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Death Claims J. H. McLaughlin Former West Texas Pastor

Friends in West Texas were shocked and grieved last week when the word was received that Rev. J. H. McLaughlin, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Edmond, Oklahoma, had died at a sanitarium in Oklahoma City, following an emergency operation for appendicitis. Death came to this beloved pastor Thursday afternoon about 6:30 o'clock.

Funeral services were conducted in the Baptist church at Edmond Saturday with Dr. T. L. Holcomb of the First Church, Oklahoma City, in charge, after which the body was taken to Hylton for burial. When the body reached Sweetwater it was carried to the Doran-Yates funeral home where hundreds of friends paid a last tribute of respect to their departed friend.

Funeral services were held at the cemetery at Hylton Sunday afternoon at 5 o'clock. The services were in charge of Rev. E. D. Dunlap, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Sweetwater. Other ministers who took part in the services were Rev. C. A. Powell of Abilene, Rev. Henry Weldon of Carlsbad, New Mexico, Rev. C. R. Joyner of Merkel and Rev. Lawrence Trotter of Sweetwater. Dr. R. N. Richardson, vice president of Hardin-Simmons University, spoke a few words of appreciation for the faculty and student body of the university.

Rev. John Henry McLaughlin was born near Mexia, Texas, February 18, 1883. He was converted and joined the Baptist church at Mesquite, Texas, at the age of 13 years. He was married to Miss Clara Priddy at Pridy, Texas, December 24, 1909. To this union five children were born. They are, Howard, age 23; Glenn, age 21, a senior in Hardin-Simmons; Charles, age 15, and John Redding, age 9. One daughter, Ellen Routh, died at the age of three years. One brother, W. R. McLaughlin of California also survives him. Brother McLaughlin's parents both died when he was a small child. The father was a minister and a student in Howard Payne College at the time of his death.

At the age of twenty-one Brother McLaughlin went to Dallas to prepare himself for a business career. Under the ministry of Dr. George W. Truett he surrendered to the call to preach. He went to Brownwood and spent one year in Howard Payne College. In 1908 he was a student in Hardin-Simmons for a part of the year. After his marriage in 1909 he returned to Simmons with his bride and he received his degree in 1919. During his college days he was pastor of a number of churches in this section, among the number being the churches at Robert Lee, Bronte, and Sanco. He was ordained by the church at Hylton where he served his first pastorate. During the last year of his connection with Simmons he was evangelist for the institution and conducted meetings in many sections of the country. He was also business manager of the Bronco, during his last year in Simmons.

While he was in the evangelistic work a call came from the church at Rotan. After serving this church for about a year he went to the Southwestern Seminary where he received his degree in 1923. From the Seminary he went to Sherman where he did a fine work as pastor of the East Sherman Baptist church. He led this church in the building of a fine church building. From Sherman he went to Clayton, N. M., where he served the church for six years. After leaving Clayton he moved to Sweetwater where he did evangelistic work for several months and for a short while served the Lamar Street Church, at Sweetwater. He accepted a call from the church at Blackwell and after serving the church there for a few months, he went back to Sweetwater and became pastor of the Lamar Street church again. About two years ago he accepted the call of the church at Edmond, where he was pastor at the time of his death.

Edmond Editor's Tribute
Commenting on his death, the Edmond Booster, published on the day of his death, said in part:
"Edmond is saddened by the sudden death of Rev. J. H. McLaughlin, pastor of the First Baptist Church, who died at 7 p. m. Thursday evening at the Polyclinic hospital, Oklahoma City. Rev. McLaughlin was operated on Sunday morning at that hospital for an acute case of appendicitis. The body is at the Baggerley Funeral Home pending arrangements.
"Rev. McLaughlin, age 52, would have completed two years of service

Passes Away in Oklahoma



REV. J. H. McLAUGHLIN

as pastor of the local Baptist church the first of July. He came here from Sweetwater, Texas.

During his pastorate here he has become one of the most popular men of the community, and has been a recognized leader in civic as well as spiritual affairs of this community. His efforts have greatly rejuvenated the Baptist church, and as a result of his work a new parsonage has been built and paid for, and extensive remodeling of the church completed. He had the reputation of being a splendid business man in church affairs as well as an outstanding pastor.

The editor of the paper in his personal column paid the following beautiful tribute to the fallen leader of the community:

A LEADER LOST—

"It is hard to believe that the man who a few days ago was leading his church to really great accomplishments can now be dead. When such a man as Rev. J. H. McLaughlin passes on, a leader is lost, a friend is gone, and a vacancy is left that can not easily be filled.

"My acquaintance with Rev. Mac had in less than two years ripened into a genuine friendship. He was a pastor of extraordinary ability, and was a real father and husband in his home.

He was an active worker and leader in our civic affairs besides being extremely successful in building up the Baptist church here.

"Reverend Mac, I know that no tribute I can pay you now in words will truly express the sentiment that exists in the hearts of your hundreds of

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CHURCH AT TRUBY TO CELEBRATE ITS FORTIETH ANNIVERSARY THIS WEEK

The Baptist Church at Truby, in Jones county, founded in 1895 by Rev. G. W. Scarborough, father of Dr. L. R. Scarborough of the Southwestern Seminary, will celebrate its 40th anniversary with a series of services beginning Friday evening and continuing through Sunday. All members and former members of the church and pastors who have served the church during these years, are invited to attend the series of services.

Roy O. Young, present pastor of the church, announced the program, including four sermons, each by a former pastor. Other interesting features will be the narration of church history by charter members, and a memorial service Sunday afternoon for builders of the Truby church and community.

Program for the three days follows:

Friday—7:30 p. m. song service, led by J. Spurgeon Reeves; 8 p. m. sermon, by Rev. Clyde Campbell, Mineral Wells.

Saturday—10:30 a. m. song service; 11 a. m. sermon, by Rev. M. C. Bishop, Post; 7:30 p. m. son service; 8 p. m. sermon, by Rev. C. E. Dick, Ovalo.

Sunday 10 a. m., to be arranged; 11 a. m., sermon by Rev. J. J. Gentry, Lamesa; 12 noon, lunch served at church; 2 p. m. church history with related events, by Charlie McCargo and Bill Brown, charter members, and Henry Hall; 3:30 p. m., service in memoriam of those who helped make the Truby Baptist church and community; 4 p. m. benediction; 8 p. m. sermon, to be supplied.

MIDLAND PASTOR WILL CONDUCT REVIVAL AT UNIVERSITY CHURCH

Rev. Winston F. Borum, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Midland, will do the preaching in the revival meeting which begins at University Church, Abilene, Sunday. The visiting pastor will arrive from Midland Monday afternoon and bring his first message of the revival Monday evening. The meeting will continue through April 14.

Before coming to Midland over two years ago, Brother Borum was pastor of the First Baptist Church, Pecos. The cowboy layout, in the above picture was presented to the preacher by members of the congregation at Pecos.

