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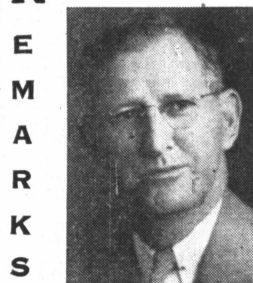
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Sweetwater Association Votes H-SU To Convention

RAMBLING



By DICK O'BRIEN

Some one has said, "We are paid for what we know, and pay for what we do not know." I suppose that is what makes life so expensive for most of us. . . . I have been in such a whirl of activities lately that I feel like I would like to go to the mountains, live in a cave, and in the language of A. D. Foreman, Jr., "become a hoimit and eat bar meat" the rest of my life. I remember that Will Rogers was planning to go to Alaska and spend a winter with the "sourdoughs," just to get away from the surging crowds for a while, when the fatal accident took him away from earth crowds forever. . . . I believe I need a fishing trip, or something. In the summer when the other fellows can go fishing I am busy in camps and revivals, and when I come home for a spell they are all busy with the fall rush. . . . I remember about two years ago we got off for a couple or three days and we really had a good time. However, as usual I had to overdo matters and spoil my part of the trip. When we had pitched camp the first evening, gathered up fire wood and cooked supper, I decided to grow up and drink a cup of black coffee, although I was afraid it would keep me awake. I did and it did. I had a good bed, there was a cool breeze and no mosquitos, but I counted stars all night long. Never even got sleepy one time all night. However, when daylight came and the camp was astir with the fellows getting ready for a busy day fishing I became so sleepy I was miserable all day. . . . When I was a kid our dad always attended the old fashioned Fifth Sunday meetings. He would leave Thursday morning and return late the following Monday afternoon. He would assign us a reasonable amount of work and tell us that if we finished it by Friday night we could spend Saturday fishing. We did. I remember one Saturday morning early Art and Huse and Roy and I left early to walk four miles to the creek. We had our pockets full of cord and corks and hooks. On the way we shot a rabbit with our 22 caliber rifle to use for bait. We reached "Pritchard Bend," just below "The Narrow Place," on old Savannah creek about ten in the morning. We began untangling lines and attaching hooks, cutting down willow branches for poles and tying 22 cartridges on for sinkers. Art opened the rabbit with his "Barlow" and we began to appropriate liberal hunks of his innards, attaching them to our hooks for bait, all the while carrying on a cross fire (Continued on page 4)

EVENTS TO COME

- October 18-20—B. S. U. Convention, Waco.
- October 20—Training Union contests, in unions.
- October 27—Training Union contests, in churches.
- October 27—Church elimination for State Training Union contests.
- November 3—Association eliminations for State Training Union contests.
- November 3—Training Union contests in associations.
- November 11—Training Union contests in districts.
- November 11-12—State W. M. U. Convention, Houston.
- November 12-15—Baptist General Convention of Texas, Houston.
- November 21-23—Texas Baptist Training Union convention, Dallas.
- October 20—Laymen's Day in all Baptist Churches.
- March 17-18—State Laymen's Rally, Dallas.

DR. SCARBOROUGH URGES LOYAL NATIONAL SERVICE

"Wherein Will the Defense Plans of Our Nation Affect Our Seminary Students?" was discussed last week by Dr. L. R. Scarborough, president of the Southwestern Baptist Seminary, Fort Worth, before the faculty and student body. Since a number of the students have already been called either as chaplains or to some other department of the service the question was of timely interest to all Christian leaders.

By way of introduction Dr. Scarborough listed five attitudes toward the war and the condition of America today. "Christ and Christianity stand against war unless it be a war of defense. We stand for a just and speedy peace. We are devoted to and loyal to a true democracy and against totalitarianism everywhere. We are loyal American citizens and will have no part in what is called 'The Fifth Column.' We are especially interested in the spiritual welfare of the gather armies of our nation and the salvation of their souls and their development in the Christian life."

In answer to his question as to the effect upon Seminary faculty and students Dr. Scarborough said, "The call of our nation may get many of our boys and our brothers. It may call many of our men as chaplains. Its costs will reach our income by taxation. Whether or not war comes its preparation will cost billions."

He spoke of receiving an average of one letter every two days asking for recommendations for chaplains. Dr. Rufus W. Weaver, Washington, D. C., is chairman of the general committee on Army and Navy chaplains charged with the responsibility of securing a thousand chaplains to meet the increased need of the national defense program.

In closing Dr. Scarborough said, "The war psychology is on, and we are facing the question of how we shall react to it. Will it make us murderers in spirit? Will it generate hate in our hearts. Already it is doing it in a measure, but we must remember that hate is no part of a Christian. I am not talking politics at all; I only want us to prepare our hearts for the opportunities and sacrifices that may come. There is upon us and our people and this group especially with its trained leaders the responsibility for evangelizing these gathering armies. Protestants and Catholics the nation over are being aroused on the question, 'What part shall Christ play in the lives of these men in the armies?' I urge you to give of your best in loyal service to our nation as far as conscience will permit."

HOUSTON CONVENTION TO MARK BAPTIST CENTURY

Houston, Texas' largest city, will be host to 15,000 messengers to the Baptist General Convention of Texas, November 12-15. This year will not only celebrate the centennial anniversary of Baptist work in Houston but will also mark the close of the best year in the state for the denomination during the past two decades. During the intervening weeks, 3,088 Baptist Churches will stress mission gifts in a campaign designated as "the October Round-up," endeavoring to exceed this year's million dollar budget.

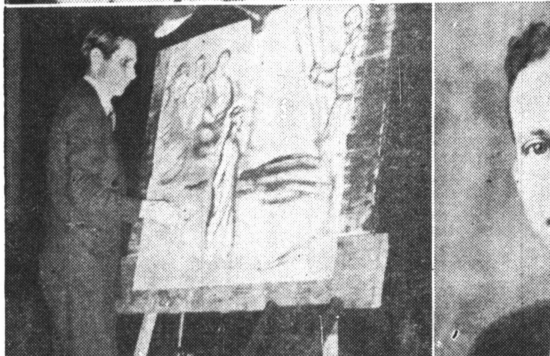
Two large auxiliary meetings will precede the convention proper. The woman's Missionary Union will meet in two day session, and will feature the work among young people with a giant pageant the closing night when several hundred boys and girls will be honored.

