, led by Evangelist Chester M. Savage, Rev. Savage, who is addressed at Box 213, Dallas, has a few open dates.

## Missionary Writes of Terror--

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 of the Japanese people oppose the ruthless aggression of China, but they are helpless. They are shot down if they interfere.

In view of the facts, it is almost inconceivable that Americans would aid Japan by buying her goods or by selling her war supplies. If profiteers continue to supply Japan with war materials, China is sure to be crushed. If the Japanese war machine crushes China its anti-social policy will continue to expand and endanger what remains of our crumbling civilization. For what will the Japanese war-lords with the hearty cooperation of the mad dictators of Italy and Germany, not do in the future? Since the sale of war supplies to Japan may turn the victory to Japan, private munitions concerns are a major menace to world peace and security. They are betraying the interests not only of America but of all peace loving nations.

I ask you in the name of God to do all you can to stop this brutal devastation of China. Think for a moment of these thousands of Chinese children, being slaughtered in a routine fashion, I tell you I admire these kiddies, so under-privileged, yet as a rule, exceedingly plucky and cheerful. I love them. They are my little brothers and sisters through Christ. You can do much to turn the tide of this struggle for China and righteousness. Stop aiding Japan by buying her goods. Write your representatives, state and national, to launch a move for exclusive government ownership of munitions works. Stop the sale of all war supplies to the aggressors.

Intercede with fasting and prayer that God will raise up a "standard against the enemy which has 'come like a flood' upon us."

In sore distress for China,  
 Yours for righteous peace,  
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# Abilene Church Builds Missions



Nearly all the delinquents who are tried in juvenile court in Abilene are boys and girls from shacks like these. They have no religious training nor any wholesome recreational life and many drift into lives of vice and crime. To combat these evil influences, the Brotherhood of First Baptist Church, Abilene, has purchased a lot at Sixth and Willow Streets in southeastern Abilene where a mission will be constructed. The building will be 26x42 feet and will be used for a mission Sunday School, evangelistic services, Boy Scout quarters and general community center.

Work on this project will begin Monday, April 25, under the supervision of J. M. Baggett. Cost of construction will be within \$600 as some of the materials and most of the labor will be donated. Over half of the funds have been contributed spontaneously and it is expected that the cash will be on hand by the time for the bills to be paid.

No new church in this location is contemplated. Much of the population of the section is of a floating nature and converts at the mission will be urged to join the church of their choice. Pastor C. D. Owen and the Temple Church, which is the closest in the city, have pledged full cooperation in carrying on the work.

The W. M. U. of First Church have had a mission Sunday School for some time at the brick plant, north of the city. As part of the same building project, the church plans to erect a tabernacle to house that Sunday School during the summer months.

## DISTRICT 9 Y. W. A. HOUSEPARTY AT WAYLAND

More than 100 girls of the Young Women's Auxiliary in District 9 are expected to attend the District Conference and houseparty at Wayland College, Plainview, April 22-24. "Up to the Golden Heights" is the theme which is beautifully carried out through the program.

The visitors will be guests of the college, but Mrs. J. W. Ware, district young peoples' leader, requests that if any church sends more than two messengers, they provide a cot and covering for the others. Each girl is expected to bring a picnic lunch for Friday night and the fee of \$1.25 will cover all other meals. They are also asked to bring evening dresses if convenient.

The program follows:  
Theme: "Up to the Golden Heights," Phil. 3:14.  
Hymn: "Forward Through the Ages."

**Friday, 7:00 P. M.**  
Praise Service, Floydada Y. W. A. Devotional, "A Character of Gold, Fannie E. S. Heck," Lola Mae Scott. We Welcome You:  
1. College President, Dr. McDonald.  
2. W. M. U. President, First Baptist Church, Plainview.  
3. Local Y. W. A. President, First Baptist Church, Plainview.  
Response, Canyon Y. W. A.  
Special Music, Wayland Girls' Quartet.  
Address: "We Build on the Golden Foundation, Christ Jesus," Corinne Brown.  
Fellowship Hour, "Fifty Years Ago," directed by Mrs. Paul McCasland.

**Saturday, 9:00 A. M.**  
Praise Service, Slaton Y. W. A. Devotional, "A Character of Gold, Ann Judson," Maurine Mathis. Forward Through:  
1. Mission Study, Jimmie McCoffee.  
2. Personal Service, Hazel Jaggars.  
3. Stewardship, Ellarea-Williams.  
4. Enlistment, Floy Blevins.  
Special Music, Tulia Y. W. A. Conference on Social Problems, Mrs. J. W. Ware.  
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Address, "The Light of Golden Service," Mrs. J. Howard Williams.

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Preparing for the Best—Group Conferences on Methods:  
1. Programs, Miss Clara Pratt.  
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Address: "The Golden Heritage of

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**Sunday**  
6:45—Morning Watch.  
9:30—Praise Service, Tahoka Y. W. A.

Sunday School Lesson, Mrs. A. O. Thompson.

Special Music.  
Address: "I Press Toward the Mark," Mrs. C. E. Roark.

What This Houseparty Means to Me, (short testimony meeting).  
Closing Prayer.

## THE SALT IN EDUCATION

By W. R. White

Education is not necessarily good. Secular education may be positively harmful. Education merely heightens the potentialities of life for good or for evil. Nothing is more dangerous than skill in the hands of mischief. There are certain gains to any form of education but the losses may greatly outweigh the gains. This is not seen at first. It takes a generation or so to demonstrate the full effects of a particular kind of education.

