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LUEDERS ENCAMPMENT WILL OPEN JUNE 23

ALL-CHURCH, ALL-FAMILY PROGRAM OFFERED AT WEST TEXAS ASSEMBLY

PROGRAM WILL PRESENT MANY POPULAR LEADERS

Every member of the family and every family in the church will find much of interest and value in the annual general assembly at Camp Lueders, June 23, to 29. The schedule for the week provides recreation, fellowship, education, and deep spiritual interest.

President W. R. White of Hardin-Simmons University will speak twice daily to all in the encampment. Dr. John W. Cobb, Bible teacher at Wayland College, will give lectures each morning. Vesper services will be conducted on the river bank at twilight by Rev. Bill Marshall and Rev. Douglas Carver.

Speaking under the auspices of the Baptist Brotherhood, of which he is Southwide secretary, Lawson H. Cooke of Memphis, Tennessee, will conduct conferences for the men in the morning and will address the assembly in the evening. The Brotherhood will have a rally Friday evening, to which all men of the churches are invited. Some 500 are expected for a river-bank feast.

Mrs. W. C. Henderson of Phoenix, Arizona, will represent the Southwide W. M. U. In addition to leading conferences for the women each day, she will twice address the evening meeting in the place of Mr. Cooke.

Rev. Lawrence L. Trott of Rotan, Training Union director, has secured a staff of state approved workers and outstanding Training Union workers for conference leaders in this department.

Woodrow Harris, education director at First Church, Sweetwater, announces Dr. G. S. Hopkins heading the Sunday School conference leaders.

Baptist Student conferences will be led by Rev. Bill Marshall and Miss Jaxie Short. The recreation program has been enlarged and will include many contests, games and supervised play.

Free classes in music will be offered during the encampment under the direction of Prof. I. E. Reynolds and Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Riddle.

Cot space is offered free in the encampment dormitories. Cloth cots are for rent at 75 cents each. Meal tickets for the encampment may be had for \$3.00, groups of ten or more from one church may have meal tickets at \$2.70 each. Single meals will be 30 cents and the men's supper on Friday will be 35 cents.

Space for trailer houses and tents is free and there is prospect of there being more tents on the ground than in some years. Those who wish to bring their own equipment and cook their own meals are invited to do so, though, of course, those in the dormitories will have no place for cooking.

Those renting cots, as well as all others, are expected to bring their own cover and pillows, and to remember that nights on the Clear Fork are cool enough to call for a blanket or frequently two.

SUNSET REVIVAL BEGINS NEXT WEEK

The revival meeting at Sunset Church begins Sunday, June 15 and is planned to go two weeks. The services will be held outside with a flood-light system to cope with the bug problem.

Rev. Guy Lewis, who has been pastor about five months, will do the preaching. Miss Wilma Tripp will be the pianist and Grady White of Madill, Oklahoma, will conduct the song services.

A wonderful spirit has prevailed in recent months. Many visitors have attended, many of them being unlisted Baptists. The church is praying that they may reach many of these and others who can be of real service to the cause of Christ in that field of service.



DR. W. R. WHITE
President, Hardin-Simmons University
Camp Pastor



REV. E. DOUGLAS CARVER
Pastor University Church, Abilene
Vesper Speaker

SOUTH SIDE PASTOR WILL PREACH AT BOYS' CAMP

Rev. W. C. Ashford, pastor at South Side Church, Abilene, will be camp pastor for the boys' encampment at Lueders, July 9 to 11. He will deliver morning and evening sermons each day. Rev. Ashford is very popular among the young people of his church, and the many churches where he has conducted evangelistic services. He has the ability to do many interesting things of great fascination to boys, such as playing beautiful music on a hand saw.

Rev. Aubrey Short, Rochester pastor, will be in charge of the vesper services for the boys' camp. He is an outstanding evangelistic pastor and a leader of boys.

Faculty members for the mission study classes include Rev. Henry Weldon, Albany; Rev. C. N. Gilbert, Jayton; Rev. H. E. East, Hamlin; and Mr. A. U. Hathaway, Munday; all of whom will teach Junior boys. Intermediate teachers will be Rev. Jones Weathers, Eastland; Rev. Byron Bryant, Aspermont; and Alvin Hatton, Abilene. Woodrow Harris will be in charge of recreation, which will include baseball, hiking and swimming.

There will be demonstrations of different phases of the Royal Ambassador work, and on the last evening there is to be a coronation service with all ranking ambassadors taking part, states Mrs. O. B. Woodrum, district young people's leader.

ATTENDANCE REPORTS FOR SUNDAY, JUNE 8

Send reports to West Texas Baptist, Box 1560, Abilene, Texas. Reports must be in this office by Tuesday morning to be included.

Sunday School Reports		
Church	Enr.	Att.
Levelland	808	410
Hamlin		269
Johnson Chapel	69	44
Training Union		
Levelland (rain)	290	119
Hamlin		70

SIX NEW MISSIONARIES NAMED BY HOME BOARD

Marking the second significant step in its new city mission program, the Home Mission Board appointed Rev. S. F. Dowis as city missionary in Atlanta, Ga.

Brother Dowis, formerly pastor of Virginia Avenue Baptist Church in Atlanta, has already mapped out his immediate program, which will be principally the establishment, through the churches, of mission stations and Bible classes in needy places throughout the city.

In this work the Board is cooperating with the Atlanta Association, the association purchasing or renting property and furnishing all equipment, while the Board employs the missionary.

The Board's city mission program was begun in Houston, Texas, several weeks ago, at which time Dr. J. B. Lawrence, executive secretary, stated that it would be extended to other cities as rapidly as funds were available.