The pastors and laymen's conference will convene simultaneously. Three thousand outstanding Baptist ministers and laymen are expected to attend.

BIBLE CLASS ELECTS CHIEF OF POLICE AS PRESIDENT

The Victory Bible class, downtown class sponsored by First Church, Abilene, has elected Chief of Police T. A. Hackney as class president, succeeding J. B. Buckley. Chief Hackney has undertaken the task with earnestness and enthusiasm.

B. S. U. Will Observe 20th Anniversary In Meeting At Baylor This Week-End



Two thousand Baptist students from Texas colleges will attend the annual Texas Baptist Student convention at Baylor university, Waco, October 18 to 20. Featured speakers will be dynamic Charles A. Wells (lower left), international traveler and newspaper cartoonist, and J. W. (Bill) Marshall (center right), state secretary of the student group, who has just returned from four months of volunteer mission work among Chinese young people. Bill Kent (upper right), student in Texas A. & M. College, is state B. S. U. president. Special music will be furnished by two Baylor groups, a trio (upper left) composed of LaRue Richards of Dalhart, Mary Hughes of Abilene and Mary Lee Dearen of Quanah; and the Vincent sisters (lower right)—Alice, Agnes, Alma and Margie—of Nunez, Louisiana.

It was at Baylor that the Baptist Student union, now at its 20th anniversary, got its beginning.

Speakers include Dr. T. L. Holcomb, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Sunday school board; Dr. E. D. Head, Houston; Dr. J. P. Boone, Waxahachie, one of the main promoters of the movement in its early days; Dr. R. C. Campbell, Dallas, and Dr. W. R. White, president of Hardin-Simmons university, B. B. McKinney of Nashville, Tenn., will direct the music.

A goal of 75 in attendance from

Abilene and Hardin-Simmons is being planned. Those attending will travel by chartered bus and private cars. In addition to students there will be President W. R. White, Dr. E. B. Atwood, faculty advisor for the state organization, Miss A. M. Carpenter, faculty sponsor for the campus group at H-SU, and Miss Jaxie Short, youth leader of First Church.

A number of the local students are to participate in the convention program.

SEMINARY BREAKFAST AT HOUSTON NOVEMBER 14

Some 500 alumni of Southwestern Baptist Seminary are expected to attend the annual convention breakfast which will be held in the basement of the First Baptist Church, Houston, 7:30 to 9:00, Thursday morning, November 14.

Speakers will include Drs. L. R. Scarborough, J. Howard Williams and J. W. Bruner. Special music by former Seminary people will be included in the program.

Tickets may be purchased during the Houston convention from A. V. Bradley, publicity director. J. D. Riddle, Abilene, is president of the Seminary alumni.

STANDARD ADDS NEW CIRCULATION MANAGER

Rev. Don Norman, field representative of the Baptist and Reflector, Nashville, has resigned to become circulation manager of the Baptist Standard. He began work on October 1. Mrs. Manon Sewell, who has assisted her father, Editor F. M. McConnell for 11 years, is resigning to join her husband, A. C. Sewell, who is a hospital superintendent in Fort Worth.

WEST SIDE PASTOR ACKNOWLEDGES GIFTS

How happy our volunteer workers on our building are to know that friends in the Lord's work, like Brother and Sister Ernest Keathley of Colorado, Texas, have sent money gifts to us. Bless their hearts, they have cheered us again by doing the same thing in response to my appeal in last week's paper.

I am confident in my faith that many others will surely send \$1.00 to our building fund right soon. Pray that the Lord and friends will make it possible to get our roof on and windows in by cold weather. I hope I can have 750 names on our honor roll by Christmas, along with those we already have.

God bless each and all who have helped and will be partners with us in our work.

E. E. MASON, Pastor.

CLYDE PLANS SUNDAY SCHOOL STUDY COURSES

Officers and teachers of Clyde Church Sunday School, under the direction of Superintendent M. L. Green, have set the week of October 28 to November 1 for studying "Some Learning Processes." Pastor Olen D. Welch was chosen to teach the class.

STATE BODY WILL ELECT TRUSTEES IN FUTURE

STEP LAUNCHES GOLDEN JUBILEE OF UNIVERSITY

After a half-century of successful ownership of Hardin-Simmons University, the Sweetwater Association voted unanimously in a standing vote at the annual business session Friday to place the institution in the hands of the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

This action was in line with a recommendation voted unanimously by the trustees at the annual session at the university in June. At that time a committee from the board, composed of Rev. Dick O'Brien, Stamford, Dr. Millard A. Jenkins, Abilene, and Judge John Alvis, Abilene, was appointed to present the matter at the meeting of the association. The resolutions presented by this committee and printed in another column, were adopted by the mother body.

The affiliation contemplated in the resolutions adopted empowers the convention to elect the board of trustees, the association reserving the right to recommend members. The past arrangement has permitted the association the power of election, though in recent years the convention has ratified that action.

The board will have control of financial and academic affairs of the university and neither the university nor the convention will be responsible for the debts of the other.

Only the concurrence of the convention is required to complete the transaction, which was hailed by veteran messengers to the association as the best day's work of that body since the meeting in 1890, at which time steps were taken toward founding the Baptist school for West Texas.

The Golden Jubilee for the university was the theme of the closing session of the association, which was held Friday evening in the H-SU auditorium.

All surviving members of the board of trustees were re-elected. To these were added five others, as follows: E. M. Collier, Abilene, and Barney Carter, Tyler for terms expiring in 1941; Dr. Fred C. Eastham, Wichita Falls, and Howard Walsh, Fort Worth, for terms expiring in 1942; and Dr. O. E. English, Lubbock, for a term to expire in 1943. Dr. Eastham has been elected by the board to fill a vacancy and has served for some months.

DISTRICT 17 CONTESTS TO BE HELD IN ABILENE

District 17 elimination in the Training Union contests will be held in Abilene on November 11, the date set for these contests over the state, it has been announced following a conference by Missionary J. Henry Littleton and Rev. Lawrence L. Trott of Rotan, district director.

The date for contests in unions is Sunday, October 20; in churches, October 27; and in associations November 5. These are the statewide dates suggested but they may be changed to suit local people if desired. However, contestants must appear at the district contests to have an opportunity to compete at the Training Union convention in November.

"I surely would like to see a good representation from our district compete in the state contest at Dallas, November 21 to 23. Our district is fortunate in having the president of the Training Union of Texas live and lead in it," says Director Trott. "Surely Mr. Riddle would be pleased to have our churches in this district well represented in these contests."

