

RAMBLING REMARKS



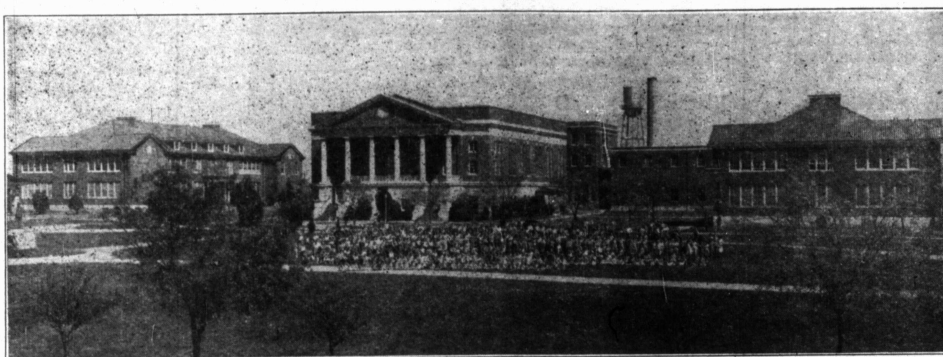
By DICK O'BRIEN

As usual I find myself right up to the deadline if anything resembling remarks get in this week. I am trying to listen to Lowell Thomas with one ear and write with the other. This has been one of the busiest weeks of my ministry, and I tried to make myself believe it would be all right to let the column pass this week. But remembering that this is almost the week before Christmas I am afraid to neglect any duty for fear Santa Claus might be looking over my record. . . . I had a very great honor unintentionally bestowed on me the other day. I was asked to send my cut for use in the Baptist Standard just before the Dallas convention. When it was returned the other day it appeared to me that they had changed my shirt and collar or something. So we took it into the print shop and tried it and it came out Dr. Thomas H. Taylor, president of Howard Payne College. It certainly gave me an odd feeling to think that anybody would mix me up with a college president. I remember Dr. Taylor was in our church at Colorado one time and in his introductory remarks he said that I was the only other man in West Texas, as far as he knew, who could say nothing in a loud, impressive tone of voice, as well as he could. Modestly, I do not think I can do it as well as he can. . . . In common with President J. D. Sandefur, Dr. Taylor has a way of making what he says interesting as well as instructive. I will never get away from the deep impressions made on me as a young college student by Dr. Sandefur's chapel talks. They were a well balanced mixture of philosophy, wit, humor and always a dash of common sense. He planted seed in my mind and soul which I trust will bear fruit as long as I live in the world. . . . I credit President Sandefur with the wittiest rejoinder I ever heard. It was in telephonic communication with an irate mother whose unmanageable daughter had been sent home from school. In the course of her remarks over long distance telephone she referred to the school as, "an incubator." "Well," Prexy replied, "that suave tone of voice he can use so effectively on occasion, 'perhaps an incubator is as good a name as any to give to our school. But madam if you expect a good chicken you will have to send us a good egg.'" In the language of Andrew H. Brown, I imagine she could only say, "Hold the phone." I don't know why I got on the subject of college presidents, but since I am I want to pay a tribute of love and respect from my deepest soul to three of them whom I have known more or less intimately. Dr. Jefferson Davis Sandefur, Dr. Thomas H. Taylor, and Dr. G. W. McDonald, of Wayland College. I know they are representatives of a great tribe, but these call me by my first name and I count myself within the inner circle of their friendship. . . . I noticed in the paper where the National baseball league was going to use the same ball next year as last. Consulting the sport pages I found that the season includes about one hundred and fifty games, and it seems to me the boys would be needing a new ball by now. . . . Well the ladies are about to start a big party here in a few minutes, so I have accepted an invitation to speak at a banquet at Weinert, which I consider a providential arrangement. Tomorrow night is prayer-meeting night, Thursday night I am to be with Charlie Joyner at Spur, and Friday

EVENTS TO COME

Dec. 11—Universal Bible Study.
December 19-20: Church Music Conference, Seminary Hill.
Dec. 21—Christmas Holidays Begin, H-SU.
Dec. 25—Sunday, Christmas Day.
Jan. 3—Monday, Holidays End.
Jan. 16—20 New Mexico Baptist Pastor's Conference, Portales.
Jan. 18-19—Associational Sunday School Officers Meeting.
Feb. 17-18—Y. W. A. House Party, Hardin-Simmons University.

THE CITY OF CHILDREN



HAL F. BUCKNER, D. D.
General Manager

A BETTER OPPORTUNITY NOW OFFERED GRADUATES

By HAL F. BUCKNER

It was a great day when a better plan for graduates of our high school was launched. Until that day our graduates were faced with the necessity of launching out for themselves. It is true that some of them in one way or another found their way to special training schools or to colleges. It is true that some of them were able to secure worthwhile positions where they could honorably earn their living. But it was also true, increasingly so during late years, that it was very hard for them to have any further preparation for life's responsibilities. Now it will be easier because we have a plan, already working for several of our last June graduates, whereby those who cannot immediately leave to an advantage may assume with us definite responsibilities on a modest pay basis. The pay is modest, but most of it is kept in the office as savings against the day when those who are involved finally leave. The plan provides that money which would otherwise be used to employ others is actually earned by our own graduates. Those involve dare on a different basis from the rest of the great family in that they are employees and subject to dismissal if they should fail to do their duties. The advantages enjoyed by them are: that in the earning of a dollar they will know its value; and, that with the accumulation of savings over the extra year of service, they may leave with a sum of money which will supplement whatever they may be able to do to partly earn their way during a first year in college, or to pay for their personal expenses in connection with a course in nurses training in hospitals, etc. Several of our graduates are already taking advantage of the plan and are proving to be efficient and happy in their work. We, and all of our friends who have studied the plan, believe, in the language of one friend, that it is just "plain hoss sense." It is stable thinking.