Five other appointments were made recently. Miss Mary Etheridge of Atlanta, graduate of the University of Georgia and of the W. M. U. Training School, was named to the Chinese field in El Paso, Texas. She is the daughter of Judge Paul S. Etheridge, a former member of the Home Board. Her mother is vice-president of the Georgia W. M. U.

Other new missionaries are Rev. and Mrs. G. K. Cobb, graduates this spring of the University of Oklahoma, Indian field in Oklahoma, and Rev. and Mrs. Geo. T. Lewis, May graduates of Southwestern Seminary, Mexican field in Uvalde, Texas.

BAIRD REVIVAL BEGINS JUNE 15

Pastor A. A. Davis of the First Church, Baird, announces a revival, which will begin June 15th and run through June 29th. Great interest is already being shown in anticipation of a great revival. Pastor I. E. Enlow, A. B., M. A., of First Church of Dr. Ridge, Kentucky, will do the preaching in this meeting and Mrs. Enlow will do special work with the young people.

Pastor Enlow, for many years a member of the State Mission Board of Kentucky, a graduate of Georgetown College, Georgetown, Kentucky, and the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary of Louisville, Ky., is considered one of the outstanding preachers of the State of Kentucky. Dr. Paul Montgomery, ten years pastor of the Central Baptist Church in Winchester, Kentucky, says, "I consider I. E. Enlow one of the greatest preachers of Kentucky." Dr. F. Patrick Dennison, Pastor of First Baptist Church, Bergin, Kentucky, and for many years an evangelist with the Blue Mountain Evangelists of Blue Mountain, Mississippi, says of Enlow, "I consider him a real pastor's helper, one who knows how to win souls and leave a permanent work behind." Dr. A. R. Abernathy of Dry Ridge, Kentucky, who was Professor of Bible in the old Simmons College at Abilene, Texas, from 1908 to 1910, and later through 1916, Professor of Bible in Georgetown College, Georgetown, Kentucky, says of I. E. Enlow, "He is my pastor now, I used to be his teacher in Georgetown. I consider him one of the safest, most scriptural, Pastor Evangelists, I have ever known. A tender heart, a sweet spirit, and an unusually clear conception of the Scriptures, will endear him in the hearts of any congregation of people to whom he preaches. He is above all a soul winner for Jesus."

The meeting will begin Sunday morning, June 15th, with services daily through the week at 10:00 A. M. The Baptists of Baird will welcome with open hearts and open arms this splendid preacher and his wife, who are strangers to Texas, Texas people, and Texas churches. It appears to us that now is the logical time for a great revival meeting in Baird. Let us expect it, pray for it, and work for it. We invite every one to attend any and all of these services throughout this meeting.

WEST TEXANS HEADLINE PROGRAM AT PALACIOS

President W. R. White will be the morning preacher at Palacios Encampment July 6 to 10, and Dr. E. S. James of Vernon will speak in the evenings of the same days. Dr. Geo. W. Truett will bring the keynote address at the opening service Tuesday evening, July 1, and will preach once daily through Friday. Other preachers of the first week will be Dr. Harold L. Fickett of Galveston and Dr. Roland Q. Leavell of Atlanta.

Dr. A. D. Foreman, Jr., of Amarillo will conduct vesper services during the first week and Dr. John L. Hill of Nashville will be vesper speaker the second week. Dr. Hill will deliver the concluding address Friday morning, July 11.

Among other inspirational speakers will be Dr. S. G. Posey, Austin; Dr. William Hall Preston, Nashville; and A. C. Head, Beaumont, encampment president. Dr. W. W. Melton, Dr. T. C. Gardner, Dr. G. S. Hopkins, and Mrs. E. F. Lyon will represent state agencies of the denomination.

A feature of the camp will be the preachers' school in which Dr. White and Dr. B. O. Herring of Baylor will give Bible exposition; Dr. H. L. Spencer of Stephenville and Rev. C. V. Hickerson of San Antonio will teach homiletics and discussions of pastor's problems will be led by Dr. Melton, Dr. Leavell, and Dr. Douglas Hudgins of Fort Worth.

Study course classes for W. M. U., Sunday School and Training Union will be held in two periods daily with talented faculties.

THINKING IT OVER

With Dr. W. R. White

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND EVANGELISM

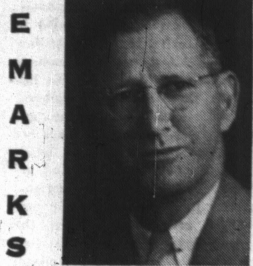
Since leaving the pastorate I have engaged in a number of evangelistic services, most of them on the Lord's Day. I have sought to combine the spirit of evangelism with my emphasis upon Christian education. As President of Hardin-Simmons University, I have had a tremendous responsibility as an administrator. However, I have covered much of the territory of Texas and New Mexico during the first five months of my Presidency. During the spring months, I have engaged in four different special evangelistic campaigns. The first, one at Durant, Oklahoma, the next one at Albuquerque, New Mexico, the next one at Vernon, Texas, and the last one at Hobbs, New Mexico. During these campaigns, there have been something like two hundred and twenty additions to the churches. There have been a large number of other conversions that have joined later, or have joined other churches, or have not as yet united with any church. I was in each place just a week at a time. I also was greatly refreshed that much work was done from the University. I spoke in most instances several times over the radio. In two places, each evening service was broadcast. I spoke at Hobbs, New Mexico, each morning over the radio with a special devotional message before the preaching hour. During the spring months, I have delivered addresses to high school groups all the way from Perryton, Texas, to Longview, Texas. It was my privilege to address some high school groups in New Mexico, also.