The world today is confused and bewildered. None is more confused than the learned. This is partly due to specialization. None is able to comprehend the whole of things. None is able to co-ordinate the whole factors and elements into constructive unity. However, the basic trouble is the lack of an integrating force. Man is a spiritual entity. He has been treated by all schools of popular education as a mechanical unit. Life is seen through the material. The higher is explained by the lower. The whole is reduced to the concept derived from a part.

Christ brings the only true interpretation of life. He is the only effective force for integrating; that is, if we want a safe civilization for the masses and for cherished liberties. The dictators have provided an integrating force for a totalitarian state where liberty is crushed to the earth. The salt of education is the Christian spirit, motive and dynamic. Education in Oklahoma is dangerously lopsided. The healthy reaction of great, vigorous, independent Christian schools is absent.

The best hope we have, as Baptists, is Oklahoma Baptist University. It is increasingly impressive. There rests with us in Oklahoma Baptist University possibilities that make us tremble. It takes Christian education to make all education safe for the world.  
Let us give ourselves unstintedly to the campaign of Christian education before us. Let us teach it, stress it, and preach it.—Baptist Messenger.

## State Sunday School—

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# Hardin-Simmons University News

## SUMMER FACULTY ANNOUNCED



Fanjane Stovall



Joe C. Humphrey



Dr. Walter J. Burdette



J. H. Williams

Beginning June 2 the annual summer session of Hardin-Simmons University will continue through August 20, announces Dr. R. A. Collins, summer school director and dean of students at H-SU. The session will be divided into two terms, each having six weeks, the second of which will begin July 12. Students may register and receive credit for work in either of the terms or may attend both.

Guest instructors who have been announced are Dr. Walter J. Burdette of the University of Texas, who will conduct classes in zoology; J. H. Williams, principal of Newman High School, Sweetwater, who will teach in

the department of education; Miss Fanjane Stovall, grade principal, Fort Worth, a member of last summer's faculty, director of the demonstration school and teacher of primary and elementary education; and Joe C. Humphrey, assistant high school principal, Abilene, teacher of government and economics.

Dr. Burdette, who has done outstanding graduate work in biology for the past three years, receives his Ph. D. degree at the University of Texas at the June commencement. Prof. Williams, H-SU graduate in 1929, has been a graduate student at the University of Texas and the University of Southern California, having received his A. M. degree at the latter

institution. He taught in the high schools of Abilene and Midland before going to Sweetwater two years ago.

Visual education will be stressed in the courses for teachers, announces Dean Collins. Mary Frances hall for women, Ferguson hall for men, and the university cafeteria will all be open for the use of summer students, as will the swimming pool, tennis courts, gymnasium and athletic field. Work in the fine arts will be conducted by a strong faculty and Dr. N. A. Moore will deliver lectures in the study of the Bible.

Following are the members of the summer faculty and the courses which they will conduct:

Dr. O. O. Watts, chemistry; Dr. R. N. Richardson, history; Dean E. Edwin Young, piano; Herschel Schooley, journalism; J. H. Williams, education; Fanjane Stovall, education; Herbert M. Preston, violin and theory of music; Otho Polk, physical education; Dr. Julius Olsen, physics; Dr. N. A. Moore, Bible; Miss Suella Lacy, writing; Joe C. Humphrey, government and economics; Lola Gibson Deaton, voice; Dr. R. A. Collins, education; Miss A. M. Carpenter, art; J. E. Burnham, mathematics; Miss Katharine Boyd, speech; W. D. Bond, English; L. Q. Campbell, English; M. M. Ballard, Spanish; Miss Loyce Adams, business administration; Dr. Walter J. Burdette, zoology.

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOLS VITAL MISSION AGENCIES

Information released by the Sunday School Board reveals that during the three years that they have actively sponsored Daily Vacation Bible Schools, the enrollment has multiplied two and one-half times and the number of schools has increased more than three times. At a nominal cost, nearly a quarter of a million children, many of whom had never attended Sunday School, in the Bible, in missions, in giving and in the plan of salvation. Tens of thousands of boys and girls were touched with higher ideals and thousands of young lives were won for Christ.

In 1934 there were 753 Vacation Bible Schools in the Southern Baptist Churches. The following year the Sunday School Board began actively to support the work as a part of the Sunday School program and the number increased to 1,044. Last year, the third of such efforts, resulted in 2,520 schools. The membership enrolled increased from 100,902 to 264,247. The greater percentage of increase of schools held over the number enrolled is a definite indication of the spread of the work to the smaller churches.

In the reporting schools, 75 per cent of the attendance were children from Baptist Sunday Schools. Of the remainder, 19 per cent were from other denominations, including Catholics and Jews and 6 per cent were from no Sunday School whatever. This figures about six to the school whom the regular Sunday services had failed to reach.

The cost per pupil was only about 25 cents for a ten-day school. Forty per cent of the schools reported mis-

sion offerings taken which ran about \$5 each. That amounts to a sum sufficient to support six additional foreign missionaries.

Schools reporting on conversions showed an average of eight per school, five of whom were baptized.

Outstanding in West Texas, indeed in all Texas, was the work of the Palo Duro Association in the summer of 1937. Other West Texas Associations having several good schools were Brown, Big Spring, Pecos, Sweetwater and Wichita-Archer. In many others there was one good school. In the seven districts which lie wholly in West Texas there are 38 associations, 28 of which had one or more Sunday Schools to foster a two weeks daily session during the summer.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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Tuesday—Moses Sees God. Ex. 33:8-11.  
Wednesday—Daniel's Vision. Daniel 7:9-14.  
Thursday—Saul's Vision. Acts 9:10-19.  
Friday—Peter's Vision. Acts 10:9-16.  
Saturday—John Sees Jesus. Rev. 1:13-18.  
Sunday—The Son's Heritage. Heb. 1:1-9.