Rev. Borum, before beginning his ministry, spent a number of years on the stage. He and his wife are accomplished musicians. The pastor-evangelist is a pulpit orator of outstanding ability, a preacher of the old time gospel, and these accomplishments, together with ability to entertain, which he acquired on the stage, will likely attract large crowds at the revival.

The following are some of the sermon subjects announced for the revival:

"On the Spot," or "Between the Devil and the Deep Blue Sea."
"The Love of God."
"Why a Loving God Made a Hell."
"Dead Man's Curve or Lover's Lane."
"Beyond Death's Curtain."
"Why God's Children Suffer."
"The Second Coming of Christ."
"Blessed Morning."
"A New Testament Picture in an Old Testament Frame."
"The Finalities of Paul."
"How to Grow Old Gracefully."
"The Horizon Between Heaven and Hell."
"Expressive Religion."
"Let There Be Light."
"The Cure for a Troubled Heart."
"A Great Mistake Corrected."
"All Aboard for Heaven."

PROGRAM OF FIFTH SUNDAY SERVICE TO BE HELD WITH POTOSI BAPTIST CHURCH MARCH 31

10:00 a. m.—Sunday School.
11:00 a. m.—Song and praise service led by Luther Webb.

11:20 a. m.—Sermon by Dr. E. B. Atwood. Subject: "Childhood and Youth."

2:30 p. m.—Special music and song service conducted by Lee Pool and Luther Webb.

3:00 p. m.—Sermon by Rev. C. A. Powell. Subject: "Building a Bible Standard Sunday School."

7:00 p. m.—B. T. U. with special program.

An invitation is extended to all the community and membership is urged to be present.

H. H. SUMMERS, Pastor.

It is not wrong to be thrifty; the sin lies in selfishness. — Hight C. Moore.

March is the month of missions.

To Conduct Revival



REV. WINSTON F. BORUM

RULE CHURCH CLOSES SUCCESSFUL TRAINING SCHOOL LAST WEEK

The Training School of the First Baptist Church at Rule has been an outstanding success. Under the capable leadership of Mrs. J. D. Garland, director of the school, Mr. Joe Self and Misses Ara Faulks and Gladys Davis, together with the pastor and local director, the attendance increased with every service. A goal of 100 in B. T. U. and 200 in Sunday School was set for Sunday.

Five classes were held throughout the week. "Christian Leadership" was taught by Mrs. Garland to the young people and adults. Mr. Joe Self of Hardin-Simmons led the Intermediates in "Training in Christian Service." The Junior's Book, "Studying for Service," was taught by Miss Ara Faulks. The Beginners and Primaries were entertained with a story hour led by Miss Gladys Davis. Mrs. J. W. Ware taught the colored people in "The Book We Teach." The attendance was splendid and the interest unusual.

Mrs. Garland is an experienced state worker and her leadership during the week was of a high type. She spoke Sunday night at the evening hour on "The Challenge of Life." The three young people from Hardin-Simmons were a worthy contribution to the spirit of the school.

Evangelist B. B. Crimm is in a revival meeting with the First Baptist Church, Snyder. Professor H. M. Powell, regular song leader for Crimm revivals, has charge of the musical services.

Sunday School Convention Meets At Houston April 9-11

The annual Baptist State Sunday School Convention will meet with the First Baptist Church, Houston, on April 9, 10, and 11. The seventy-eight churches of Union Association are united in an effort to make the convention a great success. Those attending the meeting are requested to go directly to the First Baptist Church and register, secure program, convention badge and home assignment. There will be no registration fees to pay.

One of the features of the convention this year will be a large poster and hand work display. Mrs. Harold Jones will have charge of the Cradle Roll and beginner work. The Primary and Junior work will be in charge of Mrs. Annie Goings Taylor, and Mrs. Joe Trussell will have charge of the Intermediate work.

Appearing on the program will be some of the outstanding preachers and Sunday school leaders in the State and Southern Baptist Convention. Rev. H. E. Fowler of Dallas is president of the convention. G. S. Hopkins of Dallas is director of the Sunday School work in Texas.

The strong program, together with the unusual attractions of the city of Houston, are expected to bring a large attendance on the three day meeting. Among these attractions is the San Jacinto battle grounds where Texas won her independence from Mexico in 1836. All Texas will unite next year in celebrating the independence gained on this historic spot.

News Notes

Pastor W. Y. Pond of the First Baptist Church, Breckenridge, is in a revival meeting this week with Pastor J. L. Roden and the church at Gorman. The music and song services are being conducted by local leaders. The meeting will continue through next week.

Rev. Raymond Collier of Ballinger has accepted the call of the First Baptist Church, Sterling City and has moved on that field.

As a result of a revival held recently with the West Side Baptist Church, Stamford, by Rev. W. T. Priddy of Anson, the church has been reorganized. During last week-end there were 14 additions to the church. A committee to nominate officers and a pulpit committee was appointed on Wednesday night of last week.

Beginning last Sunday, Rev. P. D. O'Brien of the First Baptist Church, Colorado, is with Pastor E. S. James and the First Baptist Church, Cisco, in a revival meeting. The meeting will continue for two weeks. Brother James will fill the pulpit at the Colorado church next Sunday.

Dr. Millard A. Jenkins of the First Church, Abilene, is in a meeting this week with Rev. R. O. Cawker and the First Baptist Church, Corpus Christi. Requests came to him for meetings at Kansas City, Mo., from Lockhart and from Fort Worth at the same time he received the invitation for the Corpus Christi meeting, but he felt led to go to the latter. Rev. Virgil Reynolds of Immanuel Baptist Church, Abilene, will fill the pulpit at the First Church here at both services next Sunday. A special musical program will be given by the Reynolds preceding the Sunday evening hour.

OUR FRIEND, BROTHER J. H. McLAUGHLIN

The faculty and students of Hardin-Simmons University rejoice in the faithful, earnest, and efficient Christian ministry of Brother J. H. McLaughlin. In his death Hardin-Simmons feels poignantly the loss of a true friend, a loyal and honored alumnus, and an enthusiastic patron. The touch of his life made men happier and better.

We pray that Brother McLaughlin's many sons, Howard, an alumnus of Hardin-Simmons; Glenn, a popular senior of Hardin-Simmons; and the two younger sons, Charles and John, may realize more fully than ever the fatherhood of God in the loss of their earthly father, and that they may feel a closer companionship with our Elder Brother. We pray that Mrs. McLaughlin, in her great sorrow and added responsibilities, may feel the comforting presence and guidance of the Holy Spirit, and that she may rest her sorrowing spirit upon the sustaining grace of our Lord. To his brother in a distant state and to other relatives, we offer our most sincere sympathy and prayers.

D. W. ARNETTE,
JULIUS OLSEN,
H. R. ARRANT,
Committee.

CHURCH NEWS

FIRST BAPTIST, ABILENE

First Church reports good services and wonderful attendance this week. Rev. Douglas Carver spoke at the morning service and Brother Jenkins spoke at night.

Our B. T. U. attendance is growing. Let's keep up the good work.

HARDIN-SIMMONS B. S. U.