I have been greatly encouraged by the cross-section of young lives that I have touched in the various high schools of this state and of New Mexico. In each instance, there has been a large reference to patriotic speeches the responsibilities of opportunities of citizenship. There has also been an effort on the part of the students un-

der the leadership of their teachers to encourage youth as to their future. I have sought in these messages to depict the serious fallacies and situations that must necessarily confront the youth of this day. I have also sought to inspire them to rise to the challenge and to match and master the problems of their day. Of course this has given a tremendous opportunity for me to emphasize the vital place that Christian education and Christian forces must play in meeting the problems of this generation, and particularly in the program of reconstruction that must follow this World War.

I am now facing the summer months, and shall be in and out of Abilene frequently. I shall be, for several days at a time, in my office. However, I am to speak to the Lueders Encampment, to the Palacios Encampment, to an old-fashioned brush-arbor meeting on the McDonald Ranch near Garvin, Texas. I am to hold a revival at Spur, Texas; I am to speak to the Boys Camp Meeting in the Davis Mountains, and to the Panhandle encampment in the Cedar Canyon near Hedley, Texas. It is my plan to take some time for recreation and relaxation, and then return to the University in the fall, giving most of my time to the University, to Abilene, and to the environs of this splendid community. I mean to concentrate more upon the student body and the inside work of the University for the coming year. I have enjoyed my fellowship and contact with students and teachers immensely. Having finished my first full term with them, I am convinced as never before that I am where God wants me to be. The outlook is encouraging for the new year; perhaps one of the largest enrollments in the history of the University awaits us. This will be true, I am sure, unless some unforeseen condition is produced by the present World War. Rightly, however, nothing will happen in this War that will reduce our attendance due to the better conditions all over the country which will bring many more of our young women, if not more of our boys.

RAMBLING



By DICK O'BRIEN

I read somewhere recently the best definition of classical music I think I ever heard. A man who was trying heroically to learn to appreciate music said, "When a piece threatens every minute to become a tune and always disappoints you, it's classical." I imagine he about expressed it for ninety per cent of the men who attend musical recitals, and a larger percentage of women than would admit it. . . . Now as for me, I like the classics. In fact music never becomes too classical for me. Here's how it came about. The second year we were married my wife and I were in school at Scranton and we had two rooms in the house where a piano teacher met her pupils from sun-up to sun-down six days in the week. In another room was a practice piano where some ambitious pupil was pounding the keys from dawn to dark. And they were not playing what I had always been led to believe was music. I listened in vain for "Turkey in the Straw," or "Leather Britches," or "Old Joe Clark," or anything of that nature. I was like the fellow mentioned at the top of this column. It seemed to me that they would get right up to a tune and suddenly turn aside, never quite making it. . . . My wife and I talked it over and decided one of three things must happen. We must move, go crazy or learn to enjoy classical music. There was not another apartment in town for the three dollars a month we were able to pay, we agreed that we were entirely too young to go crazy, so we set in to learn to enjoy classical music. We came dangerously near doing the second thing mentioned above before we finally mastered the third. We did not realize it then but it was ideal training in preparation for the eighteen years of piano practice we have had to listen to in our home since the four youngsters began taking music. I tell you we got so used

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EVENTS TO COME

June 11-19-Baptist Student Retreat, Ridgecrest.

June 23-29-Woodlake Encampment, between Sherman and Denison.

June 23-29-All Church, all family, encampment, Camp Lueders.

July 1-11-Texas Baptist Encampment, Palacios.

July 7-9-G. A., Y. W. A. camp, Lueders.

July 7-13-Menard Encampment, Menard.

July 9-11-R. A. Camp, Lueders.

July 12-18-Sunday School Week, Ridgecrest.

July 14-20-Lampasas Encampment, Lampasas.

July 15-23-Central Texas Encampment, Latham Springs, near Hillsboro.

July 19-25-Training Union Assembly, Ridgecrest.

July 21-29-Alto Frio Encampment, Frio Canyon, near Leakey.

July 29-August 7-Paisano Encampment, Paisano Pass, between Alpine and Marfa.

August 18-24-District 10 Encampment, Ceta Glen, near Canyon.

August 23-31-Preachers School, Ridgecrest.

August 25-25-Southwestern Religious Education Association, Seminary Hill.

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BUILDING AN ENCAMPMENT

Regular readers of this paper have noted that, since the paying of the debt against the Lueders Encampment grounds a few years ago, there have been considerable permanent improvements added each year. These improvements have been possible because other people than Baptists have found it convenient and advantageous to use the grounds for their encampments. Among these have been other denominations, family reunions, 4-H clubs, and pre-season football training squads.

It is gratifying that careful and skillful management has made it possible to use the camp grounds in a way that finances the upkeep. But this is not enough. Camp Lueders needs more than can be supplied by this process.

Some major needs include a larger, modernized cafeteria. The present one is large enough for the general assembly, but is overtaxed at the youth camps and needs enlargement and modernization for the camp to grow as it deserves. There is a real need for a club house for indoor recreation and for the comfort of one-day visitors. A number of family-sized cabins belonging to the camp would greatly increase the attendance at the annual assembly and would be a source of good income from vacationists all summer. The grounds could be greatly beautified at little cost, if the camp had equipment installed to utilize the river water for irrigation of trees, flowers, shrubs and grass in dry years. These needs are recalled off-hand without consulting with Camp Manager Littleton. He could probably think of many others, some perhaps more definitely needed.

Although the churches of the section came loyally to the support of the camp when it became necessary to lift the debt, in the main, it is a Cinderella of the denominational work. Yet there are more conversions on the grounds, most years, than are reported from any church in the district. Most of the volunteers for special service and for missions definitely feel the call while at some encampment.

Yet, at this time, we understand, only one church, University, Abilene, has the encampment in the budget and makes regular contributions. One hundred churches giving an average of even a dollar a month, would work wonders in a few years. A few substantial gifts from individuals would do that in short order.