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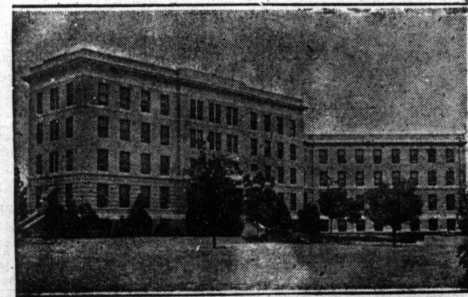
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# W. M. U. DEPARTMENT

## Address of District President

OUR JUBILEE YEAR  
By Mrs. J. B. Buckley

"Ye shall hallow the fiftieth year—it shall be a jubilee unto you."—Liv. 25:10.

The original purpose of the Jubilee Year proclaimed in Leviticus was to establish Jehovah's sovereign power and to perpetually remind all Israel that all human inter-relations are dependent upon divine authority and possession. Every usual custom was set aside that Jubilee Year. The land rested; property lost through adversity was returned to the owner; slaves were liberated. For Israel all creation existed to glorify the Holy One. That is the meaning and the spirit of the Jubilee. Are we willing to keep it as Israel did of old?

This is a noteworthy year for all who love the work of the Woman's Missionary Union. It is the year set aside to commemorate fifty years of service to Jesus Christ and the world. Those fifty years have not been easy years for all who have had any part in the work, for they were years that called for the best in all workers. The honoring of these years calls for the best of us who today have gathered to pay homage to those who through the years have given so freely of themselves and their all that the work might advance. This Jubilee Year is a sacred year and in order to pay worthy homage to co-laborers of other years, let us hallow this, our fiftieth year.

To hallow means to devote to sacred places. Can we celebrate our Jubilee Year in a more worthy way than by devoting the golden hours of this year to sacred things? Can we come before our Lord and give our gifts, fulfill our Golden Jubilee objectives and withhold from Christ the greatest gift of all—ourselves? Can we join hands with the other women who have said, "O, Man of Galilee, such as I have give I unto thee?"

She is a beautiful consecrated young lady and she said to her Lord, "I have a life and I desire to give it wholly to thee, to be used for the progress of thy kingdom." Such as she had she gave. She has health, culture, knowledge, character, love, devotion, consecration, influence and a beautiful willingness to give her all to the Lord. Christ accepted the bountiful gift and today Miss Maybelle Taylor, whom we all love and admire, is on her way to Brazil. Yes, it cost her to go, cost her dearly, but she loves her Lord to such an extent that she is willing to pay any price. It cost our Savior to walk up Golgotha's hill and give His life that you and I might be saved and yet He joyfully surrendered Himself, not counting the cost. Before we can hallow this, our Jubilee year, we must give ourselves to the Master to be used wherever He has need of us.

Two young soldiers were talking about giving their all to Christ. The first one said, "I can't tell you all that the Lord Jesus is to me. I do wish you'd enlist in His army and give your all to Him."

"I am thinking about it," answered his comrade, "but it means so much—in fact, I am counting the cost."

An officer passing at that moment heard the remark and laying his hand on the shoulder of the speaker said, "Young friend, you talk of counting the cost of giving your all to Christ. Have you ever counted the cost of not giving your all to Him?"

Have you and I said to Christ, "Such as I have give I unto you?" If not, have we ever counted the cost of not saying to Christ, "O Man of Galilee, such as I have give I unto thee?"

Let us hallow the fiftieth year by having the courage that our sisters of fifty years ago possessed. These precious women were not easily discouraged—nor did they give up when difficulties confronted them. We need courage to do the Master's work because Satan's main tool is discouragement. You remember, I'm sure, the story of Satan auctioneering his tools and was willing to let all go except the tool of discouragement, which he refused to sell at any price. Those saints of yesterday met innumerable discouragements but instead of quitting they leaned more and more on God's promises and persevered. Because of that the Kingdom work has advanced and you and I have a glorious heritage. When we face discouragements it is often much easier to resign than to continue, but that is not Christ's way. He would have us to continue to fight until the victory is won. No one ever met as many discouragements as Christ, yet

He did not give up. In our W. M. U. there are two classes of people—"quitters and stickers." To which class do I belong; to which do you belong? A certain business man has a curious little charm for his watch-chain. Business acquaintances often joke him about it for it is nothing but a queer little copper two-cent piece, bright, it is true, through frequent polishing, but plainly showing its value. The man, however, wouldn't sell it for a thousand dollars. "I had lost every cent I had in the world," he told someone, with tears in his eyes, "and there at my desk, my head on my arms, I was thinking of a possible way to end it when my little girl came up to me and asked a question."

"What does ruined mean, Papa?" Then I knew I had been groaning loud enough to be heard and understood.

"You said 'ruined,' Papa. What does ruined mean?"

"It means I haven't any money, Baby. Papa's a poor man." The little girl pattered away, then came back again and here on my watch-chain is what she gave me. Not a great fortune—no, but the foundation of one. Whatever I've done since came from it, for it gave me courage."

Yes, this foundation given us by those who have labored these past fifty years should give us courage that would withstand any of Satan's discouragements and we should with courage build during these next 50 years works for God that will live through eternity.