"The dead-line for awards to count this year is November 1. We are expecting to go well beyond our goal of 3,800 this year. Each association has its own goal and we hope the Training Union director in each association will urge the churches there to do their best to have at least one study course before November 1."

Rev. H. N. Baldere was guest speaker at Johnson Chapel October 13 and assisted the church in joining in the Pastor's Retirement plan. The members presented Pastor Cecil McBeth with a love offering of foods.

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A GOOD DAY'S WORK

Thoughtful consideration of the factors involved in bringing Hardin-Simmons University into a closer relation with the Baptist General convention of Texas impels one to agree with those who pronounced that action one of the best day's work in the history of Sweetwater Association.

A half-century ago, when men with courage matching their vision laid the foundation upon which an university has been built, Sweetwater Association stretched over an empire, 500 miles from east to west and somewhat less from north to south. Though Baptists were few and resources slender, those pioneers looked forward to a day of population and wealth. The people have come, and wealth beyond their dreams, but the needs of denominational organization have broken up this vast area into many associations, leaving the university in the hands of a body which now includes only parts of two counties.

The student body of Hardin-Simmons is drawn from all over Texas as well as several other states. Four states are represented in the board of trustees. In such a situation good judgment could no longer be content with the backing of some ten thousand Baptists when there is the opportunity for support from nearly three-quarters of a million.

Educational institutions of the first class are supported in three ways today. Some hoary institutions with a large and wealthy alumni are able, through generations of accumulated endowment and the benefactions of their graduates, to hold their own in competition with the second class, which are the tax-supported institutions of the states.

The third class is the church-related school, for which the more limited benefactions of alumni must be supplemented by the budgeted contributions from the churches. In such a case, of a necessity, the broader the base of support, the brighter is the future of the college. Sweetwater Association did a great day's work when that truth was translated into action.

A BAPTIST PAPER HELPS A CHURCH

A Baptist paper in a Baptist Church is not a panacea for all the ills which the church may have. It is an agency of information and inspiration and not a trouble shooter. Neither will it make up for an ineffective pastor, or no pastor at all. It is not expected to transform a cold, worldly congregation into a pulsating, evangelistic body over night. But it helps.

The experiences of some churches with a denominational paper are scarcely short of miraculous.

For example, there is a county seat church which last year voted to put the West Texas Baptist in the budget, sending it to every active family. Up to this time there were very few Baptist papers reaching any of them. Some months later they were so pleased with the experiment that they also put The Standard into the homes. This fall they came to the association after having received one paper less than a year and the two only about three months. They reported a gain of 50 per cent in all contributions and an increase for missions doubling the preceding year. It was the same people, the same pastor. There had been some good meetings but no outstanding revival.

Then there is that rural church which tripled the offerings to missions and increased all gifts, including pastor's salary, 60 per cent. These were the same people and the same pastor both years. This pastor bears witness that the West Texas Baptist has been of the greatest benefit in reaching all of his people.

No one can sit back and expect a paper to work miracles with a backward church. But it will be a valuable assistant pastor in any church, backward or progressive.

ON SALARIES

There may be some preachers who are over-paid. It would be a marvel if there were none, for in every business, industry and profession there are some who do not earn their pay, for a time at least.

On the other hand, the salaries received by many of our Baptist pastors should not be dignified by that name but ought properly to be called a dole.

There is one association in West Texas, in one of the best farming sections and with fewer crop failures than the most. The average fourth-time church in this association pays the pastor only six dollars a trip. There are several other associations which do little better, even with half-time churches.

If a church has preaching only once a month they will not expect the pastor to live in the community. If he preaches each Sunday he must have two or three other churches. This runs into mileage. There is one pastor in West Texas who must drive six or seven hundred miles each month in reaching his appointments, and his home is centrally located. In addition to this, he must visit his scattered membership, and that is more mileage.

Driving nowadays is a cash outlay. "Brother Lallie" Millican and his contemporaries could and did ride a horse, and the horse could, and often did, live on grass along the way. But we are as far from those days as we are from the wild Indians and the buffalo.

We do not know the solution of all this, but we do know that proper emphasis on stewardship will make much difference. It has been said that any church with twenty self-supporting families can have full-time services and maintain a worthy part in world missions. But this will be true only where the pastor has a home in the community and cuts down on the gasoline bill. If we cannot solve the problem at once, each church and each member can conduct a self-examination and see if the best is being done.

News Notes

David Crow of Balmorhea, H-SU '40, and Maxine Napier, R. N., Hendrick Hospital, '39, were married recently and are living at Clovis, N. M., where he is business manager of a hospital.

Rev. Scott Cotten, now pastor of the Walnut Grove Church at Carmi, Illinois, writes that they are in a good meeting, and sends greetings to the workers of West Texas.

Pastor H. B. Naylor of Sudan was guest speaker at the Wayland College ministerial association on October 3.

Rev. Cecil McBeth supplied for Pastor Sam E. Brian at the last preaching day at Wilmett. They had good services with one addition.

The W. M. U. of District 15 gave their annual hospital gift to the college hospital at Mary Hardin-Baylor. Linens and equipment were included in the gifts.

Bethel Church, Sweetwater Association has called Rev. Strauss Atkinson as pastor.

New Mexican churches are eliminating the registration fee at the Ruidosa assembly by including that institution in the local church budgets.

There were 79 additions to First Church, Hobbs, N. M., with 61 baptisms in the recent revival in which Rev. A. Hope Owen of Albuquerque and Lee Stulce of El Paso assisted Pastor E. N. Shepherd.

Dr. M. E. Dodd of Shreveport First Baptist Church will preach over the C. B. S. Church of the Air at 11 a.m. Sunday, October 20.

J. L. Kraft, outstanding Baptist layman of Chicago, will speak at a meeting of the New Mexico laymen at Carlsbad, which opens Monday evening, October 21.

Pastor W. F. Ferguson of Slaton recently lost his mother, who lived at Davis, Okla. Dr. Howard Williams assisted at the funeral.

The Baptist Messenger reports that Missionary L. L. Johnson, who has been very ill for some time, has returned to his home in Shawnee from an Oklahoma City hospital with every prospect for a complete recovery.

Lakeview Church, San Angelo, continues to grow under the leadership of Rev. Wade Campbell. Sunday School attendance has reached 150.