ASPERMONT BURNS NOTES

We wish to say to all of our friends in West Texas, "thank you." On November the twentieth, we celebrated the payment of our debt on the church and Missionary Shephard delivered the dedicatory sermon, after the burning of the notes. We had many distinguished visitors that day and a great company were served delicious dinner in the church. You are kindly advised that it shall be my joy to assist in enlarging in your subscription lists, for I consider your paper a real asset to the Baptist of West Texas.

J. B. ROWAN, Pastor.

Buckner Home Nurtures Our Homeless Children

THE THRILL OF SIX GREAT CONVENTIONS IN THE SOUTHWEST.

By L. R. Scarborough, President

It has been my purpose, as president of the Southern Baptist Convention, to have personal contact with the leadership in all of the states of the Convention during this year, if possible, either at their state convention or at conferences arranged by them during the year, and to that end I have already attended six of their conventions — Maryland, Virginia, South Carolina, North Carolina, Georgia and Alabama—and am soon to attend the convention in Arkansas.

All of these conventions were more than well represented. The state secretary made what I would call a great report in every state, showing progress, a spirit of unity, high purpose, deep determination, with an effective organization to go forward. Practically all of them showed increase in their gifts, in their baptisms, in their progressive spirit of missionary achievement. For the most part the conventions showed increase of attendance, and in every case a marvelous spirit of unity and aggressiveness. There were hours of high inspiration. All of them seemed to be one hundred per cent for the Southwest Revival. They listened to the call of this great task with anxiety of heart, love and cooperation, and in every case stood at a high hour with absolute unanimity and enthusiasm, stating their devotion to the ideals of the revival movement and their purposes to carry the message of Christ to the lost everywhere. Probably every association in the South has already accepted the program recommended by the Southern Baptist Convention office, approved by the state secretaries, and are getting rapidly ready for the great forward movement. Their purpose is to hold revival meetings in every church and in every churchless community. When one feels the pulse of these dynamic leaders of this movement that seems to be born of the Spirit of Christ, life's blood runs faster and hopes mount high and praises to God ascent to the sky.

The reports I have had from the

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REMEMBER AGED MINISTERS Dear Co-Workers:

At this Christmas time let us remember, with a word of greeting, our gift, our dear old minister, Rev. J. J. Burk, 104 Beall Street, Sweetwater, Texas. His wife died two years ago this month. Also remember our old minister's widow, Mrs. Emily Jane Stone, Merkel, Texas.

Sincerely,
MRS. S. J. T. WILLIAMS,
Benevolence Chairman.
Sweetwater Association, W. M. U.

A Message from Brother Hal

To the Baptists of West Texas:

The message of Buckner Orphans Home to you is the same as our appeal to all Texas Baptists:

"We are appealing with all our hearts and souls, for that generous treatment which the Master indicated He would have us give His little ones when He said: 'Whoso receiveth one such little child in my name receiveth me.'"

Sincerely,

Hal F. Buckner
General Manager.

"A city of children," whose inhabitants come by the hundred from all over Texas, from all faiths and no faith at all, is the Buckner Orphans Home, a benevolence of Texas Baptists which is located on a valuable estate eight miles from the heart of Dallas.

Between six and seven hundred children are beneficiaries in residence all the time. These are children from tiniest infants to high school boys and girls. There are approximately 400 in grammar school and 200 in high school, 41 of whom are in the class of 1939.

These children are clothed, fed sheltered, educated, with careful provision for recreation, health and religious life for seventy cents per child per day, according to the annual report of Dr. Hal F. Buckner, son of the founder upon whose shoulders rests the responsibility of seeing that all these bills are paid.

How well Dr. Buckner has succeeded is attested by the fact that the last fiscal year ended with a difference of only \$11.60 between the income and expenditures of the home.

Added Needs

Outstanding among the needs of the Home are added buildings to shelter more children and added income for their support. The present buildings for administration and school are sufficient to care for possibly three hundred other children but there is a need for the added dormitories. Nine hundred applications for entrance had to be denied last year for lack of room.

There is also a definite need for equipment for a greater program of occupational education. In addition to a high school education, it is the policy of the Home to teach each pupil something of practical value which he may use in self-support after graduating. Keen competition for jobs is making it harder to secure employment and Dr. Buckner and his associates are working to a more adequate training along vocational lines.

Farm

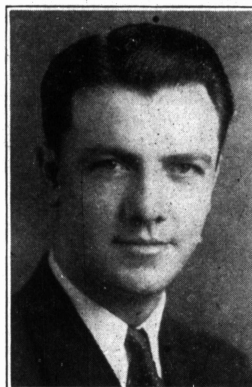
One of the seven lines of practical occupational activity now being pursued is agriculture. There is a large, black-land farm on the estate which provides the dining hall with much food, including dairy products. The farm earnings for the year showed a net profit of over \$10,000. At the same time many of the young people are learning both the practical and the theoretical side of agriculture.