A group of students from Hardin-Simmons went to Noodle to give a program Sunday morning. The program centered around Missions. Two songs were sung by Fred James and Robert Finney gave a chalk talk. Those making the trip were: Miss A. M. Carpenter, Mary Louise Ford, Claradine Lee Sueur, Jack Moore, Fred James and Robert Finney.

REV. J. H. McLAUGHLIN REV. WINSTON F. BORUM Pastor-Evangelist

UNIVERSITY BAPTIST, ABILENE

We had almost a full house at all meetings this week.

At the morning hour Rev. Powell used Acts 10 as his text. At the evening service Rev. Douglas Carver closed the Hardin-Simmons revival.

The Associational B. T. U. Federation will meet at Merkel on next Sunday. We are planning for a good representation from our church.

Rev. W. F. Borum will begin the spring revival next Sunday. Come and be with us in these services.

FINE SERVICES AT POTOSI

Brother H. H. Summers filled his regular appointments in the Baptist church at Potosi Sunday morning and night. He was accompanied by his brother.

The time was set for the summer meeting to be the third Sunday in July and Brother Summers is to select his own help.

Brother Summers was also with the church at mid-week prayer meeting last Wednesday night. Only a small crowd was present but if that few met regularly in prayer it would be enough to work wonders in our community.

The Seniors of the Sunday School are planning a Sunday School picnic, which will probably be held in Cobb Park in Abilene sometime next week.

The Hardin-Simmons University revival, held by Rev. Douglas Carver of McPherson, Kansas, and an ex-student of Hardin-Simmons, closed successfully Sunday night. There were two conversions during the revival and the spirit of the student body seems greatly changed since this revival began.

A WORD OF THANKS

Not being able to see each of you personally, we desire to take this method of expressing our sincere thanks and gratitude for the words of appreciation and kindness shown us in the loss of our husband and father. May God's richest blessings rest upon each of you.

—Mrs. J. H. McLaughlin and sons
Howard, Glenn, Charles and John Riding.

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THE SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

On Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of next week, the Baptist State Sunday School Convention will meet in the City of Houston. The place of meeting is a long ways from West Texas, but we feel sure the attractive program, along with the lure of a change from the dust ridden West at this season of the year to the delightful East Texas spring life, will cause many West Texas Sunday school workers to head their cars toward Houston early in the week. Many of our workers are planning to group together and make the trip in cars; by thus sharing expenses the trip can be made at a very small cost, and there is no question but that the trip will be well worth while, not only to those attending, but to the entire Sunday school work by virtue of the fact that the inspiration brought back to the workers will be carried to all departments of church life.

REV. J. H. McLAUGHLIN

In the death of Rev. J. H. McLaughlin, the cause of Christ has lost an able preacher and soul winner, and a prince among men. The editor was in school with him for seven years. Since that time we have been in close contact with him and his work. Through these years we have known him as an ideal husband and father, a preacher of unusual ability and a man four-square in his dealing with God and his fellowman. He spent the greater part of his ministry in West Texas and wherever he went in his humble ministry, he left lasting imprints of a faithful service and an upright life. He will be sorely missed in the battle here below by his lovely family, the host of friends and the cause of Christ. To the stricken family we extend sympathy. We grieve with them that a true friend has gone, and we feel sure we will be comforted with them in the assurance that he has laid down his armor after a well fought battle to enter that higher, nobler life beyond where he will wear the victor's crown.

"IS AMERICA SELLING ITS SOUL?"

The writer attended worship at the Baptist church in Hamlin Sunday morning and evening. Rev. J. Henry Littleton, the pastor, capable and fearless, has led the church for ten years, and is held in highest esteem not only by the members of his own congregation, but by the better class of the entire citizenship of that city.

Pastor Littleton turned the hour of worship Sunday evening into a patriotic meeting. His topic for the evening was the caption to this report of the meeting: "Is America Selling Its Soul?" It was really refreshing to hear a minister come out boldly again and speak as did Rev. Littleton on the moral questions of the day—It was a call to the people whom he leads in church relations, and the people of his town and to Texas and to this nation, to return to the basic fundamentals of the prosperity and happiness of our people both individually and as a commonwealth and nation. Without abusing anyone, but without mincing words, he spoke as a seer, and called the people to come back to the paths of righteousness. He showed from facts and from history that our national life cannot prosper if we do not as a people return to God. And by "returning to God," the preacher's words were clear as a bell. He recalled the absolute breakdown of the morals of the people of the land; next was utter disregard for law, which began chiefly with the proponents of the return of legal liquor, who carried on their propaganda, in every conceivable way, that liquor should flow freely again, under the sanction of constitutional law, because the government was helpless to enforce its mandates against the bootleggers. Such propaganda gave every law violator of every kind, encouragement to become an outlaw. Following the breakdown in morals and law observance, naturally, came the financial wreckage. "There is but one way back, America has sold its soul, and the only way it can regain itself is to come back to God." And by "coming back to God" the preacher explained that he meant that church men and women must go forth, face the situation as it is and demand a return to the old fashioned ideals on the part of all the people and let sobriety and virtue and all the basic principles of New Testament ideals as touching individual and national life be the guiding star of all the people, whether they are in the church or out of it.

In the course of his address, Rev. Littleton admitted that he and all the other preachers generally were guilty of relaxing their efforts more or less against the tides of hurtful influences that have operated to bring the national wreckage to which we have come. But, he called to the men and women of his church and to all others of the better element of his town to stay with him and they would "clean up Hamlin." When the ministry of the evangelical churches of this country assume the attitude that Rev. Littleton has taken, and go forth to battle, and the people who are bound by their church obligations to do so, follow, "a nation will be reborn over night."—Editor D. M. West in Bronte Enterprise.

GLORYING IN THE CROSS

The celebrated divine, Jonathan Edwards, in giving his interesting story of the life of Brainerd, the great American apostle, who was the means of converting thousands of wild Indians, records that for some time poor Brainerd, in simplicity and not in guile, thought the best way to make men sober was by preaching to them the attributes of God, laying hold of the functions of the conscience, and keeping the cross in the background. It is a remarkable fact that he found the whole system a failure. "Then," he says, "I bethought me that I would preach Jesus Christ; and many a hard face relaxed, many an eye shed tears that had never wept before, and I found that the best way to make men sober was to make men spiritual." From henceforth he gloried in and held forth nothing but the cross.—L. Garner Sturdivant in Alabama Christian Advocate.

Devotional Thoughts

THE CROSS AND ITS ATTRACTIVE POWER

The cross is glorious in its marvelously attractive power. Christ on one occasion said: "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me." He was speaking of the drawing power of the cross. This, indeed, is one of the glories of the cross. It has wooed and won men in all ages and in all climes and in all conditions. When all else failed the story of the cross succeeded. That church and that ministry which fail to proclaim the cross is a church and a ministry which will fail to attract.—L. Garner Sturdivant, Alabama Christian Advocate.