The encampment now owns ample acreage and an attractive site on the beautiful Clear Fork of the Brazos. Few encampments have such an efficient light service available for lights, power and cooking. Still fewer have an inspected and chemically treated water supply piped all over the grounds. It is in a strategic location, beside a trunk highway with good connection to many others. The programs are unexcelled. The charges are so low that none are prohibited from attending. All that is needed is more accommodations to take care of the increased crowds that are sure to come if provision is made for them.

ON RECEIVING MEMBERS

A great deal of criticism has been hurled upon some Northern Baptist churches, which are charged with accepting members with alien immersion. While we most heartily agree that such a practice is unscriptural and contrary to Baptist faith and practice, some of the churches to which the critics belong are quite as lax in other respects when receiving members.

We have come to the time when almost anybody can join most any Baptist Church in this country on his unsupported statement. When, in the days of John the Baptist, certain people asked baptism at his hands, he demanded evidence of repentance. Now, too many Baptist churches baptize candidates young and old, after asking a few questions—leading questions, a lawyer would say. Then they are turned loose, much as the early cowhands turned freshly branded mavericks out on the open range. And when one of these branded mavericks asks for a letter to some other church, it is granted without a question or any information regarding the life and character of the person recommended.

Baptists began, in the Southern States, at least, as a rural people. If the candidate for admission to the church was not already personally known by every member, he shortly would be. And the church had an effective way of withdrawing fellowship from members who failed to walk uprightly.

Now the larger churches have many members who remain strangers to the rest of the church. Discipline committees have fallen into disuse and the church stands in danger of becoming a drag-net, gathering the good and the bad alike.

Some of these same Northern Churches which are being criticised have a committee which investigates each applicant for membership before he is received into full fellowship. This may not be the best proceeding. But it should be harder to get into a church than most of our contemporary brethren make it. Our missionaries rightly require the heathen to wait for a period of probation before admitting them for baptism. One wonders at times if a lack of such a practice is not resulting in the counting of many pagans in the membership of our churches.

A Baptist church letter should be the highest recommendation a newcomer could show. But is it?

News Notes

Moran enrolled 44 on the first day of the first Vacation Bible School in the church. Miss Hester Smith is serving as principal.

Rev. Jeff Davis, executive secretary of the Texas United Drys, was a visitor in Abilene last week.

Lakeview Church, San Angelo, had 150 in Sunday School on their second anniversary.

Dr. Wm. H. Joyner, state evangelist, has an open date for the first two weeks in July. His address is 528 Cooper, San Antonio.

Rev. Joe Mayes will assist Pastor R. E. Jones in a revival at Clairemont, beginning June 29. Services will probably continue for two weeks.

Dr. Wallace Bassett recently preached his 38th revival in Cliff Temple, Dallas. There were 71 additions.

Miss Bobbie Copeland, one of the team of 20 Sunday School workers in District Six, was ill for several days but is now recovered and continuing with the campaign.

The Brotherhood of First Church, Abilene, postponed their regular meeting of June 10 to meet at Lueders on Friday evening, June 27, in connection with the laymen's rally for the encampment.

Upon invitation of Pastor Don Armstrong, Dr. Edward B. Jenkins presented a mission program at Mount Pleasant Church on June 8. The mission spirit was revived in the church.

Rev. Bernard Guy, pastor of the Central Baptist Church, Clovis, has accepted the call of the Pecos Church and is already on the field. Rev. Guy has been one of the leaders in Baptist work in New Mexico.

Rev. H. R. Whitley of Haskell has been in a revival at Navasota which resulted in 29 additions in spite of heavy rains. There were also 17 professions in afternoon services at a Mexican mission. Roy Camp led the song services.

Rev. R. A. Pryor, Miami pastor, recently took a truck load of gifts and medical supplies back to the Navajo reservation where he served for five years. There is now no Baptist missionary among the more than 50,000 Navajos.

A Training Union clinic will be held for Runnels Association at Ballinger on Saturday, June 21. Dr. T. C. Gardner will be one of the speakers and conference leaders. Picnic lunch will be served by all the churches at noon.

June 8 was observed as "McGahay Day" at First Church, Breckenridge, honoring the anniversary of the coming of Pastor and Mrs. Phillip C. McGahay. The church has made remarkable growth under the years of their capable leadership.

Dr. W. R. White spoke on Christian Education at First Church, Albany, Sunday morning, June 8. In the evening he began a series of evangelistic services at Spür, where Rev. C. R. Joyner is pastor. Other churches in Dickens association will participate in the meeting.

PLEASANT VALLEY AND CROSS ROADS

It was a nice day at Pleasant Valley Sunday, my folks went with me and we really had a good time. Two of the Crossroads families came over for preaching and we appreciate them coming, too, for it was a sure enough consideration of their part to come over to meet my daughter who is visiting us. We are proud of her and when others show that much interest we think they do to. We came home before the night service, it looked so stormy and we had to return that night, so we only had the one service with the church, but it was a good one, a nice and interesting crowd and we got a nice collection for missions through the Cooperative Program.

Next Sunday we will be with the Crossroads people. I hope it does not rain us out, we have been bothered a lot this spring by the big rains. We will take our offering for the Cooperative Program at Crossroads next Sunday. I hope we can make it an hundred per cent, and we can if every one will bring an offering for that. Let's do it, Crossroads.

'THE INVINCIBLE TWENTY'

It was a happy group that rolled into Nixon at 6:30 Friday afternoon, May 30. The bus left Seminary Hill at 7:30 a.m., with district missionary, Willie J. Ray at the wheel. Your Sunday School secretary drove to Fort Worth and joined the group and entered into the fun and fellowship along the way. Seasons of prayer were held along the way. The earnestness and consecration of these young people is refreshing indeed.