One of the great services rendered to children in the home is the health service. Indicated vaccinations, serum administrations, dental and surgical care, and eye glasses are provided as needed. There is a small hospital on the grounds, but the health record of the children is far above the average.

Religious Life

Great pride is taken in the report

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ROBERT COOK BUCKNER
Assistant to the Manager

TULSA CHURCH COMMENDS RESIGNING PASTOR

The Phoenix Avenue Baptist Church, Tulsa, Oklahoma, whose pastor, Rev. J. M. Sibley, recently resigned to accept a call to Sweetwater, Texas, and is now on that great field, passed the following resolution of commendation which was forwarded to the Sweetwater Church:

"Whereas, Rev. J. M. Sibley, who has been our pastor (Phoenix Avenue Baptist Church Tulsa), for the past two and one half years, and,

Whereas, the First Baptist Church, Sweetwater, Texas, has extended to him a call to become their pastor, and

Whereas, Brother J. M. Sibley feels that the Lord is leading him to accept the pastorate of the First Baptist Church, Sweetwater, Texas:

Be it resolved that we, the Phoenix Avenue Baptist Church, commend him highly and heartily to you. He is a man of great intellectual ability; a man who has a great passion for lost souls; a pastor who emphasizes all of the work that Baptists are trying to do; a man who is faithful to the flock; a man who sacrifices for the on-going of the kingdom of God; a man who has led our church into greater fields of service these two and one half years that he has been our shepherd, and

Be it further resolved that the Phoenix Avenue Baptist Church commend him to your fellowship and your confidence and trust that your union will be greatly blessed of God for many years. We feel that your gain is our loss.

Done, by order of the church this, twenty-seventh day of November, 1938.

Signed: Clerk of the Church,
W. H. Presley."

LAYMEN ORGANIZE IN LUEDERS CHURCH

To the West Texas Baptist:

Lueders Baptist Church held a laymen's banquet Friday night, Dec. 2. Rev. Dick O'Brien gave the main address, and he did it well. At the close of his message the men voted to organize a local Brotherhood. Homer H. Hutto was elected president; and plans were made for another meeting soon, when a permanent organization will be completed. The ladies of the church served for the occasion. The church had a good day Sunday. There were 153 in Sunday School and just nearly half that in B. T. U. There were two additions by baptism at the morning hour, and one addition by baptism at the evening hour, and one volunteered for special service at the evening hour. It was a great day.

L. F. MORELAND, Pastor.

Every noble work is at first impossible.—Carlyle.

MISSIONARY ESSAYS



By B. N. Shepherd
Missionary, District 17

At the District Missionaries' Meeting
In Dallas

This is the most meaningful meeting we have ever had. All the missionaries, except one, were present with the chairman of evangelism. The meeting was for the purpose of planning for soul winning during the year 1939.

Dr. Campbell was elected state organizer, Brother C. E. Matthews, Fort Worth, was elected chairman of evangelism and Bro. E. W. Marshall, Dallas, is secretary.

This idea was born in the hearts of Bro. Matthews and Bro. Hyman Appleman. From them it has caught fire in the hearts of hundreds of others until it is now reaching out around the world.

In the Preachers' meeting at the Seminary, which will be June 5 to 10, the Mexican preachers are to be with us and will be addressed by speakers in the Spanish language.

Dr. Scarborough spoke to us on the plans for the Southern Baptist Convention. He said he had recently been in several states and the fire is already burning.

January 1, 1939 is set apart as a day of prayer in every church in Texas. Some plan to divide the day so that some group will be in prayer at the church at almost every hour. The pastor and deacons will be there first, 8 to 9 a. m. Sunday School officers and teachers will join them from 9 to 9:30, others will meet in the afternoon from 1:30 on. I do not know of anything that will be more helpful than a day spent like that.

This year we are hoping to have district rallies during the months of January and February on evangelism. These are to be followed by associational rallies.

During the months of March, April and May, we hope to have church loyalty months, in which period, we are all to attend every service of our church unless kept away providentially. More will be said about this later.

Last week was a very enjoyable one for the missionary. I was in a study group with the O'Brien Church and Pastor S. E. Stevenson. There were 40 enrolled and the superintendent of the Sunday School thinks 30 or more will take the examinations.

Last Sunday, I had the joy of preaching in the church where I first pastored, Smith Chapel, Haskell county. They have no pastor but will call soon, I feel sure.

Brushy Church, Haskell county, has invited Bro. Freeland, pastor at Gillespie, to preach for them. Brushy is pastorless.

Next Thursday I am to teach "The Way Made Plain," to the workers of the Prairie View Church, Jones county. Brother Charles Torrance is the live pastor. We will have "teaching all day" and dinner on the ground.

Has your church planned to give to others as much as a postage stamp a week? Each Baptist doing that will reach our goal for 1938-1939 and thousands will be saved. That is mighty little when we remember how much Jesus gave for us.