Roy McGlammy, Fannie George Hurtt and Dorine Hawkins of Southwestern Seminary are assisting local leaders in a Training Union revival in First Church, Sweetwater, this week. They have a goal of 153 awards to reach the 250 club by the end of the month.

Dr. W. R. White will be speaker at the Tarrant Association Friday morning, October 18. The meeting will be at Riverside Church.

Rev. J. F. Woods, veteran minister, spoke on "The Holy Spirit, the Seal of the Soul," at the Callahan Workers' meeting at Cottonwood October 8. "He made us sit in heavenly places in Christ Jesus," commented one who attended.

Moderator L. A. Doyle of Jones Association has called a meeting of the pastors of the county to be held in Anson to discuss plans for the fall round-up, announces Rev. H. E. East, corresponding secretary.

TIME TO THINK

I think one of the most inspirational sights I have witnessed in a long time was Sunday afternoon at Denton Church as we were waiting for the crowd to gather for the Training Union Federation.

As we were standing outside talking, a pick-up car drove up and in it were 14 intermediate boys and girls and their leader, Mrs. John Roberts of Oplin.

Their Training Union was organized last month, but thank God for the determination they are showing. They have a fine director, Brother Carl Macon, and a number of consecrated helpers and leaders who are willing to give God their best.

We need, as older people, to have the spirit of intermediates, juniors and young people. Go ahead, intermediates, lead us to victory and make us adults think.

—Howard Martin.

THE BAPTIST STANDARD AND OTHER PAPERS

By Dr. F. M. McConnell in The Baptist Standard

The action of the Southern Baptist Convention looking toward increasing the subscriptions to the state Baptist papers 300,000 in five years might appear to be against other Baptist papers in the various states. It is therefore right and proper for the editors of the state papers to express themselves as to their attitude toward the others. This editor has no hesitation whatever in expressing his position on the matter.

He is for every Baptist paper that is constructive, no matter where it is published.

He believes that each state convention should own one paper and that such paper should present Bible truth and the whole work of the denomination from the local church to the ends of the earth. It should build up sentiment to the cause of Jesus Christ everywhere. It should be in every Baptist home. If brethren believe that there should be other Baptist papers published and desire to publish them, let there be the completest harmony and let them go into the Baptist homes in addition to the state paper set to publish the entire work of the convention in that state. It is the worldwide entire work of Jesus Christ that all of us should build up.

Paul gave us the right doctrine in 1 Cor. 14:26: "Let all things be done unto upbuilding."

PROGRAM

Workers Conference, Lubbock Assn. At First Baptist Church, Slaton, Oct. 22

Rev. J. F. Steele, Levelland, presiding.

Theme: Financing the Kingdom. 10:00 Song Service, Mr. L. E. Waite, Lubbock.

10:15 Devotional, "Laying Up Treasures in Heaven," Rev. Hubert Foust, Southland.

10:30 Obligations and Blessings of Tithing, Rev. Earl Landtroop, Lorenzo.

10:55 Making Lubbock Association 100 per cent in the Fall Round-Up, Rev. J. L. Ponder, Plainview.

11:20 Special music, Slaton Baptist Church.

11:25 Sermon—Rev. Cone J. Merritt, Post.

12:00 Lunch. 1:15 W. M. U. and Executive Board sessions.

2:00 Song service, Mr. L. E. Waite. 2:10 Do Baptists Have Enough Men and Money to Evangelize the World in This Generation? Rev. Guy Self, Whitharral.

2:35 Business. 2:45 "A Debtless Denomination by 1945," Rev. A. A. Brian, Levelland.

Note to Pastors:—The next workers' conference goes to Levelland. No dates are taken thereafter. Confer with your church, and choose a month to invite the conference. Let's arrange this calendar for the whole year.

PROGRAM

Quarterly Meeting, Fisher County W. M. U., Meeting with Rotan, Oct. 15, at 10 a.m.

Song Service arranged by Mrs. D. L. Swint.

Devotional, Mrs. Lester Parks. Greetings, Mrs. J. R. Strayhorn. Response, Mrs. E. T. Gilbert.

Special music by Junior Girls. Reports of local presidents.

Song. Corresponding secretary-treasurer's report, Mrs. J. A. Brown.

Announcements. Song. Covered dish lunch at 12. Song Service at 1:00.

Devotional, Mrs. W. W. Foulkenberry.

Reports of standing committees: Periodicals, Mrs. Rex Parks; Missions, Mrs. O. D. Henley; Education, Mrs. Alvin Smith; Mission Study, Mrs. Geo. McBeth; Personal Service, Mrs. O. A. Jones; Stewardship, Mrs. Thos. Young; Bible Study, Mrs. W. H. Stephenson; Margaret Fund, Mrs. Obed Hughes; Benevolence, Mrs. Emery Scott; Publicity, Mrs. S. R. Bromfield; Young People, Mrs. L. L. Trott.

Special music, Modene Clark, accompanied by Joyce Trott.

Business.

IN THE DARK

Two Christians were speaking of their experiences. One said, "It is terribly hard to trust God and realize his hand in the dark passages of life." "Well, brother," said the other, "if you cannot trust a man out of your sight, he is not worth much; and if you cannot trust God in the dark, it shows you do not trust him at all."—Moody Monthly.

Sunday School Lesson

October 20, 1940

By Hight C Moore

THE MESSAGE OF JOHN THE BAPTIST

Read Luke 3

Study Luke 3:3, 8-17, 21-22

The birth of John the Baptist occurred in the hill country of Judea about the summer of 5 B. C., as had been foretold the preceding autumn by Gabriel to the priest Zacharias, then on duty in the Temple. At thirty (in summer or autumn of A. D. 26) he entered upon his ministry in the lower Jordan valley, attracting immense multitudes, and baptizing those who turned from their sins to the coming Savior. He had been preaching about six months when he baptized Jesus, six weeks later pointing him out to his disciples as the Messiah.

1. Preaching Repentance

TURN RIGHT: That is the point in John's preaching of repentance, calling for a new faith. John had been brought up the wild, sparsely settled hill country in southern Judea. His chief food was locust insects and wild honey. His raiment was a mantle of the coarsest cloth held in place by a strip of undressed hide. Being a Nazarete his hair had never been cut and wine had never inflamed his being. To this young man, so like Elijah, "the word of God came" as to the prophets of old. Driven forth by irresistible impulse, he came into all the country about the Jordan. Not in the cities and synagogues but on the banks of the river that clarion voice rang forth and attracted the multitudes from near and far. His theme was "the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins." The truly penitent were to be immersed, this expressive act setting forth the washing away of their sins. The institution of this rite distinguished John's ministry and gave him the title of "the Baptist."