At Nixon, Pastor B. C. Brown, Mrs. Wheat, Sunday School superintendent, and others graciously received us and had cars to take us to their homes. A lovely meal was served at the church at 7:30 and a brief service followed.

Saturday was clinic day for the workers with Mr. Hopkins, Ray and Lites leading. In the afternoon the pastors and others came in to take the workers out to their churches. We were greatly refreshed in spirit when these special workers stood and told of their experiences. Pray that the Lord may use this group in a mighty way this summer in District 6. The churches were calling for more workers and we will likely have 24 in Gonzales Association next week. The list of workers follows: Ruby Wheat, Mrs. H. H. Hamon, Frances Osborne, Imogene Wilborn, Ruby Moore, Ruth Brigham, Pauline Knowlton, Wayne Britton, Frances Norwood, Opal Webb, Mozelle Smith, Joyce Garrison, Herbert Black, Mrs. Herbert Black, Duane Parker, Lawson Pritchett, MacDegan Watkins, Fernetta Foley, Bobbie Copeland, Leota Corder, Katherine Todd. District Missionary Willis J. Ray and W. J. Lites supervise the work.

SHILOH CHURCH TO HAVE HOMECOMING ON JUNE 15

Shiloh Church, in Jones Association, will have an all-day homecoming service on Sunday, June 15. All former members and friends of the church are invited to come and have part in the services and partake of the community dinner at noon, announces Pastor J. B. Bradford.

The program will begin at ten with song service. Special music is being prepared to intersperse the program during the day. Morning speakers will be Rev. Houston Scott, former pastor, and R. E. Dudley. Rev. O. B. Tatum of Merkel will conduct a memorial service in the afternoon, after which Rev. W. L. Daniel of Anson will give the history of the church. The day will conclude with an inspirational address by Rev. Melvin Byrd, former pastor.

INTEREST IS INCREASING IN LUEDERS POSTER EXHIBIT

There is growing interest in the Training Union poster exhibit at the Lueders encampment, states Rev. Finis Williams, Moran, exhibit director. Arrangements are being made to show the posters where they will have protection from rain, wind and bright sunlight. Competition will be in two groups, churches with departmentalized Training Unions and churches having the union plan of organization. Awards will be recognized by ribbons, and no other prizes will be given.

KNOX CITY CHURCH REDECORATES BUILDING

Knox City Church recently held open house in the church basement for inspection of the kitchen, cradle roll and primary departments. Considerable money and a great deal of donated time has gone into this work of redecoration. Each teacher in the primary department redecorated her own room.

MEXICAN CHURCH ASKS AID TO REBUILD MISSION

The Baptist chapel at Atoyac, Jalisco, Mexico, was destroyed by an earthquake on April 15. This is a mission of the church at Tuxpam, Mexico. They have been unable to rebuild and scoffers are saying that the evangelicals have fallen down. For this reason, they are asking aid in rebuilding the house of worship, according to a plea in La Voz Bautista, Mexican Baptist paper published in El Paso.

SENTENCE SERMONS

By O. D. Henley
An enemy may befriend.
Many who claim to listen to reason obey impulse.
Many Christians apparently have sleeping sickness.
Many church members never get beyond the colic stage.
God assigns: man resigns.
The priceless things of life are free.
Beware of Satan's bargains.
Force produces poor loyalty.
Every remark leaves its mark.

Sunday School Lesson

June 1, 1941

By HIGHT C. MOORE

June 15, 1941

PROGRESS IN WORLD MISSIONS

Read Acts 13:13 to 14:28;
Galatians 3:23-29
Study Acts 13:44-45;
Galatians 3:26-29

From the city of Paphos on the western shore of the island of Cyprus, Paul and his associates sailed about 170 miles northwest to the district of Pamphylia in Asia Minor. Reaching the mainland, they went either overland, or eight miles up the River Cestrus, to the city of Perga. They did not linger here, possibly owing to the malarial conditions. The visit, however, was memorable because from this point John Mark, a kinsman of Barnabas, left the missionary party for some reason or other, which certainly was not satisfactory to Paul, and returned to his home in Jerusalem. Proceeding inland, Paul and Barnabas through many dangers and difficulties traveled some 90 miles to the city of Antioch, capital of the district of Pisidia, situated in the highlands and on the great Roman road leading east and west through Asia Minor. There were many Jews here, but also a large Gentile population. The missionaries attended the local synagogue on the sabbath and upon being asked if they had any word of exhortation for the people, Paul arose and delivered the first recorded missionary sermon which of course centered in Jesus as the Messiah—the fulfilling, designated, crucified, risen, and saving Christ. Several of the auditors became disciples on the spot and they were ready to continue in the grace of God. Many others who were undecided wished to hear more of the gospel message and they besought that the same sermon be preached on the next sabbath.

1. Progress in World Missions by Preaching (Acts 13)

PAUL'S SERMON TO THE PISIDIANS shows the place of preaching in the program and progress of world missions. The sermon of Paul in the synagogue had been the talk of the town for a whole week. When, therefore, another sabbath arrived, almost the whole city assembled to hear the Word of God. The attendance of the multitudes aroused the jealousy of the Jews so that instead of helping the missionaries, they contradicted their words and rallied at their work. The opposition, however, did not silence Paul and Barnabas. It only made them bolder in their proclamation of the truth. In fact, it caused the mtos declare instantly and plainly, almost severely, that the Jews, because of their rejection, should be rejected, and that the Gentiles, because of their receptivity, should be received. While these words were a thunderbolt to the Jews, they were to the Gentiles like a summer rain upon the thirsty earth. Of course they were glad. Then they glorified the Word of the Lord, and "as many as were ordained to eternal life believed."