THE UNRECOGNIZED CHRIST

The Bible was made by various hands under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit and various types of literature find a place within the Scripture—such as history, prophesy, poetry, essays, biography and letters, but whatever form, the content is dominated by the idea of redemption. Open the Bible anywhere and God's care and his plans for humanity are immediately apparent. Whatever ore-field of Scripture you explore there crops out the mother lode of redemption through the Son of God. The prophets and apostles were men of many messages but the gravest concern of them all was to bring God and man into right relationship.

When we read the Word of God we discover passages that defy our intelligence. There is much that we are unable to grasp and many a verse is without significance for us. On the other hand we are confronted daily with facts of life and experience—puzzling things, depressing things, hard things. We try to reason it all out but there are too many unknown quantities and it does not make sense, so why not do as did they who walked with Christ to Emmaus? Why not pour out our souls to our unrecognized Companion? He is just as truly with us as He was with them. In due season we shall learn that the pieces in life's puzzle do fit together and that somehow all things work together for good to them that love God.

After the resurrection the Lord Jesus appears as a kindler of burning hearts. Even before he was recognized he stirred the emotion of those whose lives he touched. Nothing will make our hearts burn within us like having Christ speak to us and open unto us the Word of God. This he is as willing and eager to do now and for us. Sometimes a strange glow suffuses us when some passage of the Word hitherto dark becomes flooded with light and perhaps we have not understood the emotional experience. It was Christ speaking to us. It is the same burning heart that his disciples of long ago experienced.

None of the appearances of Jesus after his resurrection takes such hold upon our imaginations as the walk to Emmaus and it may be because those to whom he spoke were not of the inner circle of his friends. Rather, they were on the fringes of Christ's company. In other words, they were plain folks, even as you and I. The same sort of people with whom Christ associated and whom he helped in the days of his flesh he was still concerned for when he returned from the grave.

Those to whom Christ comes may not recognize him but he knows them and this thought is of incalculable comfort to our souls. His presence with us is not conditioned on our consciousness of that presence. Whether our faith is robust or puny, whether we are strong or weak, whether we are joyful or sad, our Saviour never leaves those who have left all for him. The shepherd never deserts his flock though the sheep may not be aware that underneath is the everlasting arm.—Frank R. Elder.

SALVATION'S WAY

Fred Moreland

Life is like a tiny steamer,
Out upon the ocean wide;
How it needs a perfect harbor,
That from storms may safely hide.

Life is, sometimes like a vessel,
Drifting, drifting far and near;
How it longs for a mighty anchor,
That from ruin it may be secure.

And sometimes life is like a battle,
Filled with anguish, pain, and fear;
Just to find when life has ended,
One has missed the things most dear.

Life should be a shower of blessings,
Both to you, and to those you meet;
And it will be if you're willing,
To place yourself at the Master's feet.

Life will be just what you make it,
Whether it be great or small;
How you take and use the Saviour,
Will help you determine all.

God has given us Salvation,
To redeem our souls from sin;
When He knocks at your heart, softly,
Won't you gladly let Him in?

It is through the blood of Jesus,
Salvation comes to cleanse from stain;
It is through His power and mercy,
Hell you shun, and Heaven you gain.

YES, THERE IS A GOD WHO OPERATES THE UNIVERSE

On May 5, 1910, the tail length of Halley's comet was 37,000,000 miles. On May 20, 1910, this comet was its least distance from the earth—14,000,000 miles. The speed of this comet varies from one to thirty-four miles a second. In 1985 this comet will return—not one minute ahead or one minute behind its God-appointed schedule. Yet, in the amazing movements of the heavenly bodies no "traffic cop," no "stop" and "go" signs are needed. And there is no collision.

Evidence enough for me to believe there is a God!—Robert G.

Fishin' In The Night

Did ye ever go a-fishin', in the night
We'n the little twinklin' stars wuz all the light
Hear the whippoorwill's sad cry
An' the hoot owl 'way up high
Made ye glad 'at dad wuz nigh,
In the night?

Did you ever go fishin' in the dark
When big trees shut out the light, yes ever spark?
Ye could feel the fishes nippin'.
Ye could hear the water drippin'
An' ye 'maged snakes a-slippin'
In the dark.

Wunst ur twie't I went a-fishin' in the night
An' I fel most awful lonesome ('Twuzn't fright);—
I wuz jist a little lad,
An, the big owl sound so bad
'At I kep' right close to dad
In the night.

"Did I ketch a fish?" ye say. I don't know.
"An the fishin', did it pay?" Surely so.
I wuz 'long 'ith daddy then,
Felt as big as other men.
Will them time e'er come again?
I don't know.

But we're all uv us still fishin' in the night
Oft we only ketches minners, 'ur a fright,
An' the trees above us tall
Throws their shadders like a pall,
An' we see no light at all,
In the night.

Fishin' we must fish by faith, not by sight,
An' we bait our hook by feelin', 'thout a light.
Is it good to fish that way?
Father's near, that makes us stay,
Fur our faith in him holds sway.
All is right.

Colorado Springs, Colo.

F. W. HOMAN,

RELEASE

A worn and wayward wretch he came
To Christ; alluring sweets of life,
Indulged, consumed, had left but shame
And ashes in his heart of strife.
His days of grace so near their close,
With head bowed low in awful grief
He glimpsed a ray of hope, then rose,
His face upturned in sure belief
That God would take away the sin
And give him flowers of peace within.
No sooner did the thought take form
Than in his risen soul the storm
Its raging ceased and Heaven's calm,
For sinning men the only balm,
Stole in. A wretch no more is he
Since Christ bestowed true liberty.

Haweville, Ky.

G. C. WHITELEY.

HUNTING A PREACHER

The church needed a new preacher so the committee met to consider the situation. When they were through it was evident that they were looking for:

- A devout, pious man.
- A pulpiteer par excellence.
- A theologian of seminary status.
- A money-raiser, a vital element.
- A sportsman—to lead the young.
- A married man.
- A guide, comforter and friend.
- A great organizer.
- A superb mixer.

They wanted a Savonarola, Webster, Rockefeller, Spurgeon, Talmadge, Chauncey Depew—all in one—with a touch of Buffalo Bill, too.

And maybe it wasn't an exceptional case after all.—Canadian Baptist.

I KNOW A NAME

I know, a name, a precious name that lives
And was before the thought of time was born;
Entrancing splendors to high heaven it gives
And winsome smiles to each fair dawning morn.
There is no wail it cannot turn to joy
Filling with ecstasy each heart that sighs;
It pours forth love without the least alloy
That every holy yearning satisfies.
This wondrous name; the name of him once slain
To bring redemption to accursed souls.
He tasted death that every man might gain
By God's rich grace, a place on Heaven's rolls.
God gave to him a name, the highest name,
With graciousness to wash away our shame.
—William James Robinson.

If it were not for apcificists we would have peace everywhere.—Dr. F. T. Woelner.

Greed is the worst enemy we have to contend with in the investment of our savings.

DISTRICT MISSIONS

J. D. Brannon, Missionary

ASSOCIATIONAL STANDARD FOR FISHER COUNTY ASS'N.