2. Demanding Reformation

DO RIGHT: That is the point in John's demand for reformation, calling for a new life. His aroused countrymen poured out of the towns and cities into the wilderness to attend upon his ministry. In fearless speech he adapted his message to his hearers.

He had a message to the masses. It soon became popular to receive baptism at his hands. Multitudes were therefore seeking to observe the rite without any thought of the conditions implied in its observance. Many came without penitence, some perhaps hypocritically, and there was needed a check to their demands. John gave it. He dealt a direct blow to their selfrighteousness, laid bare their vicious nature, and taught that baptism is not a refuge from the wrath of God. He urged them to a penitence which would prove their sincerity. Nor would he let them forget that the orthodox Jew was personally to repent and not rely upon his ancestry or upon the rest of the nation. Thus rebuking their presumption and nullifying their anticipated excuse for impenitence, the preacher gave a warning against fruitlessness and wrong-doing. Surely the words of the Baptist were sufficient to show the unbelieving audience their peril and the necessity of immediate, personal, genuine repentance.

He had a message to inquirers. After this volley of denunciatory warning, aimed chiefly at the heads of the nation, there were many hearers who fearfully sought further light from this greatest of the prophets. First of all, there came the appealing inquiry from the people in general. What fruits of saving penitence must they bear to escape the avenging fire? The Baptists knew that the deepest sin then, as now, was selfishness, and as an evidence of true repentance he demanded of them a liberality that would make them share raiment and food with others. The next class was composed of the hated publicans who with unscrupulous greed collected the taxes of the people. They presented themselves for baptism asking what they should do. In reply, John demanded resistance to their greatest temptation and the absolute forsaking of their special sin; for continued extortion would falsify their profession of repentance. Lastly, there came a similar inquiry from the soldiers who most probably at that time were doing police work in Judea. In his response the Baptist struck the particular vices to which they were especially liable—violence, false accusation, and wage disputes. So the test of penitence, essentially the same always, is yet adaptable differently to every class of

individuals. It is also to be noted that in these cases repentance did not demand cessation or change of work but right living in their several spheres.

3. Declaring Regeneration

BE RIGHT: That is one point in John's announcement of regeneration, calling for a new heart. The Baptist was faithful to his mission. His preaching with such incisiveness and vigor coupled with the magnitude of his work, caused many to wonder if he were not really the fulfillment of their messianic hopes. In many respects, they fancied, this unique and daring personality was fitted to be the Messiah.

4. Presenting the Redeemer

GO RIGHT: That is one point in John's presentation of the Redeemer in baptism, offering a new goal, example, and ideal. Jesus may have applied for baptism as Sin-Bearer, making confession of our sins which are in him blotted out and in striking symbol washed away. He made the hour of baptism an hour of dedication, for he was praying as he rose from the watery grave. He was himself imbued by the Holy Spirit and endorsed by the Father as the well-beloved Son of God. He made through the baptismal waters, a definite entrance upon his messianic work. He vividly set an example that believers everywhere and in every age may follow.

A Message from God. "The word of God came unto John" (v. 2). God had trained him. So God called him; gave him his message; designated his field. And John was ready!

A Message from the Bible. "As it is written" (v. 4). John's preaching was full of Bible truth. It was both in fulfillment and explanation of Scripture.

A Message About Christ. "The way of the Lord—one mightier than I." Jesus was the Son of God. So the prophet said; the Father acknowledged; the forerunner proclaimed.

A Message About the Holy Spirit. "He shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost." Did not the Holy Spirit descend upon Jesus at his baptism? Does he not baptize in the Holy Spirit? Are we not born of the Holy Spirit?

A Message of Repentance. "Repentance for the remission." No sin is remitted unless and until it is repented of, which involves realization of it, regret for it, and resolve by God's grace and help to forsake it. Nor can there be remission "without shedding of blood."

A Message of Guidance. "He answereth and saith." When anxious seekers were longing for the light, John was able to give it to them. It is a lame ministry which can stir the emotions, but cannot give them salutary direction.

A Message of Reward. "Gather the wheat into his garner." The planter sees the granary ahead. Seed-sowing looks forward to harvest. Preaching is aimed at the winning of the lost and the upbuilding of the saved. There is no work equal to it in all the world. Its influence will be measured only in eternity.

Gold in the Golden Text

Bring forth therefore fruits worthy of repentance.—Luke 3:8.

Repentance requires reformation. It involves the root and fruit of a good life. To stay quit from doing bad one must keep doing good.

The duty of repentance was urged by the great Baptist. It was the keynote of the ministry of the Messiah. It was the burden of the ancient prophecies and the heart of the sermons and letters of the apostles and their associates. It is in the forefront of every successful ministry today.

The fruits worthy of repentance were demanded by the Baptist. Profession of repentance is not enough. Baptism even by John in the Jordan could not save. There must be a changed heart before there can be a changed life. And the changed life which is the only life that bears good fruit is the proof positive of the changed heart.

Daily Bible Readings

Oct. 21—Total Abstinence. Luke 1:13-16.

Oct. 22—Fruits of Abstinence. Luke 6:43-45.

Oct. 23—An Old Law. Leviticus 10:8-10.

Oct. 24—The Nazaretes. Numbers 6:1-4.

Oct. 25—The Woes of Wine. Proverbs 23:20-21, 29-32.

Oct. 26—Controlling the Body. 1 Corinthians 9:24-27.

Oct. 27—Mutual Helpfulness. Romans 14:13-23.

TEXT OF RESOLUTIONS BY SWEETWATER ASSN.

On this the 11th day of October, 1940, at a regular meeting of the Sweetwater Baptist Association held in Tuscola, Texas, a quorum being present the following Resolution was adopted and passed by said Association to-wit:

"WHEREAS, the Sweetwater Baptist Association and Hardin-Simmons University are in full harmony with the plans, policies, principles and faith of Texas Baptists, and

"WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of Hardin-Simmons University are now elected by the Sweetwater Baptist Association and ratified by the Baptist General Convention of Texas, and

"WHEREAS, it is to the best interest of Hardin-Simmons University, and the Baptist General Convention of Texas that a closer cooperation be had among themselves,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

"First: That the Board of Trustees of Hardin-Simmons University shall hereafter be recommended by the Sweetwater Baptist Association and elected by the Baptist General Convention of Texas, it being provided, however, that any vacancy on said Board of Trustees may be filled by the Executive Board of Baptist General Convention from Recommendations by Board of Trustees.