The decisive step of the missionaries, extending gospel privilege alike to the Gentile and Jew, was good news and spread rapidly throughout all the region. The hostile Jews were, however, not to be eliminated by one blow. They determined to rid the city of the missionaries. Hence they stirred up a number of devout women of honorable estate and the chief men of the city, raising persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and expelling them from the city. Paul and Barnabas, therefore, "shook off the dust of their feet against them" in token that the missionaries had done their duty and that the responsibility now rested upon the persecuting Pisidians. They then proceeded 80 or 90 miles southeastward to the city of Iconium. The converts at Antioch, while doubtless regretting the banishment of the missionaries, were nevertheless joyful over their new-found faith, for they "were filled with joy, and with the Holy Ghost."

2. Progress in World Missions by Writing (Galatians 3)

PAUL'S LETTER TO THE GALATIANS shows the place of writing in the program and progress of world missions. The apostle calls for a worldwide fellowship in faith. The equality of believers in Christ is asserted with cumulative emphasis. National distinctions are leveled in the spiritual realm, for the strict Jew saved out of his religious ceremonies stood on the same footing as the liberal Greek saved out of his cultural paganism. Social distinctions are wiped out when the soul appears before God, for slave and master, bondmen and freemen, are alike and accountable. Even sex distinctions, though ordained from creation to consummation, are obliterated in the duties and privileges of the Christian life common to each and all. Indeed, all who accept Christ as Savior and Lord are so unified and identical that they are described as one and the same man in Christ Jesus. And since they belong to Christ, they become through him racially and spiritually children of Abraham, and thus heirs of all the promises made to the pious patriarch. Thus Christ is the sufficient Savior of all men and the efficient Savior of those who believe.

Give the Whole Gospel to the Whole World

Message for World Missions. In Christ, and in him alone, the whole gospel is centered and summarized: his coming to earth; his teaching and miracles; his character and influence; his suffering and death; his resurrection and reign today.

Need of World Missions. Every body needs the gospel: Gentile as well as Jew; people alike in pagan, papal, and Protestant lands; all races and all classes. They are lost without it. The world needs the gospel as nothing else.

Antagonism to World Missions. Some who heard Paul preach "were filled with jealousy, and contradicted . . . and blasphemed" (ASV). What vigorous minister with a message does not arouse antagonism. Often jealousy is at the bottom of the attack. It expresses itself usually in flat contradiction of the message. Often, also, it holds up the messenger to scorn. Expect opposition. Be not discouraged if sneers are thick as snowflakes.

Gold in the Golden Text

For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus (Gal. 3:26). To be a child of God is the greatest possible privilege that can come to any child of man. It regenerates him, restores him, renews him, rewards him here and hereafter.

But how can a son of sinful man become a son of the holy and righteous God? Only by the grace of God who gave his only begotten Son to be our Savior. Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners and therefore he "died for our sins according to the Scriptures." All that man has to do—and he must do that—to be saved is to "believe on the Lord Jesus Christ."

And anybody anywhere is included in the provision of grace; "for ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus."

Daily Bible Readings

June 16—The Council at Jerusalem. Acts 15:1-11.
June 17—The Decision of the Council. Acts 15:12-21.
June 18—The Decrees of the Council. Acts 15:22-29.
June 19—Righteousness by Faith. Galatians 2:11-21.
June 20—Freedom from Bondage. Galatians 5:1-6.
June 21—Freedom in Christ. Romans 8:1-10.
June 22—Complete in Christ. Colossians 3:8-17.

Roscoe Veteran

By HARRY HO

Reporter-News Staff

ROScoe, June 6.—The pay tribute to the Rev. Roscoe veteran Baptist preacher "14—his 75th birthday.

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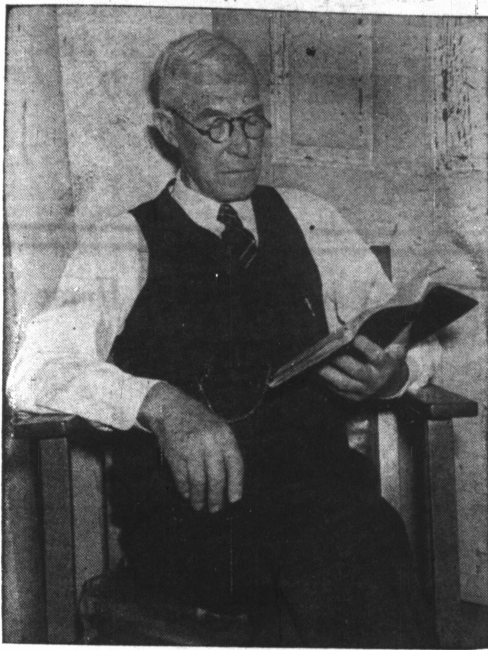
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Roscoe People to Honor Veteran Baptist Pastor



By HARRY HOLT
Reporter-News Staff Writer

ROSCOE, June 6.—They're going to pay tribute to the Rev. G. W. Parks, veteran Baptist preacher, here June 14—his 76th birthday.

As an expression of appreciation for his long and faithful service to his church and to mankind, friends of the Rev. Mr. Parks from all sections of West Texas will pay a visit to his modest home and present him with gifts.

He and Mrs. Parks will receive friends between 3 and 6 o'clock in the afternoon.

There are few ministers in West Texas who have performed as many marriages or officiated at as many funerals as Parks, who is still most active.

Being such a keen student of the Bible, Parks is called on to conduct many training schools in Baptist churches throughout this territory. He is on the go practically all of the time and is most active for a man of his age.

Standing Recognized

While he prefers a simple life, fellow ministers have never lost sight of the work being done by the tall, stout Roscoe preacher, who definitely

belongs to the "old school." He gained his place in the Who's Who of Baptist preachers.