Here is a Standard adopted by the Associational Board of Fisher County last week, which comes from a committee that was appointed about three months ago:

- I. ORGANIZATION 20 Points
 1. Officers: Moderator, Vice Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer—5.
 2. Active Efficiency groups, with not more than six churches to the group—5.
 3. Active Executive Board, meeting monthly, with an average of 75 per cent of the churches represented—5.
 4. At least three active Auxiliaries, (S. S., B. T. U., W. M. S., Brotherhood)—5.

- II. MEETINGS 20 Points
 1. Annual Association. Program on work done in the Association, planned a month before meeting—5.
 2. Efficiency Groups of Churches meeting quarterly—5.
 3. Efficiency Committee meeting quarterly and at chairman's call—5.
 4. Monthly Worker meeting. Morning program arranged by Moderator and Pastor. Afternoon program to be the quarterly meeting of one of the Auxiliaries—5.

III. CHURCH DEVELOPMENT 40 Points

1. Church Goals. 75 per cent of the churches follow a sane Scriptural goal for measuring church efficiency, approved by the Association and adopted by the church—10.
2. Census. That a simultaneous religious census be taken each year to determine possibilities, and that proper tabulation and follow-up efforts be made—10.
3. Survey. An annual survey of the churches to determine efficiency, and proper recognition be given efficient churches in minutes. This survey shall be taken immediately preceding annual meeting. An effort shall be made to get letters from all the churches, filled out completely, and other supplementary information gathered.

4. Training—10
 - (1) 50 per cent of the pastors shall attend the District Pastors Retreat—5
 - (2) 75 per cent of the churches having annual
 - a S. S. Training Course—1.
 - b B. T. U. Training Course—1.
 - c V. B. S.—1.
 - d Mission School—1
 - e Stewardship Campaign—1.

IV. DENOMINATIONAL SUPPORT 10 Points

1. 90 percent of Churches sending monthly offering to cooperative program—5.
2. 90 percent of Churches presenting annually 100,000 Club—3.
3. 90 percent of Churches supporting District Missions—2.

- V. EVANGELISM 10 Points
 - Annual Evangelistic Campaign reaching all churches and mission points in the Association.

Here is a church standard approved by the Fisher County Association which will be presented to the churches of that Association:

- I. PASTOR 20 Points
 1. Serving half time of more—10.
 2. Living in or near community, or devoting a proportionate part of his time in interest of that church—5.
 3. Attending at least one District and one State Convention each year—5.

- II. EQUIPMENT 10 Points
 1. Auditorium—5.
 2. Department rooms—3.
 3. Annual effort to beautify grounds—2.

III. ORGANIZATION (Deacons, Clerk, Treasurer) 30 Points

1. Sunday School
 - a Graded—2.
 - b Standard—4.
 - c V. B. S.—2.
 - d Annual Training School—2.
2. B. T. U.
 - a Graded Unions—2.
 - b 50 percent of Unions A.1—2.
 - c Enrollment 50 percent of S. S.—4.
 - d Annual Training School—2.
3. Mission Schools
 - a W. M. S.—4.
 - b Brotherhood—4.
 - c Annual Church School of Missions—2.

IV. EFFECTIVE PROGRAM 15 Points

1. Pastor called indefinitely—2.
2. Annual Revival—2.
3. 25 percent of homes with Denominational Paper—3.
4. Church Calendar of Activities—2.
5. Annual Census—3.
6. Cooperating in Associational activities—3.

V. FINANCES 20 Points

1. 50 percent of members contribut-

ing according to the church plan of finance—5.

2. 10 percent of resident membership tithers—5.
3. A form or plan of financing the church—2.
4. Monthly support of world-wide Missions—5.
5. 100,000 Club presented annually and checked monthly—2.
6. Monthly contributions to District Missions—2.
7. Pastor's expenses paid to the State Convention—2.
8. The Pastor shall be paid a definite salary, commensurate with that of professional men, for the amount of time he spends in the interest of the church—2.

AMONG THE FISHERMEN AT HARDIN-SIMMONS

Gilbert Webb

Clyde Jackson came back from Moro this week telling of the best day's services that they have had there in a long time. Moro is in the Sweetwater Association.

Jimmy Easterwood reports baptismal services were held at his church at Roscoe last Sunday. There were five candidates for baptism. This is a result of the training school held there week before last by Frank Burress, Rose Ross, Jimmy Easterwood of Hardin-Simmons and Mrs. Easterwood.

The boomerang of the gospel hit in a queer and gratifying manner sometimes. Week before last Truitt Beay was engaged in the training school at Colorado with others. We were there one night in particular when he pleaded considerably for a young man to surrender his life to Christ. Last week during the revival held by Rev. Carver of Kansas, we saw Truitt surrender his life to the ministry of Jesus Christ. Mr. Beay is a medical student in Hardin-Simmons with a good rating. This makes more than one young man that has come to our campus with their ideas in their minds to wind up in the ministry. May the Lord bless you, Truitt.

Claud Gooch preached at Hamby last Sunday.

Vesta Boyd reports good services at his church at Sunset last Sunday. Vesta is in a meeting at Lamar Street Baptist Church at Sweetwater last week and this week. Rev. Lawrence Trot is assisting Vesta with the preaching. There has been already thirty additions and there is still a week to go.

W. I. Taylor brings good reports from Riverside in Jones county where he has been preaching. There were small crowds in the morning services.

H. N. Balderree brings good reports of Saturday night crowds at Noodle. He also tells us that they increased their Sunday School attendance there by fifteen last Sunday.

N. J. Westmoreland and the church at Hatchel, Runnels county, reports much encouraging indications. This church has voted a training school around the Easter holidays.

Foy King went before the pastorless church at Union Hill in Stephens county. He brings fair reports.

Gilbert Webb went before the church at Center in Stephens county Sunday.

Joe Self, Ara Faulks and Gladys Davis came back to the campus after a week-end of enjoyment in the training school at Rule last week. This school was on SS and BTU combined. They enrolled 146 in the entire school with a large number taking the examinations. They had one class of colored people of sixteen taught by the pastor's wife, Mrs. J. W. Ware. Mrs. J. D. Garland, state worker, assisted the young people and pastor in one of the most soulful study courses that has ever been held at Rule, we are told.

R. L. Shannon says that they had a good day's services at Fairview last week with large attendance at all services.

T. L. Nipp reports over one hundred in Sunday School at Elmdale last Sunday and also good attendance for the night service.

Frank Burress has been recalled at (Continued on page four)

HARDIN-SIMMONS UNIVERSITY NEWS

(From The Brand)

Churches Trained By B. S. U. Workers Last March 9-16

Enrollment of Pupils Large And High Percentage Take Exams

Members from the B. S. U. of Hardin-Simmons university worked in 23 churches in the Mitchell-Scurry association last March 9-16, training church members to organize a B. T. U.

Nine hundred pupils enrolled for the classes and 600 took the examinations. This is an unusually high percentage. Besides training people in B. T. U. work, 36 converts were made by B. S. U. members.

Helen Gardner, from the State B. T. U. department of Dallas, was head director.