"Second: That the Board of Trustees of Hardin-Simmons University shall manage the business and property of the said Hardin-Simmons University, and shall have exclusive control over all of the property of said Hardin-Simmons University and of the nature and extent of the academic work, the content and nature of the curriculum, and may make all necessary by-laws, elect and employ officers, provide for filling vacancies, appoint and remove professors, teachers, agents, etc., and fix their compensation, confer degrees, and do and perform all necessary acts to carry into effect the objects of Hardin-Simmons University.

"Third: The Baptist General Convention of Texas does not by the acceptance of the obligation of electing the trustees aforesaid assume any financial obligation or liability now existing or hereafter to exist against the said Hardin-Simmons University, and the said Hardin-Simmons University does not assume any financial obligation now existing or hereafter to exist against the Baptist General Convention of Texas, it being distinctly understood that the Baptist General Convention of Texas and Hardin-Simmons University are separate and distinct corporations or bodies; and neither shall have control of the business or financial obligations of the other; and the legal and equitable title to the property now belonging to Hardin-Simmons University and hereafter acquired shall remain and be vested in the said Hardin-Simmons University, and its Board of Trustees shall have the right, power and authority to sell, convey, encumber in any way, dispose of and make good and sufficient title by deed or other conveyance all of said property of said Hardin-Simmons University either real or personal which it now owns or hereafter may be seized and possessed of by purchase, gift or donation or otherwise and without the consent of the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

"Fourth: It is the intention of this Resolution to perfect a closer cooperation between the Sweetwater Baptist Association, Hardin-Simmons University and the Baptist General Convention of Texas with reference to Hardin-Simmons University, and the Board of Trustees of Hardin-Simmons University is hereby authorized and empowered to adopt any and all necessary resolutions to carry out the purposes and intentions of this Resolution."

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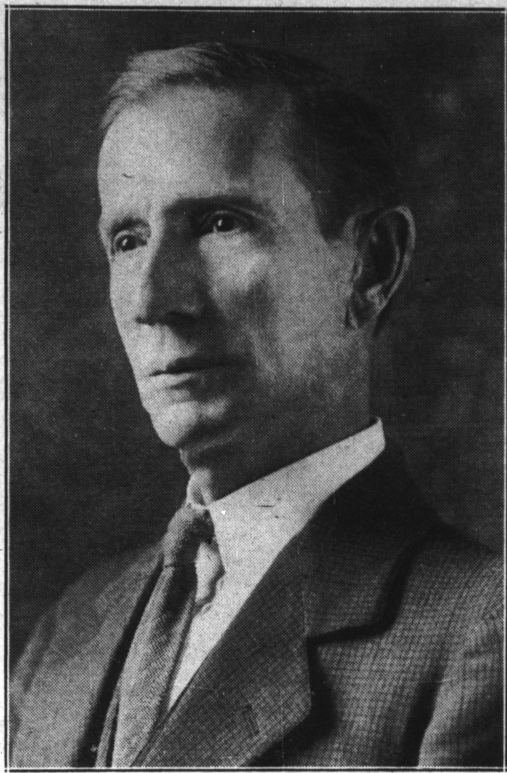
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By R. C. CRANE, President, West Texas Historical Association

(Continued from Last Week)

Breedlove Wrote Charter

The location committee, after discussing the outlines of the charter for the new school, appointed Judge Breedlove to draft it.

There was not a man in Texas at that time better prepared by native ability, by acquaintanceship with Texas Baptist school and denominational history and the many pitfalls which had been encountered by Baptists in Texas, and by his own contact with Baptist affairs, to write that charter. He and Dr. Smith had been old-time friends and co-laborers in the old Texas Baptist State Convention, and they were on the vital committees appointed by that convention to work out the details of the consolidation of the two State-wide conventions and the two denominational schools (Baylor and Waco).

Both of them had been closely associated with Dr. O. C. Pope from 1882 to 1885 in denominational work, while Dr. Pope was the wide-awake and aggressive superintendent of State Missions in the State Convention, and whose work did so much to establish the cause of the Baptists on the frontier of Texas. It was he who managed to get the money to send missionaries into the wilds of the West when railroads were first building into the region, and to aid in the establishment of the first churches and the first church edifices, especially in Abilene, Sweetwater and Colorado.

Dr. Smith had been pastor at Gonzales, where T. J. Pilgrim, the accredited father of Sunday Schools in Texas, had his membership; but the lure of a new country brought him to Abilene where he had been pastor; but health had compelled Judge Breedlove to abandon a lucrative law practice in Central Texas, and move to his ranch in Fisher County, where he had been one of the founders of a little Baptist church near his home there.

In 1890 he had regained his health, and was hale and hearty both mentally and physically.

Incidentally as part of his equipment for the writing of a school charter, as in this case, Judge Breedlove, back in the hard and unsettled days following the War between the States, had bought in at sheriff's sale for about \$350 all of the properties of Baylor University then located at Independence, on a judgment for a debt created before the war, for shingles furnished the school.

Dr. Wm. Carey Crane was then president of the school and very busy in his efforts to keep it alive and place in on a basis of prosperity.

Judge Breedlove agreed to reconvey the property to the trustees upon reimbursement of his investment, on condition that the school's property should never thereafter be or become liable for its debts. Incidentally, it became necessary for Dr. Crane to get in his buggy and drive all over the region, to raise by dribblets the money necessary to buy back the plant of Baylor University.

Judge Breedlove was the one man on the committee who had had the

experience which demonstrated the necessity of clear cut provisions in the charter of the new school, against debt. The deed for the north five acres of the land conveyed by the syndicate for the new school also contained the stipulation that the same should never become liable for the debts of the school.

Abilene Baptist College

The charter of Abilene Baptist College, the school's first name, contained a clear cut prohibition against liability for debt and it was that provision in the charter which caught the attention of Dr. Simmons when he came out to Abilene to investigate the situation, before he became greatly interested in the school.