DOUBLE TRAGEDY STRIKES DR. WALLACE BASSETT

Mrs. Wallace Bassett, beloved wife of the pastor of the great Cliff Temple Church, Dallas, died suddenly last Sunday afternoon following a brief illness. Within two hours, Dr. Bassett's brother, Rev. Geo. H. Bassett, pastor of the First Christian Church, Moberly, Missouri, was killed in a grade crossing accident on his way to the evening services at his church.

Cliff Temple Church and the Southern Baptist brotherhood were shocked at this double blow and share in the grief of this dynamic leader. Dr. and Mrs. Bassett would have celebrated their thirty-second wedding anniversary on December 29.

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CHRISTMAS GIFTS TO THE ORPHANS

"Especially do we recommend that the brethren everywhere send a Christmas gift to the Home."

This resolution, which was introduced at the first session of the united Baptist General Convention of Texas by the sainted R. T. Hanks, is as timely today as it was when offered fifty-two years ago.

Thus, early in the life of the Buckner Home, established and maintained by Texas Baptists for the care, instruction and evangelizing of the orphan children in our midst, the Christmas season became the churches to remember and to emphasize this noble Christian undertaking.

Christmas is essentially the children's day of the year. Remembering the Christ Child who was the first and finest Christmas present, and remembering the gifts from those sages of the East to the infant Jesus, we have come to spread joy and gladness in childish hearts on that day which the world calls His natal day.

For this reason, there is no time of the year when the human heart so goes out to the fatherless as at this season of peace and good will, this time of gifts commemorating the Great Christmas Gift.

As we plan for happy holidays for children who are dearest to us, we can not keep out of our minds and hearts our other children—those who have none to whom they may cling except themselves. With these we will share, not only our holiday cheer that they might have childhood's heritage of a Merry Christmas, but also larger and more substantial gifts that, for each of the hundreds in our Buckner Home, 1939 may be really a Happy New Year.

"THE SIN OF THE CHURCH"

In his daily column in the Dallas News, Lynn Landrum of the pungent pen discusses the different phases of bad leadership of American Christians during the last generation.

First, he calls attention to the sensational evangelists of pre-war days, who in an effort to draw comparable crowds to men like Moody, substituted for Moody's power shallow superficialities and showmanship. Their antics disgusted serious thinking people and discredited all evangelistic effort. This reaction has not yet been lived down in some places and is reflected in some conservative leaders of Southern Baptists who fear that an effort for a Southwide revival will return the evils of revivalism.

After the war, Mr. Landrum recalls, came the period of big-money drives and he intimates that in some places the adding machine replaced the Cross. Many of us are learning only now that people are not enticed into the Kingdom by first securing their money but that a truly surrendered heart means also a yielded purse.

The third period, he recalls, was a time of stress upon education. The heresy was freely proclaimed that the educated were the good and that evil could be eliminated by abolishing ignorance. But in these days of reappraisal of all values we are re-learning that education is a tool for service and not a means of grace. In the rise of a pagan Germany we have an object lesson in Christless education.

With the depression came emphasis upon a social gospel which, the columnist asserts, proclaimed that a man's life after all does consist of the abundance of the things which he possesses. But after years of experimentation along these lines neither has the Kingdom of Heaven fallen upon us nor does there appear to be any end to human suffering.

These periods are not hermetically sealed from each other nor have all churches followed after the trend of the times, but there be few who have not erred in one or another of these fallacies. Having tried a procession of futile fads, let us pray that great numbers will be ready now to accept the gospel way of life and be born again into a new living in the footsteps of Jesus.

"The sin of the church," concludes Mr. Landrum, "is that it has asked too little for a Master who asks all."

FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS

The Lottie Moon Week of Prayer is now over, but it is not too late for those who have had no part in the Christmas offering for foreign missions to share in this great work.

It will never be too late to have a part in carrying the gospel message to a sinful world until the Gospel Age is ended.

But every day it is too late for the great throngs in those lands who daily go into eternity without ever having heard of a Christ of love who died for their sins.

Never was the need of the foreign fields greater. Never did the gospel find so wide a welcome among the people. In some lands there is a rising tide of persecution and an official ban against the open Bible, but even in these countries an increasing number of the plain people have willing hearts and open ears.

In China, in Africa and in certain of the Latin countries of America, opportunities for winning the lost are limited only by the limited feet to spread the glad tidings and the limited funds to enable them to carry on.

Every effort we make to forward the Southwide revival means another great stride for the carrying of the whole Gospel around the world.

News Notes

Dr. W. Y. Pond, state evangelist, assisted Pastor O. L. Dennis in a great revival in the First Baptist Church, Tucumcari, N. M. During the two weeks there were 64 additions, 48 by baptism, and a number of other conversions. Seventy-five young people dedicated their lives to the service of Christ. Dr. Pond is now in a meeting with Pastor R. Q. Keith and the Second Baptist Church of Albuquerque.

The first Mexican Baptist Church of Ballinger was organized on Sunday, November 21.

Baptist young people at Miles are combining with young Methodists in a community Christmas program which will include a pageant and special music.

A "pioneer" class made up of women who have never before taken a mission study course, will be conducted Thursday, December 8, studying "Basil Lee Lockett" in the Mission Study Institute of First Church, Sweetwater.

There were 25 professions of faith in a service at Sayres Mission, a project of First Church, San Antonio, in a service November 30, conducted by Evangelist Wm. H. Joyner.