Those going on the trip and the town where they taught are as follows: Alva Gray, Mary Lou House, Himalaya Swafford, Foy King, Snyder; Miltie Wiman, Murray Fuquay, Ruth Wiman, Wastella; Nora Wiman, T. D. Wiman, Marvin Leach, Ennis Creek; Mildred Gardner, Dunn; Rose Ross, J. N. Easterwood, Mrs. J. N. Easterwood, Frank Burress, Roscoe; Vada Summers, Westbrook; Eva Worthington, Burford; Truitt Beay, Colorado; Ray Mathis, Bethel; Christine Dennis, Hermleigh; Albert Cade, Murphy; Roy Young, H. N. Balderree, Looney; Forrest Huffman, Pleasant Hill; Charles Dickson, Spade; Claud Gooch, Vincent; H. J. Swerregen, Valley View; Paul Wright, Loraine; Clint Irwin, Fairview; J. D. Moore, Lowe; Orval Hendon, Ira; Freddie Cole, Plainview; J. W. Arnette, Colorado; and W. I. Taylor, Lamesa.

Quartets Rendered Programs Sunday

Both Sing At Morning And Evening Services At Two Churches

The Hardin-Simmons university quartets presented two programs each, Sunday March 24, singing at morning and evening services.

The male quartet, composed of James Rodden, Payne Hathecock, Gordon Suits, and James Rosser sang at the First Baptist Church Sunday morning as a part of the university meeting now in progress. The boys sang in the Merkel Baptist church Sunday evening.

The Hardin-Simmons girls' quartet composed of Edna Ardis, Rosemary Malone, Ruth King, and Margaret Upshaw will sing at the First Methodist Church Sunday morning. The girls will give a program at the First Baptist Church for the Sunday evening services.

Band's Europe Trip Is Creating Interest

Completing Plans For Annual Tour During Latter Part of April

Inquiries are pouring in by the hundreds concerning the Cowboy band tour to Europe this summer. This is the second annual European excursion sponsored by the Hardin-Simmons Cowboy band, and many have already signed for the trip which will leave Texas, June 16.

The Cowboy band is completing plans for an extensive tour during the latter part of April into the high schools and towns of the state. This is a part of the yearly band program of the Cowboy organization.

G. B. Sandefer, manager of the Cowboy band, will return early next week from New York where he has been completing plans for the forthcoming European tour.

WESTMORELAND, MOORE SPEAK

Dr. N. A. Moore and Rev. N. J. Westmoreland took part in the annual B. T. U. and Sunday school convention held at the First Baptist church in Haskell last week. They participated in discussions during the four-session meet including: "Conquest," "Mobilization," "Others" and "Evangelism."

Invitation Replies Are Requested To Be Here by April 8

Meet Will Be Held In Fine Arts Building On April 20

Replies to the invitations sent out by Miss A. M. Carpenter, director, to enter the art contest for students in West Texas public schools, which are members of the Interscholastic League, are requested to be in by April 8. The meet will be held in the Caldwell Fine Arts building on April 20.

Any member school is allowed to enter one contestant in each of the three events, which are: To draw in charcoal, paint in color (any medium) a group of "still life" objects, or to model in clay, wax or soap.

Students winning first place will get to enter the state meet and in the League rebate fund. If a student has won a place previously this does not disqualify his entry again.

The counties in region 2 are: Kent, Borden, Fisher, Howard, Nolan, Stonewall, Scurry, Jones, Mitchell, Taylor, Knox, Throckmorton, Stephens, Callahan, Erath, Haskell, Shackelford, Palo Pinto, Eastland, Sterland, Runnels, Tom Green, Schleicher, Sutton, Coke, Irion, Concho, Menard, Kimble, Coleman, Comanche, Mills, Brown, McCulloch, Hamilton, San Saba, and Mason.

Debate Teams Are To Represent HSU In Phi Kappa Delta

Extemporaneous Speakers And Orators Also To Represent School

Two girls' and two boys' debate teams have been selected to represent Hardin-Simmons at the meet of the Phi Kappa Delta March 5-6 at Trinity, Waxahachie.

Moxley Featherston and Don Gayer will make up one debate team, and James K. Polk, and J. P. Brumbe-low will be a second one. The girls' teams consist of Rose Ross and Myrtle E. Haggard, and Sybil Glass and Bobbie Craighead.

Kelly Barnett and Jeff Bell will be the Hardin-Simmons orators, and Rose Ross and Sybil Glass will enter the girls' oratorical division. The boys' extemporaneous speakers will be Moxley Featherston and Kelly Barnett. Bobbie Craighead will represent the girls in this division.

Hardin-Simmons is holder of the championship cup which was won by the Barnes brothers at the annual meet held in 1933 at Hunstville. As defending champions, the delegates from Hardin-Simmons are asking that the next provincial meet be held at Hardin-Simmons in 1937. The national Phi Kappa Delta meet will be held in Texas for the first time next year at Houston.

Hardin-Simmons is the only school in Abilene that is a member of the Phi Kappa Delta. Schools from three other states will be represented at the convention. Three schools from Louisiana, two from Mississippi and 11 from Texas will compete in the tournament.

Local YWA Delegates To Ft. Worth Meeting

Delegates to the annual "house party" of the state Y. W. A. in Fort Worth left Thursday evening at 9 o'clock, representing the local society of the Y. W. A.

Hardin-Simmons delegates to the convention are Bobbie Craighead, Tommie Boren, and Ruby Lee Stringer.

Sweaters were presented to the lettermen, both varsity and freshmen, during the chapel period last Tuesday morning. They were presented by Professor Burnam, chairman of the athletic board, who made a short talk before he called all the varsity men to the stage and gave them their awards.

"Texas Ninety-Nine Years Ago" was the general subject discussed at the meeting of the history club Thursday afternoon. The various topics related to all of the significant dates during the month of March, 1836.

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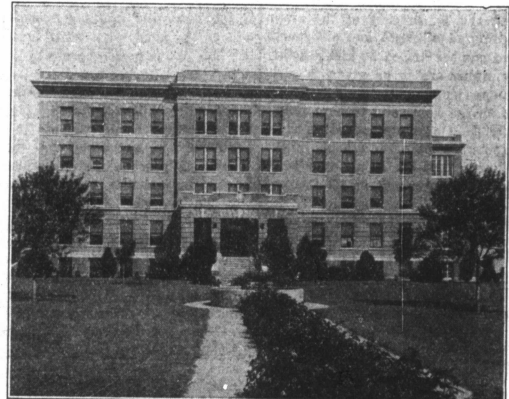
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STATE EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

By Mrs. R. M. White

Members of the Executive Board from every section of the state met in the regular spring board meeting at the Southwestern Training School, Seminary Hill, on March 21-22. Mrs. B. A. Copass, president, called the meeting to order at 10 o'clock with the song, "How Firm a Foundation." Prayer by Mrs. J. W. Maxwell. Devotional was led by Miss Elizabeth Truly, president of Y. W. A. of the Training School, using a part of the first chapter of John, and discussing the need of Christian training if we are to grow in Christ's work. Mrs. W. P. Arliss closed with prayer.