Let us hallow the fiftieth year by deepening our prayer life. We need to pray more. We can do all things with God's help—we can do nothing alone. Our power comes from prayer. Do we lack power? If so, that is the evidence of the lack of prayer in our life. The secret of our success does not come from knowledge, from outstanding characteristics, unusual talents but from prayer. Do you have a problem? Pray it through. Do you need leaders? Ask God persistently for them. Are you discouraged? Overcome it through prayer. Whatever faces you pray and God will hear and answer your prayer. Let's pray for those who are trying to lead us in our work. Sometimes when we are tempted to criticize them, let us pray instead and that will help them as well as us.

When General Gordon was with his army in Africa it is said that there was an hour every day when a white handkerchief lay before his tent door. While that signal was there no one, however high his rank, ever approached the tent. The most urgent business waited outside. Every one knew that Gordon was at prayer and not a man or an officer came near until the handkerchief was lifted.

Do you have a regular time for prayer? We cannot hallow this year, we cannot make our Jubilee Year holy unless we spent much time in prayer. Someone has said that any one who is too busy to pray may depend upon it that he is busier than God ever intended he should be.

If we make our Jubilee Year holy we must be willing to sacrifice for our Savior. Our religion is a costly religion. You have often heard it said, "Salvation is free," yet did you ever try to imagine how much it cost Christ and the Father? Moreover, if we are to be true Christian stewards we must sacrifice—we must be willing to pay whatever price is necessary to promote God's Kingdom. Let's be honest with ourselves. Have we ever really sacrificed until it hurt for Christ? Our religion costs us too little and because of that we put too little value on it. Those who laid the foundation of the W. M. U. did so at a cost and look what they accomplished for Christ. Today we go to the meetings if it's not too hot or too cold, we help on the programs if it doesn't conflict with other things or if the part isn't too long, or if we can read it. The Lord's work should be done whether it conflicts with worldly things or not, and surely it should be done better than anything else we do. In our Jubilee Year let's let our religion cost us something. Do we have any marks thus showing the cost of our religion? Christ had the marks of the crown of thorns, the prints of the nails in his hand. Peter had the marks of scourging, beatings which he endured for Christ. What marks do we bear for Christ?

We can hallow this year by being ready and willing to do any service God calls us to do. Think what it would mean to our W. M. U. if all the members were ready and willing to do anything they were asked to do.

As Christ's children we should be ready to answer as Samuel did, "Here am I." Yet how few answer in that manner.

An old colored man who did odd jobs about the village was busy in his little workshop in his back yard. A caller stopped in the doorway and looked to see what he was doing. "I see you're busy, Uncle Tom," he said, "Got a lot of jobs ahead?"

"Well, no suh, not as I knows of," the old man answered. "But I been grindin' my ax and filin' my saw and soakin' my whitewash brush so's to have my tools ready for any kind of job dat comes along." Let us have our tools ready to do any kind of work for Christ that he calls on us to do.

Who would want to come on this, our fiftieth year—our Jubilee Year—the year we are to make holy, before Christ with empty hands? I wouldn't and you wouldn't. Money is the acid test of our love and interest. The offering is the test of the sincerity of our worship and our love and, of course, we want to meet the acid test.

Our Jubilee Committee has given us a goal of \$60,000 as our Jubilee gift—Texas' part being \$6,200. For this gift \$50 certificates have been issued for individual and group pledges. In each state W. M. U. office there will be kept a Golden Book, the pages from this book to be sent to associations and societies for the record of these \$50 individual and group gifts. These pages will be gathered and replaced in the Golden Book to be kept in the state W. M. U. office as permanent record. Surely each association or each local society will want a \$50 certificate and many individuals will want one.

Let us not make a farce of this year, but let us instead truly make it a year holy unto the Lord. For fifty years the women of Texas and the Southern Baptist Convention have linked hands and have accomplished much for Christ. Do you not want to join your hands with theirs in their "March of Progress for Jesus Christ"?

Recently I heard the girls at Mary Hardin-Baylor sing their college song, "Old Baylor is Marching On." As they sang they kept marching time with their feet. As they sang I visualized the women who through the years have marched under the banner of Christ which the W. M. U. seeks to lift high. Will you join hands with them, ready to do whatever God calls you to do? For all who do, it will be a year that is truly hallowed unto God.

## TEN COMMANDMENTS TO THE CHURCH

(Our Sunday School Program)

By G. S. Hopkins

1. Church Control: "Go ye therefore and teach."—Matt. 28:19.
2. Enrollment: "Go ye therefore and teach ALL nations."—Matt. 28:19.
3. "Go out into the highways and hedges and COMPEL them to come in, that my house may be filled."—Luke 14:23.
4. Graded: "And the people stood in THEIR PLACES."—Nehemiah 8:7.
5. Baptist Literature: "—and gave the sense, and CAUSED them to understand the reading."—Nehemiah 8:8.
6. Bibles Used: "This Book of the Law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night."—Joshua 1:8.
7. Prosperity and success is promised.
8. Preaching Attendance: "It pleased God by the foolishness of PREACHING to save them that believe."—I Cor. 1:21.
9. Evangelism: "For the Son of Man came to seek and to save."—Luke 19:10. "As my father hath sent me, even so send I you."—John 20:21.
10. Weekly Officers and Teachers Meeting: "And Jesus went up into a mountain and there he sat with his disciples." "But Jesus withdrew himself with his disciples."—Mark 3:7.
11. Trained Workers: "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of Truth."—2 Tim. 2:15.
12. Denominational Work: "—and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost parts of the earth."—Acts 1:8. "And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children."