Dr. M. T. Andrews of Texarkana, one of the leading preachers of the Southern Baptist Convention, began work on December 1 as field representative of the Tidwell Memorial committee, which is raising funds for a Bible building on the campus of Baylor University.

Rev. I. V. Nephaw of Philadelphia, representative of the Baptist Union of Russia, spoke several times this week at Southwestern Seminary and several Fort Worth churches.

Dr. W. M. Wright of Dallas, now in evangelistic work, with Mrs. Wright, visited Sunday with his daughter, Mrs. W. B. Milstead and family.

The Fisher County Associational Sunday School work is on the upgrade, reports Superintendent O. D. Henley. There were about 80 present at the monthly meeting and a majority of the churches were represented.

There were eleven additions to Park Heights Church, San Angelo, through the West Side Mission on a recent Sunday. Nine of these came for baptism.

J. L. Kraft of the Kraft-Phenix Cheese Corporation addressed the annual men's banquet of First Church, Shreveport, November 29.

Dr. Victor Koon, fourteen years a missionary in China, spoke at First Church, Lubbock each night during the Lottie Moon Week of Prayer.

PRAY FOR MISSIONARIES

Saturday, December 10—Edith Ayers Allen (Mrs. W. E.), educational worker, Caixa 2655, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil; Joseph Arnel Harrington, educational worker, Bello Horizonte, Brazil.

Sunday, December 11—M. G. White, evangelistic worker, Caixa 184, Bahia, Brazil.

Monday, December 12—Mr. and Mrs. Fernando Santana, missionaries in Cuba, San Juan y Martinez, Pinar del Rio Province.

Tuesday, December 13—Mr. and Mrs. Enrique Vasquez, missionaries in Cuba, Pinar del Rio Province.

Wednesday, December 14—Angel Pineola, Consolacion del Sur; Mr. and Mrs. Enrique Pina, Mariel; Miss Christine Garnett, Guanajay; missionaries in Pinar del Rio Province, Cuba.

Thursday, December 15—Miss Sallie Moss James, graduate nurse, Box 1581, Shanghai, China.

Friday, December 16—Frances D. Tumblin (Mrs. J. A.), educational worker, Natal, Brazil.

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JUST TALK

By Elliott Dudley

Division

The story that Rome, Berlin and Tokyo have divided the earth among themselves may be only the sensational nightmare of a frightened world, but appearances give the tale a semblance of truth.

Such an idea is not new. Two thousand years ago, only a brief time before the coming of Christ, three smart politicians in Rome divided the known world. Caesar was given Western and Central Europe, Crassus received a claim to Asia, while Pompey had Italy, Greece and Africa.

Crassus was killed in an effort to conquer Asia—let Japan take notice. Caesar came down from his conquests in the north to fight and kill Pompey and so take over the rule of the known world. Might that indicate anything concerning the future of the Rome-Berlin axis? At any rate the conqueror should remember that mighty Caesar had his Brutus.

Also the fact that all these events happened only a short time before the advent of the Messiah may also furnish only another interesting parallel. Clamor

At this distance, it is very difficult to appraise events happening in censored countries overseas. Still, we are told that the average American has a far more intelligent idea of what is going on over there than the best informed European who hears and sees and reads only what his government desires for him to know.

So we do not know how much support the Italian government is giving to supposedly popular demands for France to surrender to them Nice, Corsica and Tunis. But we can only believe that, in a country so closely controlled, this clamor is by stool pigeons of a government which is taking full advantage of internal dissension in France.

Corsica was the birthplace of Napoleon Bonaparte, who was more Italian than French. Nice was once a heritage of the princes of Savoy, one of whose descendants is the figurehead on the Italian throne. But neither of these provinces is any more Italian nor than Texas or California is Mexican.

Tunis, which is nominally an Arab state under French protection, has a large population of Italian emigrants and their descendants, but it has not been ruled from Rome since fair-haired sea-kings from the North Sea took possession of it over fifteen centuries ago. The depredations of those people gave the name vandal to our language. It was one of the Vandal kings who carried away the seven-branched candlestick of Herod's temple, along with other loot from Rome and lost it in a shipwreck before reaching Africa.

Saturday Special

The world of selling has seen many varieties of premiums, trading stamps and what not to entice the wary buyer, but the prize for originality goes to Herr Hitler who has devised the trade attraction of throwing in a Jew with every shipment of German goods.

Here at one clever stroke he would remove a hated minority race, keeping their wealth to finance his grandiose military establishment, and at the same time export large quantities of merchandise which a nauseated world would prefer not to buy.

First come, first served! Shelf-worn Jews, free with knick-knacks made in Germany! Do your Christmas shopping early!

COMMUNITY CENTER REVIVAL

The Hardin-Simmons Ministerial Council is engaged in a two-weeks revival at the Community Center Mission, Abilene. Each night there is a different preacher and a different song leader. Conversions are being reported at nearly every service. Dr. N. A. Moore preached Sunday afternoon and night. There were 150 present at Sunday School, with a previous record of 98. A free clinic sponsored by the First Church Brotherhood co-operating with Hendrick hospital, has treated 41 patients in three examination periods.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

December 11, 1938

By Hight C Moore

THE SIN OF COVETOUSNESS

Exodus 20: 17; Luke 12:13-21; I Timothy 6:6-10

The Tenth Commandment forbidding the sin of covetousness was disregarded and disobeyed by a greedy brother who sought the help of Jesus in settling a disputed family inheritance, but it was carefully taught by Paul in his letter to Timothy who evidently heeded it with his unselfish and sacrificial life.