The paper had this to say about him:

"The Rev. G. W. Parks of Roscoe has chosen to labor in rural sections and with village and country churches, but he is one of the ablest preachers in our state. He is a serious and diligent student and theologian of unusual strength.

"His sermons are carefully prepared and filled with pertinent scriptures which he quotes with perfect ease and absolute accuracy. His discussions of the fundamental doctrines of our Baptist faith would be a credit to the strongest preacher among us."

Parks was born in Whitley county, Kentucky, and at the age of 14 moved with his family to Alma, Ark. It was there the young mountain lad began teaching. He made a grade of 100 in getting his first teaching certificate and took a school at the age of 17. He was the only teacher.

Started At 16
He began preaching at the age of 16, was licensed at 19 and was ordained at 25. He is recognized as an authority in Biblical interpretation, and has been offered a position as head of the Bible department in at

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MRS. A. A. PALMER IS MISSION STUDY CHAIRMAN

(A Correction)

In my recent letters which I mailed to the association and local presidents in District 17, I made a mistake. In giving the name of our new mission study chairman for the district, I put Mrs. J. L. Brown, Olden. That is wrong. I should have said Mrs. A. A. Palmer, Olden. My apologies to both Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Palmer. There is no excuse for the error except that I wrote the letter in too great a hurry. It isn't the first mistake I ever made, but I do regret making it.

We are fortunate in securing Mrs. Palmer as our district chairman. She is the efficient mission study chairman of Cisco Association who conducted an associational school of missions last February. It was the first to be held in the association and the district. She is experienced and capable and we know our work will go forward under her capable leadership.

Mrs. R. A. Lerner, Eastland, had to resign as chairman, due to the acceptance of other responsibilities. We regretted to accept her resignation as she was a faithful and efficient chairman. I want to thank her publicly for her many faithful years of service and express my regret at her resignation. I feel that Mrs. Palmer will continue to build on foundations laid by former mission study chairmen.

—MRS. J. B. BUCKLEY.

PROGRAM

Workers Conference, Lubbock Ass'n.

Tuesday, June 17, at Whitarral
Rev. B. B. Huckabay, Morton, presiding.

10:00—Song and Prayer, Mr. L. E. Waite, Lubbock.

10:10—What It Means for a Soul to Be Lost, Rev. P. A. Powell, Acuff.

10:35—What It Means for a Soul to Be Saved, Rev. L. H. Welch, Whiteface.

11:00—What It Means to Be a Soul-Winner, Rev. Hubert Foust, Southland.

11:25—Special music, Mr. L. E. Waite.

11:30—Sermon, Rev. W. O. Wilson, Wolfforth.

12:00—Lunch.

1:15—Executive Board and W. M. U. sessions.

2:00—Song and Prayer, Mr. L. E. Waite.

2:10—S. S. Conferences by departments, directed by Rev. C. E. Roark, Idalou.

2:40—Cooperating in Our Associational Sunday School Work, Rev. C. E. Roark.

2:50—Inspirational Message, Rev. W. B. Ferguson, Slaton.

3:00—Lunch.

3:15—Song and Prayer, Mr. L. E. Waite.

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THE PARABLES OF OUR LORD

Discussed By
COOPER WATERS

THE PARABLE OF THE TEMPLE

John 2:13-21

The Parable of the Temple is perhaps the first parable that Jesus spoke. There is some doubt as to whether this is the same "cleansing" as the other gospel writers record as coming at the close of His ministry. There might have been two "cleansings," one at the beginning and one at the close. At any rate John makes this appear to come toward the opening of Christ's ministry.

Two things seem to stand out in this parable which is recorded in the nineteenth verse: "Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up." The first thing of note is the use and meaning of the word "temple." The second thing of note is the use and meaning of the term "three days."

The word "temple" refers to the body of Jesus, verse 21. Jesus meant that when He should be raised from the dead He would have a body and not be merely a spirit form. Paul observes it as "The first fruits of the dead" (1 Cor. 15:20), which is to say that Christ is the first one to receive His "resurrection body." The Christian will receive his resurrection body not when he dies, but when Christ re-

turns. Christ only had to wait three days for His glorified or resurrected body. The fact of his having a body was proved when He manifested His scars to Thomas and ate fish and honeycomb after his resurrection. He came forth from death with a body and so shall those come forth who die in Christ.

The meaning of the term "three days" is simply that He would be in the tomb three days after His crucifixion. Undoubtedly this ties in with Matt. 12:40, "For as Jonas was three days and three nights in the whale's belly; so shall the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth. This contradicts the theory that some have that Christ was buried Friday afternoon and rose Sunday morning. The fact is, His resurrection was discovered before daylight on Sunday morning (Jno. 20:1). He had arisen sometime between then and sundown Saturday night. The Jewish day began at sundown (and still does); and counting backwards from Saturday sundown, which was the beginning of the first day of the week, for three days and three nights we find that it was about Wednesday sundown that He was buried (not Friday). This is the only way to get in three days and

three nights and prove the truth of this part of the parable, which was given as a sign to prove His divinity. For fuller discussion on this point see article by J. C. McKenzie in the March 27 issue of West Texas Baptist.

PROGRAM

Jones County Workers Conference,
Meeting with Boyd's Chapel
Church, June 11

"Follow me and I will make you fishers of men," Matt. 4:19.

10:00 Song Service.

10:15 Devotional, A. R. Posey.

10:30 His Message, W. H. Martin.

11:00 His Compassion, H. E. East.

11:30 His Death for Men, P. D. O'Brien.

12:00 Dinner.

1:30 Board meeting.

2:00 The Church and Present World Conditions. L. A. Doyle.

2:30 Sermon, J. H. Skiles.