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## THIRTIETH ANNUAL MEET OF DISTRICT W. M. U.

The First Church, Stamford, was host to one of the largest annual meetings ever held by the women of District 17.

A good program had been prepared and was well rendered with a few substitutions. Mrs. J. B. Buckley presided with grace and efficiency and was ably assisted by the corresponding secretary-treasurer, Mrs. J. M. Chandler.

From the first Scripture reading by Mrs. P. A. Hollis of Putnam and the prayer by Mrs. George Paxton, a spirit of earnestness seemed to pervade the body. Doris Wayne O'Brien sang, accompanied by Fernetta Foley.

Mrs. P. D. O'Brien, voiced the greetings of the Stamford women in her own charming way. The response of Mrs. W. H. Porter of Jayton brought to us the fact that we were then observing the Jubilee of fifty years of W. M. U. organization. "This is my trip to Richmond," said she, "the only Jubilee program many of us will attend."

Mrs. George Thomas was appointed recording secretary in place of Mrs. J. S. Tierce.

All associational presidents were present with reports except Mrs. D. G. Reid, who was unavoidably absent and who was represented by Mrs. J. P. Hardesty.

All reports were definite as to work done, practically all apportionments were met, and marked progress was evident in several phases of the work. All weeks of prayer were widely observed, mission study institutes were regularly held, and greater interest was reported in young people's work. Cisco Association sent a car valued at \$800 to Buckner Orphans Home.

Stonewall women furnish literature to Negro women, Blackwell church in Sweetwater Association reported all women giving to missions and a Pioneer Mission study class already held. A daily vacation school for Negroes was held in Abilene.

The president's address was beautiful, and was well received. A motion was passed for its publication in our paper.

Mrs. E. D. Dunlap based her afternoon devotional talk on the words in Mark 14:3. "She hath wrought a good work."

"Love transcends economy. We must keep love growing. Religion transcends philanthropy. We should ever seek to do our best for Jesus." Mrs. George Paxton presented the report on Benevolence. Mr. E. M. Collier, superintendent of Hendrick Memorial Hospital, spoke interestingly of the work done there and exhibited posters of new equipment providing for up to date methods of treatment. He thanked the women for their cooperation and asked aid for the charity work and crippled children's ward.

Mrs. B. M. Whitaker urged emphasis on prayer, study, and work. All our work waits on stewardship. It is the root from which all other things grow.

Mrs. R. A. Lerner, Mission Study chairman, could not be present, so Mrs. W. S. Daniel, chairman of Sweetwater Association, presented the goals of Mission Study, emphasizing Mission Study institutes and pioneer classes.

Mrs. Ed Hahn reported on missions. This faithful chairman never fails to submit a quarterly report to the paper, which all chairmen will be requested to do during the coming year.

Mrs. P. D. O'Brien has succeeded to Mrs. Buckley's position as young people's leader, a position that takes first rank in importance. Her interesting report showed more than 100 organizations with 1,500 members and 100 sisters. The summer camps had 8 in attendance with 19 classes taught and 73 professions of faith.

Mrs. P. D. O'Brien presided for the young people's program on Tuesday evening. Miss Lucille Mattox, district scholarship girl at Fort Worth training school, led the devotional, reading Ps. 37, and stressing God's guidance. At this time a shower was presented Miss Mattox by the young people.

After presentation of associational young people's leaders, special music by Misses Virginia Ramey and Margaret Uphaw, and a most impressive play by Stamford W. M. U. entitled "Faith is the Victory," our beloved state corresponding secretary, Mrs. J. E. Leigh, brought the message of the hour on the subject, "The Value of Vision."

The Wednesday morning devotional was led by Miss Viola Humphreys, a

graduate of Hardin-Simmons, now a missionary on furlough from Kai-feng, China.

The report of the corresponding secretary-treasurer, Mrs. J. M. Chandler, was read and accepted. We hope to give some of her figures in summary later.

Brother B. N. Shepherd, district missionary, presented the work of Lueders encampment and urged full support of the women in behalf of the constructive work being done for our young people.

Due to illness of the chairman, Mrs. N. A. Moore, the secretary read the report on Christian Education. Special stress was laid on the student fund for Hardin-Simmons University, which amounted to \$800 for the year. A much larger fund is needed each year to aid worthy students. Three students who have shared in this aid the current year were presented and expressed gratitude.

Mrs. J. D. Sandefer brought greetings from "Prexy," spoke of Founders' Day then being observed at the university and expressed gratitude for the loyal cooperation of the women of the district.

A quartet from H-SU, composed of Virginia Carley, Clarine Marsh, Ruth Carr and Dorothy Means, rendered two beautiful numbers.

Mrs. Bert Low, Margaret Fund chairman, reported that the women of the South have aided 316 children of foreign missionaries to go to college in this country. This year 67 are receiving these scholarships. Our interest centered about our own Margaret fund student, James Moore, son of Rev. and Mrs. J. Walton Moore,

now on furlough in Abilene, whom Mrs. Low presented at this time. Jimmie has won his way into our affections, as have the entire family, Miss Viola Humphreys led in prayer that Brother Moore might be restored to health and his place of service in China.

Mrs. Leigh again addressed the body on "Women and Stewardship" and made an appeal that in this Jubilee year we recognize anew our stewardship and be faithful to our Master.

Following the afternoon devotional by Mrs. Charles Tally, Ranger, the report of the methods and finance committee was presented. As this sets forth our plan of work, it will be printed later.