1. Covetousness Forbidden (Exodus 20)

"Thou shalt not covet." The sin of covetousness is forbidden by God. The right of brotherhood is recognized in the Tenth Commandment. The duty to be unselfish is definitely implied. The worst foe of fraternity is greed. Indeed, what a fire of waste and woe has covetousness kindled in the world! It has blighted and blasted individuals, neighborhoods, and nations the earth over and the ages through. But the spirit of greed is out of place in the realm of the good. There should be the hand of help instead of the eye of envy, fraternity rather than antagonism, brotherhood and not illiberality, aloofness, and indifference. "Thou shalt not covet."

2. Covetousness Destroying (Luke 12)

"Beware of covetousness." The sin of covetousness is destructive to man. When Jesus was asked to settle an inheritance dispute between two brothers he declined with a word of warning and a parable of woe. (1) He gave a warning against covetousness. Money is a good slave but a bad master. Property belongs in the purse or the bank but not in the heart. Wealth has its place and its power, but it is not entitled to occupy the throne or sway the scepter. Covetousness puts money above manhood. It shackles its devotee and makes him its victim. It hardens the heart and deadens the noble impulses and destroys the vital qualities of life. Everybody should beware of covetousness in every phase and form. All should keep themselves from it through vigilance and prayer and self-control and discipline. With all diligence of mind and heart "take heed." The reason is ample and imperative. Life is not a matter of dollars and cents, houses and lands, earning capacity and financial achievement. Life is a larger and better, infinitely larger and better thing; and happy are they who reach and realize it to the full! (2) Jesus gave in the parable of the rich fool the woe upon covetousness. There was the wealthy land-owner in the midst of great prosperity. He was engaged in an honorable business. He was exposed to few temptations. He was not a monster in character, but a man whose leading trait has been duplicated a million times over. Apparently he was talented and economical, industrious and prudent, honest and moral in all his dealings. Yet he climbed the sweaty slope of toil to the summit of worldly success only to find himself on the edge of a yawning abyss. He laid his plans without God. He measured success by broad fields and full barns. He did not reckon on the uncertainty of life. He planned to feed his soul on unsatisfying vanities. His life was wrapped up in riches which centered in himself. But God spoke the word of doom. The plans that embraced many years were cut short by an immediate death sentence. The property he had amassed must now slip through his hands to be parleyed over, scattered, and squandered. Thus fell the sudden blade of justice that night, and into a darker night went forth the soul of the rich farmer from his fair estate. Foolish are they who accumulate only for the earthly life, ignoring the infinite existence beyond the grave.

3. Covetousness Overcome (I Tim. 6)

"Contentment is great gain." The sin of covetousness may be conquered or counteracted. Hear Paul teach Timothy how to avoid greed. There was then as now a wrong view of godliness as "a source of gain" or as "a paying concern." As a matter of fact, it does pay but not necessarily in worldly goods. Godliness is highly gainful when contentment accompanies it. The contentment spirit is satisfied with food and clothes since we brought nothing into the world and can carry nothing out of it. Certainly we are penniless before birth and after death. On the other hand, "those who are eager to be rich get tempted and trapped" through many foolish, harmful cravings that plunge people into destruction and ruin. Let the love of money take root in the heart, and it will bear evil fruit of all sorts in the life; for out of it grows, not all the evil known to sinful man. Let the man of God fly from these things, shun them, and escape the poison they exhale and the piercing sorrows they bring.

Gold in the Golden Text

Thou shalt not covet. Exodus 20:17.

Master any inordinate desire for gain. Check every craving for the property of others. Stop all yearning for the things you cannot get and ought not to have. That is the only way to live the unfettered life. Only then can your true aspirations soar away at will into the upper air.

Home Daily Bible Readings

December 5—The Tenth Commandment. Ex. 20:17.
December 6—The Sin of Covetousness. Luke 12:13-21.
December 7—A Root of All Evil. I Tim. 6:6-10.
December 8—Greedy for Position. Matt. 20:20-28.
December 9—Judas Sells His Friend. Matt. 26:14, 15.
December 10—Ahab's Covetousness. I Kings 21:1-20.
December 11—Warning Against Greed. Prov. 28:16-25.

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TREASURER'S REPORT W. M. U. OF DISTRICT 17

Report by Separate Funds Paid In by the Seven Associations
April 6 to November 17, 1938

It is interesting to note that besides meeting our apportionments in full to all state causes, we have paid since April 6, \$400.00 to Hardin-Simmons University for tuition of ten boys and girls for fall term. Have given \$685.11 to Hendrick Memorial Hospital charity ward offerings taken under sponsorship of our W. M. U.'s on Mother's Day.

At the State Board meeting in October at Corpus Christi, we were the only one of the seventeen districts that had paid all our state apportionments in full.