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7:30-10:45 A. M.—Musical Program Directed by Mr. I. E. Reynolds, Fort Worth, Texas.
7:30-8:15 A. M.—General Chorus Practice, Prof. Reynolds.
9:00-9:45 A. M.—Practical Church Music, Mr. J. D. Riddle.
10:00-10:45 A. M.—Choir Organization, Prof. Reynolds.
10:00-10:45 A. M.—Hymn Playing, Mrs. J. D. Riddle.

TRAINING UNION PROGRAM

9:00-9:45 A. M.—Training Union, Directed by Rev. Lawrence Trott, Rotan.
Conference for Pastors and Other General Officers.
Conference for Adults, Rev. J. T. DeLoach, Iola, Tex.
Conference for Young People, Rev. Homer Reynolds, Wichita Falls.
Conference for Intermediates, Miss Marie Saddler, State Approved Worker.
Conference for Juniors.
Conference for Primaries and Beginners.
Poster Exhibits, Rev. Finis Williams, Moran, Tex.

SUNDAY SCHOOL PROGRAM

10:00-10:40 A. M.—Sunday School, Directed by Mr. Woodrow Harris, Sweetwater, Tex.
Conference for General Officers, Mr. Ewell Bone, Breckenridge, Tex.
Conference for Adults, Dr. G. S. Hopkins, Dallas, Tex.
Conference for Young People, Rev. E. Douglas Carver, Abilene, Tex.
Conference for Intermediates, Mrs. G. S. Hopkins, Dallas, Tex.
Conference for Juniors, Mr. Dexter Riddle, Abilene, Tex.
Conference for Primaries.
Conference for Beginners.
Conference On Extension Work, Mr. Paul Counts, Abilene, Tex.

W. M. U. CONFERENCES AND PROGRAM

10:45-11:30 A. M.—W. M. U. Directed by Mrs. J. B. Buckley, Abilene, Tex.
W. M. S. Conference, Mrs. W. C. Henderson, Southside Worker.
Y. W. A. Conference, Miss Maybell Taylor, Recife, Brazil.
Intermediate G. A. Conference, Mrs. W. H. Porter, Jayton, Tex.
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Junior G. A. Conference, Miss Jaxie Short, Abilene.
Junior R. A. Conference, Mr. Alvin Hatton, Abilene.
Sunbeams, Miss Gwendolyn King, Abilene.

BROTHERHOOD PROGRAM

10:45-11:30 A. M.—Brotherhood, Directed by Dr. Hiram Arrant, Abilene.
10:45-11:30 A. M.—Brotherhood Addresses, By Dr. Lawson H. Cooke, Memphis, Tenn.
On Friday evening at 6:15 P. M. the Laymen will meet for a program led by Dr. Arrant.

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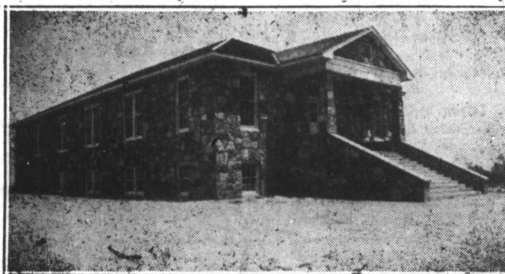
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Rambling Remarks

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to it we could hardly study without it. I got like the old lady whose husband snored so loud and strong that when he left home the children had to stay up all night and turn the squeaky old coffee mill by shifts so the old woman could sleep. . . . The funniest thing I ever heard Dr. Gambrill tell was about what he called, "a high falutin' solo." He said a young man and a young woman came out on the platform with an arm full of sheet music. She sat at the piano and he stood nearby with his hands folded in a sort of helpless fashion in front of him. She opened the music and began hunting on the piano for the tune. She hunted for several seconds and being unable to even get near a tune he started in to find it with his voice. He failed, then she tried again, pounding the keys and chasing up and down the key-board frantically trying to find the tune. Then they both tried it at the same time. Then alternately she would try alone and he alone, then both together until finally she hit the last note on both ends of the piano and his voice went right through the top of the house, and they gave up and quit. They never did find the tune. . . . I have heard that couple sing several times, and maybe I am a little crazy, but I have actually learned to like it. . . . I am afraid I will lose half my readers writing about high toned stuff like this. . . . No, on second thought I can't lose half of them for that would figure three and a half. . . . Things like this sound different when your own youngsters are doing them. My wife and I listened to Doris Wayne in a voice recital the other day, and we've given her paregoric lots of times for milder symptoms than she showed that day. But that's classical.

MERKEL REDECORATES CHURCH AUDITORIUM

First Church, Merkel, has recently spent \$750 in redecoration of the church auditorium alone, making it more worshipful. The latest improvement has been the laying carpeting in the aisles and the altar. Merkel has a handsome, well-constructed building and an attractive home for the pastor.

ROSCOE PEOPLE TO HONOR VETERAN BAPTIST PASTOR

(Continued from page 1)

least one university. This he turned down.

Parks was educated at Pearidge college, Arkansas, and later attended the seminary at Louisville, where he took his Th. G. degree. He served as half time pastor at Scranton, the Parks family moved to Abilene and lived there seven years. In 1920 he was elected pastor of the Baptist church here.

Always a deep thinker, Parks "kinda" frowns on the present tendency to work only for practical results, instead of giving lots of thought to a subject.

Still Studies

The veteran preacher is still a student, reading and studying as much now as he ever did, even when in school.

"A man doesn't get too old to learn, if he studies all the time," Parks says.

Besides being active in his chosen field, Parks has played a big part in the development of Roscoe, although few people actually know of the work he has done, since he went about it in his usual quiet way. He served on the school board 16 years, being president a number of years, and helped get the new school building.

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