In the absence of Mrs. W. A. Johnson, Lucille Mattox spoke on the Fort Worth training school. Students number 56 this year, 15 being from Texas. She told of her own work among the Negroes of Fort Worth and her hope to go to Africa, perhaps next year.

The nominating committee presented the names of last year's officers for re-election and invitations from Ranger and Breckenridge for next year's meeting. By vote Ranger was chosen as next meeting place.

The registration committee reported a total attendance of 312.

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OUR JUBILEE YEAR  
By Mrs. J. B. Buckley

"Ye shall hallow the fiftieth year—it shall be a jubilee unto you."—Liv. 25:10.

The original purpose of the Jubilee Year proclaimed in Leviticus was to establish Jehovah's sovereign power and to perpetually remind all Israel that all human inter-relationships are dependent upon divine authority and possession. Every usual custom was set aside that Jubilee Year. The land rested; property lost through adversity was returned to the owner; slaves were liberated. For Israel all creation existed to glorify the Holy One. That is the meaning and the spirit of the Jubilee. Are we willing to keep it as Israel did of old?

This is a noteworthy year for all who love the work of the Woman's Missionary Union. It is the year set aside to commemorate fifty years of service to Jesus Christ and the world. Those fifty years have not been easy years for all who have had any part in the work, for they were years that called for the best in all workers. The honoring of these years calls for the best of us who today have gathered to pay homage to those who through the years have given so freely of themselves and their all that the work might advance. This Jubilee Year is a sacred year and in order to pay worthy homage to co-laborers of other years, let us hallow this, our fiftieth year.

To hallow means to devote to sacred places. Can we celebrate our Jubilee Year in a more worthy way than by devoting the golden hours of this year to sacred things? Can we come before our Lord and give our gifts, fulfill our Golden Jubilee objectives and withhold from Christ the greatest gift of all—ourselves? Can we join hands with the other women who have said, "O, Man of Galilee, such as I have give I unto thee?"

She is a beautiful consecrated young lady and she said to her Lord, "I have a life and I desire to give it wholly to thee, to be used for the progress of thy kingdom." Such as she had she gave. She has health, culture, knowledge, character, love, devotion, consecration, influence and a beautiful willingness to give her all to the Lord. Christ accepted the bountiful gift and today Miss Maybelle Taylor, whom we all love and admire, is on her way to Brazil. Yes, it cost her to go, cost her dearly, but she loves her Lord to such an extent that she is willing to pay any price. It cost our Savior to walk up Golgotha's hill and give His life that you and I might be saved and yet He joyfully surrendered Himself, not counting the cost. Before we can hallow this, our Jubilee year, we must give ourselves to the Master to be used wherever He has need of us.

Two young soldiers were talking about giving their all to Christ. The first one said, "I can't tell you all that the Lord Jesus is to me. I do wish you'd enlist in His army and give your all to Him."

"I am thinking about it," answered his comrade, "but it means so much—in fact, I am counting the cost."

An officer passing at that moment heard the remark and laying his hand on the shoulder of the speaker said, "Young friend, you talk of counting the cost of giving your all to Christ. Have you ever counted the cost of not giving your all to Him?"

Have you and I said to Christ, "Such as I have give I unto you"? If not, have we ever counted the cost of not saying to Christ, "O Man of Galilee, such as I have give I unto thee?"

Let us hallow the fiftieth year by having the courage that our sisters of fifty years ago possessed. These precious women were not easily discouraged—nor did they give up when difficulties confronted them. We need courage to do the Master's work because Satan's main tool is discouragement. You remember, I'm sure, the story of Satan auctioneering his tools and was willing to let all go except the tool of discouragement, which he refused to sell at any price. Those saints of yesterday met innumerable discouragements but instead of quitting they leaned more and more on God's promises and persevered. Because of that the Kingdom work has advanced and you and I have a glorious heritage. When we face discouragements it is often much easier to resign than to continue, but that is not Christ's way. He would have us to continue to fight until the victory is won. No one ever met as many discouragements as Christ, yet

He did not give up. In our W. M. U. there are two classes of people—"quitters and stickers." To which class do I belong; to which do you belong? A certain business man has a curious little charm for his watch-chain. Business acquaintances often joke him about it for it is nothing but a queer little copper two-cent piece, bright, it is true, through frequent polishing, but plainly showing its value. The man, however, wouldn't sell it for a thousand dollars. "I had lost every cent I had in the world," he told someone, with tears in his eyes, "and there at my desk, my head on my arms, I was thinking of a possible way to end it when my little girl came up to me and asked a question."

"What does ruined mean, Papa?"

"Then I knew I had been groaning loud enough to be heard and understood."

"You said 'ruined,' Papa. What does ruined mean?"

"It means I haven't any money, Baby. Papa's a poor man."

The little girl pattered away, then came back again and here on my watch-chain is what she gave me. Not a great fortune—no, but the foundation of one. Whatever I've done since came from it, for it gave me courage."

Yes, this foundation given us by those who have labored these past fifty years should give us courage that would withstand any of Satan's discouragements and we should with courage build during these next 50 years works for God that will live through eternity.

Let us hallow the fiftieth year by deepening our prayer life. We need to pray more. We can do all things with God's help—we can do nothing alone. Our power comes from prayer. Do we lack power? If so, that is the evidence of the lack of prayer in our life. The secret of our success does not come from knowledge, from outstanding characteristics, unusual talents but from prayer. Do you have a problem? Pray it through. Do you need leaders? Ask God persistently for them. Are you discouraged? Overcome it through prayer. Whatever faces you pray and God will hear and answer your prayer. Let's pray for those who are trying to lead us in our work. Sometimes when we are tempted to criticize them, let us pray instead and that will help them as well as us.