Words of greeting were brought by Dr. L. R. Scarborough, after which Mrs. T. C. Jester brought the recommendations of the Training School, which will be published in a later issue. The W. M. U. executive board accepted to raise 40 full scholarships at \$250 each, which are to be divided among the 17 districts of the state, according to strength and one-fourth of the number are to be gift scholarships which are to be given to girls who are training to do missionary work on the home and foreign fields. The W. M. U. training school is to be merged with the other schools of the Seminary. Mrs. W. A. Johnson is to be the superintendent of all the women.

Mrs. W. D. Howell read the minutes of the last meeting. Mrs. Olivia Davis read the report of the corresponding secretary, Mrs. J. E. Leigh being absent on account of having a sprained ankle. The report told especially of the work being done through schools of instruction.

The report of the office executive-treasurer, Mrs. Olivia Davis, showed much interest in the study of missions evidenced by the number of awards that has been sent out from the office, and thus showed the women vitally interested in raising money for missions, as well as taking care of the many other phases of the work.

Most interesting report was brought by our periodical chairman, Mrs. E. F. Lyon, which showed Texas won first place in the Window, second place in World Comrades and Royal Service. The following periodicals quotas were given to our district: Royal Service, 360; Window, 40; World Comrades, 100; Home and Foreign Fields, 45.

Mrs. J. H. McClain, Stewardship chairman, showed that there had been enlisted in the last two quarters 788 new tithers, and only 36 percent were giving to the budget.

Afternoon Session

Devotional was brought by Miss Lena Lois reading I Cor. 3-9, discussing our W. M. U. watchword—Laborers Together with God. Prayer, Mrs. Geo. L. Paxton.

The report of the Mission Study chairman, Mrs. J. B. Tidwell, told of 15 districts having reported on time, 46 Mission Study institutes, 2500 Mission Study classes having been held during the last two quarters. She urged church school missions being held in every church.

Mrs. J. T. Watts, Missions chairman, being absent on account of illness, Mrs. Provence read her report. Letters and boxes have been sent to the missionaries and 4052 regular monthly missionary programs have been held with 724 special programs and addresses.

The report of tributes for Mrs. F. S. Davis was brought by Mrs. J. M. Dawson and she recommended that we call our State Mission Week of Prayer Mary Hill Davis offering and it carried. Also recommended that the addresses of Mrs. Davis be printed in book form as a memorial to her.

The report of the State Chairman of Benevolence, Mrs. T. Y. Casey, was read. This showed that cash offerings have been taken during the first two quarters for the sanatoriums, Buckner Orphans Home, Ministerial Relief, with a number of boxes for sanatoriums, Buckner Orphans Home and Ministerial Relief. Many talks were made for each phase of this work.

The personal service chairman, Mrs. W. T. Turner, urged the directing of the personal service for our young people, and all the time and every-

where, work for the Mexicans and local societies adopting Negro societies aiding in their work, and any phase of personal service that is needed in the local community emphasizing soul winning.

The report on Christian Education was brought by Mrs. C. V. Edwards. This showed that we have several hundred more pupils in school this year than last, and that the women are still increasing the loan funds and scholarships.

The report of Methods and Finances committee was read by Mrs. S. R. Cloud and adopted as read. This will appear in a later issue.

Friday Morning Session

Opening song, "Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross." Prayer, Mrs. C. C. Compere. Song, "Fling Out the Banner." Devotional was brought by Miss Catherine Gibbs, reading Psalms 20:5. Prayer, Mrs. H. B. Weatherly. Mrs. W. A. Wood brought a report on the Baptist Bible Institute, New Orleans. Mrs. Olivia Davis brought a report of the Louisville Training School and told of the good work being done by the four Texas girls who are in training.

Mrs. W. B. McGarity, Margaret Fund representative, stated that we had Margaret Fund students in our Texas schools, and asked that we do everything possible for our students, as this was a courtesy we could show our missionaries.

Mrs. T. C. Jester brought the report of our college and hospital Y. W. A.'s. We have 16 college Y. W. A. organizations, and 200 young people in the hospital Y. W. A.'s. These organizations are doing probably the greatest work they have ever done, 5 standard in colleges, and 3 standard Grace McBride Y. W. A.'s in our hospitals.

Mrs. J. E. Williamson brought the report of the young people's organizations of the missionary society. She urged the need of trained leaders and counsellors, 99 new Y. W. A., 275 new Junior G. A.'s and R. A.'s.

Dr. J. H. Williams was introduced and told of the work being done by the 108 missionaries in Texas, and told of the plan of merging our State Mission Week of Prayer in a church week of prayer, and that the hope of our mission work is the cooperative program.

Mrs. E. N. Hanby was made a life member of the executive board because of her faithfulness of 25 years as associational president.

Mrs. Busch brought a very helpful discussion on reports and our standard of excellence. The messengers to the Southern Baptist W. M. U. convention were elected, the following from our district: Mrs. C. M. Caldwell and the district president; alternate Mrs. C. C. Compere, Mrs. J. H. Littleton, and Mrs. E. D. Dunlap.

Adjournment. The following women were from our district: Mrs. C. C. Compere, Mrs. J. B. Buckley, Mrs. Geo. L. Paxton, Mrs. Boyd King, Mrs. R. M. White, Mrs. John Cook of Putnam.

ROCHESTER SCHOOL OF MISSIONS

March 4-8 our church sponsored a School of Missions. Every afternoon the W. M. S. observed the week of prayer. These programs were interesting and well attended.

In the evening men and women and young people met to study missions. The adults and Y. W. A.'s met together to study "Keys of the Kingdom" taught by Mrs. E. M. Francis of Abilene. The Intermediates studied "Around the World in Storyland." Pastor J. Lovell Ponder taught this course. One of the interesting features of this class was that the boys outnumbered the girls. The junior class, taught by Mrs. J. V. Jenkins, used the same textbook taught the Intermediates. Mrs. Bob Speck had charge of the story hour for primaries.

The Pastor directed the school. Miss Ruby Cornelius acted as secretary. Monday evening the G. A.'s put on an impressive playlet on Paul Bell's Mexican Institute, Bastrop, during the twenty minute intermission period; Y. W. A.'s Wednesday evening "Open-

ing Our Eyes to World-wide Missions." After the Wednesday evening classes all joined the Y. W. A.'s in a lovely shower for their president, Miss Ruth Howell, who recently surrendered her life to Foreign Mission work. She left Sunday to re-enter Baylor U. where she plans to complete her training.

We feel that the cause of Missions is strengthened throughout our church organization.

ATTENTION, PRESIDENTS

Mrs. C. C. Compere, president of the Sweetwater associational auxiliary, announces the quarterly meeting on April 12 at South Side Church, Abilene. A covered dish luncheon will be served as usual. A large attendance is urged. The full program will appear in next week paper.