The locating committee, as was its duty under the resolutions creating it, in collaboration with the Abilene Church named the first Board of Trustees for the school, as follows: Geo. W. Smith of Abilene, president; K. K. Leggett, vice-president; Dr. J. T. Harrington, secretary and treasurer; J. H. Parramore, and C. W. Merchant, all of Abilene; Thomas Trammell, A. J. Long and H. (C) Hord of Sweetwater; J. A. Walker and G. W. Smith of Colorado; J. F. Ferguson and J. M. Hanna of Anson; A. W. Hilliard of Midland; W. D. Johnson and A. M. Walthall of Pecos City.

Of these trustees, according to the report made by the locating committee and the Board of Trustees to the session of the Association held at Anson August 1, 1891; J. F. Ferguson had died, and A. W. Hilliard and J. H. Parramore had resigned; and W. H. Lockett, D. W. Wristen and C. P. Warren were suggested to fill the vacancies, as the charter provided that the trustees were to be elected by the Association. These three nominees were accordingly elected to fill the vacancies occasioned by death and resignations.

Building Erected

The Abilene Reporter published the fact that the architect had nearly completed the plans for the first building, November 29, 1890, and that its construction was under way in May, 1891; and that on June 12th, 1891, what was described as the "gap stone" was laid with Masonic ceremonies; and on December 4th, 1891, the structure was completed; and that on January 29th, 1892, it was accepted and paid for.

According to the report of the trustees August 1st, 1891, to the Association, the total of \$17,245 in cash subscriptions had been made toward paying for the cost of the first building. This sum was made up by the subscriptions following: citizens of Abilene \$6,000; those of Anson \$475; of Sweetwater \$530; of Colorado City \$240; and a \$5,000 private subscription out of New York, which was evidently that of Dr. Simmons which had then come into possession of the trustees. And the syndicate subscription of \$5,000.

The land donated was valued at \$3,200, or \$200 per acre. It was reported that a brick building to cost \$12,000 had been contracted for with the stipulation that it was to be com-

pleted by September 1, 1891, but that the work had been delayed and that it could not be finished before October 1st.

It was reported that only the sum of \$3,000 had been paid on the building at that time, and that \$9,000 was considered immediately available with other small sums available in the near future.

It was reported that to complete the building and furnish it for occupancy, two or three thousand dollars more would be required.

This statement of the trustees indicates that there had been some failure in the payment of the above listed subscriptions, but does not indicate where the failure had occurred.

Enter Dr. Simmons

It indicates that Dr. Simmons had made his first subscription of \$5,000 but that it had not become available at that time.

Citizens of Abilene had subscribed \$6,000 toward this building fund, but it is understood that much of this was paid in Abilene City script issued in the construction of its high school building in 1888, or in mechanics lien notes issued against that building.

This paper was issued to become due over a period of years; and while all of it was eventually paid yet the money was not immediately available to meet construction costs.

At any rate, the work of building had not gone very far before the trustees ran into financial difficulties, and Dr. Smith saw the urgent need of more ready cash and accordingly, knowing of no one in Texas to whom he could go for help, he wrote to his old friend Dr. O. C. Pope in New York an SOS call to put him in touch with some one who had the money and the willingness to help.

Dr. Pope Helps

Dr. O. C. Pope had been living in New York ever since 1885, and was then working with the American Baptist Home Mission Society, in the church edifice department, and Dr. J. B. Simmons was connected with that work, and was well known to Dr. Pope for his philanthropies to other institutions.

Dr. Pope, knowing Dr. Simmons quite well, and knowing Dr. Smith of old, and knowing West Texas from repeated visits to the region while he was superintendent of Missions, turned Dr. Smith's letter over to Dr. Simmons with his hearty endorsement of what Dr. Smith had written, touching the situation of the proposed new school, and its urgent needs.

The situation appealed to Dr. Simmons and as a consequence he paid Abilene a visit, and became interested in the efforts to build a school in West Texas, and thus with his means and that of his family and friends, and his steadfast personal interest made possible the building of Hardin-Simmons University.

But for the early alignment of Dr. Simmons with the movement, the dire predictions of Dr. Burleson for the early demise of the effort might easily have come true.

It will be noted that Judge Breed-

love was not on the first Board of Trustees of the school, but that three other lawyers were, that is: K. K. Leggett, H. C. Hord and Geo. W. Smith of Colorado. Smith was living at Austin as Secretary of State, and therefore it was quite natural and logical when the trustees decided to change the name of the school from Abilene Baptist College to Simmons College, when Dr. Simmons became actively interested in its promotion, for Judges Leggett and Hord to be called on to write the amended charter.

School Opens at Last

After so long a time, in September, 1892, Simmons College opened its doors, with a full corps of teachers, headed by Dr. W. C. Friley as president, and during the first year had an enrollment of 85 to 90 pupils.

After several years Dr. G. O. Thatcher succeeded to the presidency, and then, the needs of the situation appearing to call for such a man, at the urgent suggestion of Dr. Simmons, Dr. O. C. Pope came to Abilene as president of the school and did yeoman service toward placing the school on the up-grade.

The marvelous work which Dr. J. D. Sandefer did during his more than 30 years as president; and how he built a school plant worth \$1,000,000, and an endowment of \$1,500,000, from a very modest beginning, is fairly well known. But some of the facts touching the beginning of the school are little known, hence this paper.

Did you ever stop to think what you would be if God had complete control of your life?—The Question Mark, Plainview.

SWEETWATER ZONE HAS ENTHUSIASTIC MEETINGS

By Lawrence L. Trott

Recently I made a visit to the West Zone Sunday School and Training Union Conference which met at the West Side Mission in Sweetwater. I don't know when I have seen such enthusiasm as I saw there. The house was full and people standing in the door and windows. This was just a zone meeting but we wonder if there is such interest found in many of entire associations. I understand this happens every month in that zone. There were 217 present, with the Nolan Church leading with 82 present. Lamar Street came second with 53 and Blackwell third with 45. The two themes discussed were "The Type Worker Needed in Our Churches," and "Correlation of Our Church Organizations." The next zone meeting goes to the Shep Baptist Church on October 20.

EDUCATORS TO MEET IN DALLAS NOVEMBER 22

The religious educational directors of Texas have been extended an invitation by Dr. W. L. Howse, Fort Worth, who is the president of the association, to attend a breakfast at the Y. M. C. A. in Dallas, Friday morning, November 22, at 7:30.