When General Gordon was with his army in Africa it is said that there was an hour every day when a white handkerchief lay before his tent door. While that signal was there no one, however high his rank, ever approached the tent. The most urgent business waited outside. Every one knew that Gordon was at prayer and not a man or an officer came near until the handkerchief was lifted.

Do you have a regular time for prayer? We cannot hallow this year, we cannot make our Jubilee Year holy unless we spent much time in prayer. Someone has said that any one who is too busy to pray may depend upon it that he is busier than God ever intended he should be.

If we make our Jubilee Year holy we must be willing to sacrifice for our Savior. Our religion is a costly religion. You have often heard it said, "Salvation is free," yet did you ever try to imagine how much it cost Christ and the Father? Moreover, if we are to be true Christian stewards we must sacrifice—we must be willing to pay whatever price is necessary to promote God's Kingdom. Let's be honest with ourselves. Have we ever really sacrificed until it hurt for Christ? Our religion costs us too little and because of that we put too little value on it. Those who laid the foundation of the W. M. U. did so at a cost and look what they accomplished for Christ. Today we go to the meetings if it's not too hot or too cold, we help on the programs if it doesn't conflict with other things or if the part isn't too long, or if we can read it. The Lord's work should be done whether it conflicts with worldly things or not, and surely it should be done better than anything else we do. In our Jubilee Year let's let our religion cost us something. Do we have any marks thus showing the cost of our religion? Christ had the marks of the crown of thorns, the prints of the nails in his hand. Peter had the marks of scourging, beatings which he endured for Christ. What marks do we bear for Christ?

We can hallow this year by being ready and willing to do any service God calls us to do. Think what it would mean to our W. M. U. if all the members were ready and willing to do anything they were asked to do.

As Christ's children we should be ready to answer as Samuel did, "Here am I." Yet how few answer in that manner.

An old colored man who did odd jobs about the village was busy in his little workshop in his back yard. A caller stopped in the doorway and looked to see what he was doing. "I see you're busy, Uncle Tom," he said, "Got a lot of jobs ahead?"

"Well, no suh, not as I knows of," the old man answered. "But I been grindin' my ax and fillin' my saw and soakin' my whitewash brush so's to have my tools ready for any kind of job dat comes along." Let us have our tools ready to do any kind of work for Christ that he calls on us to do.

Who would want to come on this, our fiftieth year—our Jubilee Year—the year we are to make holy, before Christ with empty hands? I wouldn't and you wouldn't. Money is the acid test of our love and interest. The offering is the test of the sincerity of our worship and our love and, of course, we want to meet the acid test. Our Jubilee Committee has given us a goal of \$60,000 as our Jubilee gift—Texas' part being \$6,200. For this gift \$50 certificates have been issued for individual and group pledges. In each state W. M. U. office there will be kept a Golden Book, the pages from this book to be sent to associations and societies for the record of these \$50 individual and group gifts. These pages will be gathered and replaced in the Golden Book to be kept in the state W. M. U. office as permanent record. Surely each association or each local society will want a \$50 certificate and many individuals will want one.

Let us not make a farce of this year, but let us instead truly make it a year holy unto the Lord. For fifty years the women of Texas and the Southern Baptist Convention have linked hands and have accomplished much for Christ. Do you not want to join your hands with theirs in their "March of Progress for Jesus Christ"?

Recently I heard the girls at Mary Hardin-Baylor sing their college song, "Old Baylor is Marching On." As they sang they kept marching time with their feet. As they sang I visualized the women who through the years have marched under the banner of Christ which the W. M. U. seeks to lift high. Will you join hands with them, ready to do whatever God calls you to do? For all who do, it will be a year that is truly hallowed unto God.

## TEN COMMANDMENTS TO THE CHURCH

(Our Sunday School Program)

By G. S. Hopkins

1. Church Control: "Go ye therefore and teach."—Matt. 28:19.
2. Enrollment: "Go ye therefore and teach ALL nations."—Matt. 28:19.
3. "Go out into the highways and hedges and COMPEL them to come in that my house may be filled."—Luke 14:23.
4. Graded: "And the people stood in THEIR PLACES."—Nehemiah 8:7.
5. Baptist Literature: "—and gave the sense, and CAUSED them to understand the reading."—Nehemiah 8:8.
6. Bibles Used: "This Book of the Law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night."—Joshua 1:8.
7. Prosperity and success is promised.
8. Preaching Attendance: "It pleased God by the foolishness of PREACHING to save them that believe."—I Cor. 1:21.
9. Evangelism: "For the Son of Man came to seek and to save."—Luke 19:10. "As my father hath sent me, even so send I you."—John 20:21.
10. Weekly Officers and Teachers Meeting: "And Jesus went up into a mountain and there he sat with his disciples." "But Jesus withdrew himself with his disciples."—Mark 3:7.
11. Trained Workers: "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of Truth."—2 Tim. 2:15.
12. Denominational Work: "—and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost parts of the earth."—Acts 1:8.
13. "And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children."

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## THIRTIETH ANNUAL MEET OF DISTRICT W. M. U.

The First Church, Stamford, was host to one of the largest annual meetings ever held by the women of District 17.

A good program had been prepared and was well rendered with a few substitutions. Mrs. J. B. Buckley presided with grace and efficiency and was ably assisted by the corresponding secretary-treasurer, Mrs. J. M. Chandler.