Mrs. Compere wishes to remind her local presidents that the first quarter of 1935 is now closing and all reports should be sent forward without delay. This admonition applies to all the associations as well, and no doubt the other presidents would wish to add their emphasis.

MISSION STUDY INSTITUTE
The Stonewall Associational W. M. U. Mission Study Institute met at Peacock March 20.

Mrs. F. T. Whitaker, Jayton, presided. Devotional, Mrs. Grover Little, Jayton.

Open class on Missions, Mrs. J. R. Fielder, Abilene.

Departmental Classes—
W. M. S., Mrs. J. R. Fielder, Abilene, 11 enrolled.
Y. W. A., Mrs. Reese Ward, Swenson, 8 enrolled.
G. A. & R. A., Mrs. J. S. Tierce, Aspermont, 7 enrolled.
Sunbeam Band, Mrs. Little, Jayton, 9 enrolled.
Sermon in Song, led by Mrs. Guy Southern, Swenson.

Lunch. In afternoon had classes as above. Report of enrollment and announcements.

Closed with prayer by Brother Williams, Peacock. Out of town visitors were Mrs. J. R. Fielder, Abilene, and Mrs. Bounds of Abilene.

The meeting was very inspirational. All present enjoyed the day.

MRS. H. T. DENNIS,
Publicity Chairman.

A new W. M. U. was organized in Fisher county with the Longworth church March 7, 1935. Mrs. Geo. Peoples is president of W. M. S., Mrs. Cagles, Sunbeam Leader; and Mrs. Thompson, Y. W. A. Counsellor.

There were several Longworth people, and Mrs. D. G. Reid and Mrs. Suma Minor of Roby, Mrs. A. M. Josey of North Roby present.

Rev. H. S. Bristow is the new pastor of this church and lives on the field.

MRS. S. R. BRUMFIELD.

DEATH CLAIMS REV. J. H. McLAUGHLIN OF EDMOND

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friends and the members of your church. I can only wish you Godspeed in your journey to the Great Beyond, that realm from which no traveler returns."

On last Friday evening the deacons of the First Baptist Church at Edmond called a special meeting to discuss the vacancy in the pulpit. Mrs. McLaughlin was invited to attend the meeting. The church invited the family to remain in the parsonage until the first of June and it was agreed that the regular salary would be paid the family during that time. Mrs. McLaughlin and the children plan to return to Abilene about June 1 and will occupy their home on Simmons Avenue.

MORE OBSERVATIONS

Gilbert Webb

What will be the next move of the crowd? China with her "Reds," Germany with her "Blood Purge," and several other national movements are watched by the civilized countries

very closely. In last week's edition of The West Texas Baptist was a vivid account of the beheading of those two sweet characters for the sake of the cause of Christ.

Even though human lives have not been sacrificed, an almost equal incident was called to our attention last week at the little church at Center in Stephens county. Sometime during last week there were five big double windows removed from this little building, situated within four hundred feet of the Bankhead highway eight miles west of Breckenridge. We are positive that this move was not made by anyone nearly civilized.

Approximately a year ago someone passing down the highway with a revolver took two shots at the church building. Both shots struck the same window. One bullet passed completely through the building, breaking out of the glass of another window in the opposite side of the house. The second shot lodged in the end of the only piano that the church has.

These demonstrations of church property desecration are revolting to the good people of any community. Whoever you are that is doing such things, it is our hope that you may never be forced to live in a community where there is no influence of Christ or the church. To quote the Master on the Cross, "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do" is the only comment we might leave with you.

BAPTISTS IN GOOD REPUTE

Dr. H. C. Bass tells the following which will give a good feeling to all Baptists who are trying to pay their debts. A business man from Hulleberg (Miss.) was in New Orleans. Talking with a banker he told him that he had always made it a point to pay his financial obligations. The banker said, "You must be a Baptist." The reply was, "Yes, I am a Baptist, but why did you say that?" "Well," said the banker, "We have had experience with Baptists in New Orleans, in Louisiana, and some other places. I am not a Baptist myself, but I have this to say, 'the Baptists are the best people we have to deal with in their determination to pay their debts.' Brethren, let's keep it up. — The Baptist Record, Jackson, Miss.

No matter how quietly Jesus enters, the neighbors will soon know about it, and they will also get the blessing and benefit of it; for from a home where Christ abides there always go forth a fragrant influence and a loving, helpful ministry.—J. R. Miller.

AMONG THE FISHERMEN AT HARDIN-SIMMONS UNIVERSITY

(Continued from page three)

Mann and has accepted the call. He tells us that there is a lot of sickness in this community this week.

Forrest Huffman reports one conversion at Fluvanna last week-end. A teachers and officers meeting in the afternoon resulted in the decision to go on the standard for the Sunday School. Good crowds attended the morning and evening services.

The Ministerial Council of Hardin-Simmons joins with the rest of the student body in offering their sympathy to the bereaved family and rela-

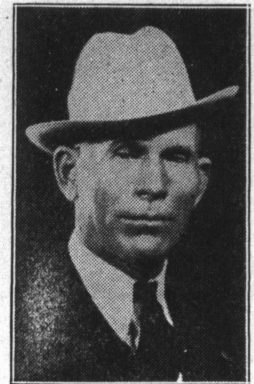
tives of Rev. J. H. McLaughlin, who died last week.

The male quartet of Hardin-Simmons University, James Rodden, Payne Hathcock, James Rosser and Gordon Suits, sang at the funeral of Rev. J. H. McLaughlin last Sunday afternoon held at Hylton.

Editor Sam Malone reports fine services with his church at Elliasville on Sunday. At the morning service a

fine young man was saved and a young lady reconsecrated her life to definite service. At the evening hour Rev. C. S. Williams of View preached a good sermon. He was in the community visiting relatives.

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Chief Police
CITY OF ABILENE

My past record is before you for your careful consideration of my qualifications to fill that office. I have served you as Chief of Police at all times to the best of my ability, keeping in mind that I am a servant of the people, administering the duties of that office courteously, honestly and efficiently. I will appreciate your support in the coming election.

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For nearly two years I have been your mayor. The time has passed swiftly to me, but not without much inspiration from you and appreciation upon my part for your splendid cooperation. In seeking re-election I do it solely on my record, since taking office, of which I am proud, and if allowed the opportunity I shall strive to improve.

I ask you to vote on April 2nd for the best interests of our community.

Respectfully yours,

C. L. JOHNSON
CANDIDATE FOR RE-ELECTION



Dickinson for Chief

Perry Dickinson, 38, candidate for Chief of Police in the city of Abilene, has been an ambitious citizen of his county for 14 years. He has led a most eventful life, having supervision over several of the largest ranches in Arizona. He has gained his qualifications from practical experience as he has met with most difficult situations in the radical western territory. He served some as Military Police during the World War, and as a peace officer in Abilene and Taylor County for a period of eight years.

With his wife and two sons he is affiliated with the South Side Baptist Church of this city. His mother and father were among the first pioneer Baptist people of western Texas.

He is the nephew of the Rev. Bill McGaha, noted evangelist of Georgia and Alabama.

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