	Received	Disbursed	Balance
Baptist Bible Institute	\$ 14.00	\$ 14.00	\$
Buckner Orphans Home Graduate	26.55	26.55	
Education Fund Foreign Student	107.60	100.00	7.60
Expense Fund	274.88	207.92	66.96
Hardin-Simmons Fund	459.78	400.00	59.78
Charity Mother's Day Offering:			
Hendrick Memorial Hospital	685.11	685.11	
Lueders Encampment	151.62	100.00	51.62
Margaret Fund Balance	25		25
Mary Hardin-Baylor	303.50	300.00	3.50
Miscellaneous Fund	245.33	184.38	60.95
S. W. Training School Scholarship	407.68	304.50	103.18
Texas Bible Scholarship			
Southern Seminary, Louisville	14.00	14.00	
Total	\$2,690.30	\$2,336.46	\$353.84

SEMINARY NEWS

Central Texas Club

Texas students of Districts 14, 15, 16 and 17 at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, met in a brief business session recently and organized the Central Texas Club with the following officers:

President, Lester Roloff, Dawson; vice president, Charles Dickson, Abilene; secretary, Maxine Conner, Waco; reporter, Louise Hash, Balinger; faculty advisor, Dr. T. B. Maston, Seminary Hill.

Five clubs of this type have been organized among the Texas students, each club forming a nucleus through which the Seminary projects its work in various districts of the State.

Of the 599 students enrolled in the Seminary this year, 207 are from Texas. Seventy-eight of the Texas students are young women preparing themselves for religious education work either in the homeland or in foreign fields. There are 129 ministers and laymen.

There are students enrolled in Southwestern Seminary from seventeen states, Canada, Brazil, Argentina, China and Australia.

Cosmopolitan Club

At a meeting of the newly organized Cosmopolitan Club of the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary at Fort Worth, Texas, the following members were elected to fill offices:

Carlos Purgallis, Sao Paulo, Brazil, South America, president; Walter Kaschel, Sao Paulo, Brazil, South America, vice president; Mrs. Anne S. Margrett, Buenos Aires, Argentina, South America, secretary; Isabel Christine Hunter, McMinnville, Ore., reporter; and Dr. B. J. Cauthen, faculty advisor.

Other members of the Cosmopolitan Club are Misses Christine Chen, Shanghai, China; Juanita Wilcox, Recife, Pernambuco, Brazil, South America; Betty Norton, Buffalo, New York; Mesdames Walter Kaschel, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil; Charles Myers, Recife, Pernambuco, Brazil; Mack McCray, Jr., Blackfoot, Idaho; Wayne Murphy, Pomona, California; Ervin Boyle, Tacoma, Washington; and Messrs. Martin A. Janson, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil; Mack McCray, Jr., Blackfoot, Idaho; Ervin Boyle, Tacoma, Washington; Wayne Murphy, Pomona, California; Ashley Hatch, California; Henry W. Schweinsberg, Sydney, Australia.

The purpose of the club is to promote fellowship among the theological, religious education, and music students of the Seminary who are from outside the Southern States.

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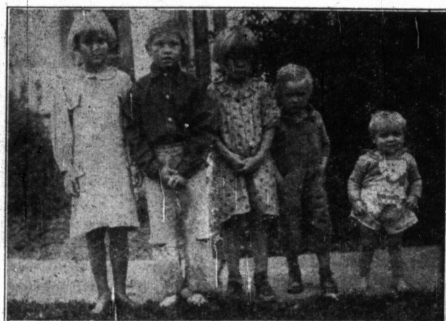
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Meeting With
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10:00 a. m.—Devotional Song and Praise Service, led by Rev. Sidney Cox.

10:20 a. m.—Introduction of Visitors and New Pastors in the Association.

10:30 a. m.—"Discussion of the Work and Plans of District 17," by Rev. B. N. Shepherd, Abilene, Texas.

10:55 a. m.—"Working Together for Christ and a Lost World," discussed by Rev. C. E. Poe, Cross Plains.

11:20 a. m.—Music.

11:25 a. m.—Sermon, by Rev. C. A. Powell, Pastor, University Baptist Church, Abilene, Texas.

Noon
1:15 p. m.—Devotional Song and Praise Service.

1:30 p. m.—Board Meeting. (And separate meeting of the Association of W. M. U. if desired); Board meeting reports of Associational Sunday School, B. T. U., Laymen, W. M. U., Evangelistic, and Mission work done the past month of November.

2:30 p. m.—Inspirational Address, Rev. A. A. Davis, Baird, Texas.

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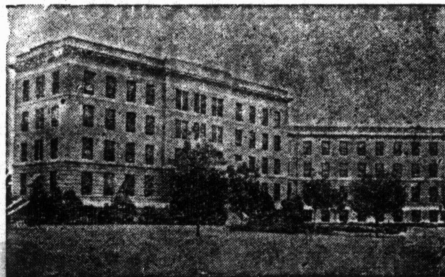
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Alumni Meeting Held At Dallas

Hardin-Simmons University alumni, in Dallas to attend the general Baptist convention, met Thursday evening for a banquet in the Blue room of the Stoneleigh hotel.

Gordon Suits and Freddy Martin, staff artists from radio station WFAA were presented in a musical program. Dr. R. N. Richardson, executive vice president of Hardin-Simmons was principal speaker. Raymond W. Foy, Dallas News executive and Hardin-Simmons graduate, was toastmaster. Informal talks were given by Mrs. H. A. Pender, alumni president, and Harry Hayes, executive secretary, who went over to Dallas for the dinner.