From the first Scripture reading by Mrs. F. A. Hollis of Putnam and the prayer by Mrs. George Paxton, a spirit of earnestness seemed to pervade the body. Doris Wayne O'Brien sang, accompanied by Fernetta Foley. Mrs. P. D. O'Brien, voiced the greetings of the Stamford women in her own charming way. The response of Mrs. W. H. Porter of Jayton brought to us the fact that we were then observing the Jubilee of fifty years of W. M. U. organization. "This is my trip to Richmond," said she, "the only Jubilee program many of us will attend."

Mrs. George Thomas was appointed recording secretary in place of Mrs. J. S. Tierce.

All associational presidents were present with reports except Mrs. D. G. Reid, who was unavoidably absent and who was represented by Mrs. J. P. Hardesty.

All reports were definite as to work done, practically all apportionments were met, and marked progress was evident in several phases of the work. All weeks of prayer were widely observed, mission study institutes were regularly held, and greater interest was reported in young people's work. Cisco Association sent a car valued at \$800 to Buckner Orphans Home.

Stonewall women furnish literature to Negro women. Blackwell church in Sweetwater Association reported all women giving to missions and a Pioneer Mission study class already held. A daily vacation school for Negroes was held in Abilene.

The president's address was beautiful, and was well received. A motion was passed for its publication in our paper.

Mrs. E. D. Dunlap based her afternoon devotional talk on the words in Mark 14:3, "She hath wrought a good work."

"Love transcends economy. We must keep love growing. Religion transcends philanthropy. We should ever seek to do our best for Jesus."

Mrs. George Paxton presented the report on Benevolence. Mr. E. M. Collier, superintendent of Hendrick Memorial Hospital, spoke interestingly of the work done there and exhibited posters of new equipment providing for up to date methods of treatment. He thanked the women for their cooperation and asked aid for the charity work and crippled children's ward.

Mrs. H. M. Whitaker urged emphasis on prayer, study, and work. All our work waits on stewardship. It is the root from which all other things grow.

Mrs. R. A. Lerner, Mission Study chairman, could not be present, so Mrs. W. S. Daniel, chairman of Sweetwater Association, presented the goals of Mission Study, emphasizing Mission Study institutes and pioneer classes.

Mrs. Ed Hahn reported on missions. This faithful chairman never fails to submit a quarterly report to the paper, which all chairmen will be requested to do during the coming year.

Mrs. P. D. O'Brien has succeeded to Mrs. Buckley's position as young people's leader, a position that takes first rank in importance. Her interesting report showed more than 100 organizations with 1,500 members and 100 sisters. The summer camps had 8 in attendance with 19 classes taught and 73 professions of faith.

Mrs. P. D. O'Brien presided for the young people's program on Tuesday evening. Miss Lucille Mattox, district scholarship girl at Fort Worth training school, led the devotional, reading Ps. 37, and stressing God's guidance. At this time a shower was presented Miss Mattox by the young people.

After presentation of associational young people's leaders, special music by Misses Virginia Ramey and Margaret Upshaw, and a most impressive play by Stamford W. M. U. entitled "Faith is the Victory," our beloved state corresponding secretary, Mrs. J. E. Leigh, brought the message of the hour on the subject, "The Value of Vision."

The Wednesday morning devotional was led by Miss Viola Humphreys, a

graduate of Hardin-Simmons, now a missionary on furlough from Kai-feng, China.

The report of the corresponding secretary-treasurer, Mrs. J. M. Chandler, was read and accepted. We hope to give some of her figures in summary later.

Brother B. N. Shepherd, district missionary, presented the work of Luaders encampment and urged full support of the women in behalf of the constructive work being done for our young people.

Due to illness of the chairman, Mrs. N. A. Moore, the secretary read the report on Christian Education. Special stress was laid on the student fund for Hardin-Simmons University, which amounted to \$800 for the year. A much larger fund is needed each year to aid worthy students. Three students who have shared in this aid the current year were presented and expressed gratitude.

Mrs. J. D. Sandefer brought greetings from "Prexy," spoke of Founders' Day then being observed at the university and expressed gratitude for the loyal cooperation of the women of the district.

A quartet from H-SU, composed of Virginia Carley, Clarine Marsh, Ruth Carr and Dorothy Means, rendered two beautiful numbers.

Mrs. Bert Low, Margaret Fund chairman, reported that the women of the South have aided 316 children of foreign missionaries to go to college in this country. This year 67 are receiving these scholarships. Our interest centered about our own Margaret fund student, James Moore, son of Rev. and Mrs. J. Walton Moore,

now on furlough in Abilene, whom Mrs. Low presented at this time. Jimmie has won his way into our affections, as has the entire family. Miss Viola Humphreys led in prayer that Brother Moore might be restored to health and his place of service in China.

Mrs. Leigh again addressed the body on "Women and Stewardship" and made an appeal that in this Jubilee year we recognize anew our stewardship and be faithful to our Master.

Following the afternoon devotional by Mrs. Charles Tally, Ranger, the report of the methods and finance committee was presented. As this sets forth our plan of work, it will be printed later.

In the absence of Mrs. W. A. Johnson, Lucille Mattox spoke on the Fort Worth training school. Students number 56 this year, 15 being from Texas. She told of her own work among the Negroes of Fort Worth and her hope to go to Africa, perhaps next year.

The nominating committee presented the names of last year's officers for re-election and invitations from Ranger and Breckenridge for next year's meeting. By vote Ranger was chosen as next meeting place.

The registration committee reported a total attendance of 312.

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