Plans for the dinner were made by Mr. Foy, the Rev. George Moore and C. M. Johnson.

Announcements were made that Dorothy Comper Woodfin would be director of the Fort Worth Hardin-Simmons Alumni association.

H-SU Makes Show At BTU Convention

Abilene and Hardin-Simmons were well represented at the State B. T. U. convention held in Wichita Falls during the Thanksgiving holidays.

Students from Hardin-Simmons attending were Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hayes and Mr. Hayes' sister, Lom Paul Henslee, Juanita Hayes, D. B. McKinney, Aaron Grant, Connell Taylor, J. L. Dickson, Ray McCullough, Orion and Mary Hughes, Leta Sue Riddle.

Rev. Fred C. Eastham, former H-SU student, was convention chairman during the meeting.

BUCKNER HOME NURTURES OUR HELPLESS CHILDREN

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of 93 baptisms in the Home last year. All children who are old enough have class work in religious education. Dr. Buckner is pastor of the Baptist church which serves the "City of Children" and the church activities include Sunday School, B. T. U. and all the young people's organizations of the best equipped church life.

Much of the social life of the community centers around the activities of classes and unions. The goal of the management is to provide as nearly as possible a normal home life for the growing children that they may be fitted to take places in society as useful Christian citizens.

Illinois Solon Is Chapel Speaker

Congressman Frank Fries, Democrat, of the 21st Illinois district, addressed the chapel hour session on Tuesday, before the holiday, speaking on "Youth and Its Responsibility to Government."

Mr. Fries visited the G. P. Jones ranch, H-SU supporter at Maryneal, for a venison barbecue during his stay in West Texas. Mr. and Mrs. Fries, Clark H. Schooley, congressional secretary who is the current speaker of the "Little Congress," in Washington, and Mrs. Schooley, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Herschel Schooley, of the H-SU faculty, while visiting in Abilene.

CATHOLIC PAPERS

The Roman Catholic church has in the United States 134 religious papers with a circulation of 2,395,516, and 196 reviews with a circulation of 4,000,000. In the past few decades there has been a tremendous increase of the Catholic journals and also in the number of readers of those journals.

On the other hand, in the past few decades literally hundreds of Protestant journals have disappeared. We wonder if it is not time for our Baptist people to wake up to the importance of putting their state papers into the homes of the people!—Southern Baptist Home Missions.

RAMBLING REMARKS

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night with Brother C. E. Matthews and Travis Avenue, Fort Worth. That along with two sermons and a Sunday school lesson for next Sunday leaves me the rest of the time for myself. I'll be glad when Santa has come and gone. This trying to be good is almost too trying.

Something to Think About

By A. W. Blaine

Many people, especially Christians, are indignant over the wholesale plundering of the Jews who are unfortunate enough to be living in territories controlled by Hitler and his mob-like followers. The golden rule has been buried beneath the weight of human greed. The principle is the same involved in all robberies, whether they are by individuals or nations. Such practices should be condemned, but lest we forget, all the robbers are not in Germany, neither are they all declared to be so, who are robbers in our own country.

The Germans recently threatened to go to war in defense of a minority group in another country. Now we find them plundering a minority group in their own country. We have men in our own country who are not only robbing minority groups within our own boundaries, but are withholding bread from the mouths of hungry orphans, they are withholding health from the sick and afflicted, they are withholding laborers from the Vineyard of God. They are withholding Jesus from hearts that are black with sin and caught in the grip of eternal despair and above all, they are robbing God. "Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, wherein have ye robbed three? In tithes and in offerings." Mal. 3:10.

Is it possible that conditions in Europe today would have been different if our people had been faithful in their relations to God?

We look with horror upon a nation that seeks to take, in some cases, even the necessities of physical life, but what about individuals who withhold the necessities of spiritual life? Both our laws and public opinion condemn the men who through criminal negligence cause the death of other men, but what about men who selfishly cause the spiritual death of other men?

God goes ahead to say through his prophet Malachi, "Ye are cursed with a curse: For ye have robbed me, even this whole nation." Of course many are excusing themselves on the basis that they have so little of this world's goods, but Jesus answers that in Luke 16:10 by saying, "He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also



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THE THRILL--

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other conventions were very much like the reports as made of these six conventions. It looks like God is mightily moving in the hearts of our people, and it looks like we are getting right and ready to win more people and baptize more candidates than ever before in our history. The peak of Southern Baptist baptisms was in '21; we reached the high water mark of 233,000. We must carry this number far beyond this in '39.

I hope to have witness and contact, and fellowship with all the other states between this and the Convention, in some form of general meeting.

Prayer brought the first Pentecost; prayer can bring another Pentecost. Let's pray it down, pray it up, live it out, and go winning and baptizing in all the fields of need in the Southern land.

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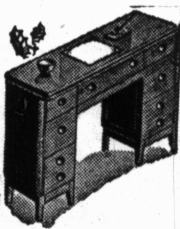
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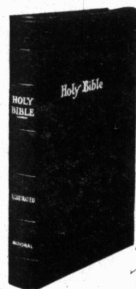
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