The meeting of the educational directors will adjourn in time for all to attend the morning session of the Baptist Training Union Convention of Texas which will be in session in Dallas November 20-23.

The faultfinder is rarely a pathfinder.

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Beneath His wings of love abide,
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He will take care of you,
God will take care of you."

"The words of this hymn were written by Mrs. W. S. Martin while she was convalescing from an operation. Just before her operation she said to her husband, 'Never mind hubby; God will take care of you.' This thought formed the basis of her song. Her husband composed the tune."

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CHURCH SCHOOLS MUST OFFER "PRICELESS PLUS"

Report on Christian Education read at Sweetwater Association by J. M. Sibley

From the inception of Christianity, the followers of Christ have considered it their duty to promote education in the home and in the church and later in Christian colleges. One has said, "From the day, when the boy Christ remained in the Temple to converse with the wise men, Christianity has been the friend of mind and an advocate of the increase of knowledge." This led to the establishment of schools, colleges and universities. The same writer makes the further statement, "Nor is there a Bonn or Heidelberg, Oxford, or Cambridge, Harvard or Yale that was not founded by His followers, for His disciples have always held it their peculiar mission to foster higher education."

Churches established the first colleges in America, in fact 89 per cent of America's colleges started out as denominational or church colleges. The tax-supported schools came later, to be more exact, after the middle of the 19th century. Even before Texas became a state, Baptists had founded Baylor University at old Independence. When the "West was young" but giving promise of great development, a movement was launched to establish a school in this section. The movement was launched a half a century ago this year and this great and influential institution is the result.

Our Baptist people have had a conviction that only in a Christian college could a person secure a full orbed and complete education. We believe that the spiritual is the highest realm of truth and only a Christian college is free and unhampered in teaching spiritual truth. We believe that the building of character is more important than imparting information and techniques. We believe that a teacher needs to be more than a master of his subject and the technique of teaching, he needs to be a dynamic Christian. We believe that spiritual truths can best be taught in an environment that is sympathetic rather than antagonistic toward these truths. Therefore we have built and continue to maintain schools for the purpose of adding the "priceless plus" to education. According to the Handbook of 1940, we have 12 academies, 24 junior colleges and 27 senior colleges and universities in the South with a combined enrollment of 28,577 for the regular term of 1939-40. In our own state we have one academy, three junior colleges, four senior colleges and universities with a combined enrollment last year of 6,113 students.

Although the enrollment in our Baptist schools continues to grow, our schools face a grave situation. Toward the close of the past century, 75 per cent of college students were enrolled in denominational schools. Today, the situation is reversed and 75 per cent of the college students are enrolled in tax-supported institutions. This "means that the higher education of our youth, so far as three out of every four students are concerned, has passed out from under the control of the church and direct religious influences."

To be more specific and come closer home, the total enrollment of all our Baptist schools in this state is about two-thirds of the enrollment in the State University. Some years ago a survey was made in the state of Missouri concerning the number of Baptist, Methodist, Presbyterian and Christian students in college. It was found that there were more students from each of these denominations enrolled in the State University than were enrolled in the colleges of their denominations.

It would be enlightening indeed to have the figures concerning the number of Baptist students enrolled in the tax-supported schools of our state. There are several explanations for this situation. In the first place, this is a highly technical age in which we live and some students go to our state schools because they offer a specialized course in a particular field. In the second place, some go to these schools because of better equipment provided at these state institutions. Perhaps the most outstanding example of that is Wayland College located between two large state schools. The third and major reason is the difference in tuition and fees. The majority of Baptist parents justify themselves for sending their children to state schools by saying, "It is so much cheaper." In other words, the "priceless plus of Christian Education" means less to them than dollars and cents.

Your committee would suggest a two-fold remedy for this condition. In the first place, our colleges must be made distinctively Christian. Any time that our denominational schools lose their distinctiveness until there is "no essential difference in tone

BOB COLEMAN TO CONDUCT BETTER MUSIC CONTEST



R. H. COLEMAN, Dallas

When the Fiftieth Anniversary Convention of the Baptist Training Union of Texas meets in Dallas November 20 to 23, the Better Music Contest will be introduced to Texas Baptists for the first time. Mr. Robert H. Coleman, chairman of the Better Music Contest committee, says, "The Better Music Contest will be held Wednesday night, November 20, at the First Baptist Church, Dallas, where Dr. George W. Truett is the pastor. The junior choruses will, of course, compete with other junior choruses. Intermediate trios will compete with intermediate trios. Intermediate sextettes, octettes and choruses will compete, of course, with other intermediate groups of the same rank. The young people from seventeen to thirty years of age will compete only with young people of the same ages. Young people's trios will compete with young people's trios while young people's quartets and other singing groups will compete with young people of the same singing groups."

Mr. Coleman, assistant pastor of First Baptist Church, Dallas, is also general conductor for this contest. He will have assisting him at the state contest ten other conductors, ten time keepers and thirty judges. The Better Music Contest is sponsored by the Baptist Training Union Convention of Texas and will meet in connection with it in Dallas November 20 to 23.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF JONAS ASSOCIATION

(From September 6 to October 6)

Receipts by churches:	
Anson	\$10.00
Boyd Chapel	1.00
Flat Top	3.00
Hamlin	9.60
Noodle	3.00
Stamford	15.00
Stith	2.40
Tuxedo	3.40
Lueders	1.00
Hebron	1.53
	\$49.93

Receipts:	
Balance brought forward	\$ 56.31
Collection for B. O. H.	\$ 49.11
From Churches	49.93
Total	\$155.35
Total disbursed	83.61

Balance on hand	\$ 71.71
Disbursed:	
To B. O. H.	\$ 49.11
To W. L. Daniel	2.00
To R. E. Dudley, dist. treas.	32.50
Total	\$ 83.61

—Ed Rowell, Treasurer.

Rev. Joe Self has accepted the call of the View Church. He is also pastor at Crystal Falls.

and temper from a state school" it has lost its appeal and has no right to expect the support of Baptists. In the second place, we need to awake our Baptist people to a more discriminating sense of values, namely, the value of Christian character and personality in contrast to dollars and cents. In other words, our pastors and church leaders must join hands with our colleges in proclaiming "the priceless plus of Christian education." We must sell Christian Education again to our people.

Under the dynamic and spiritual leadership of our new president, we expect Hardin-Simmons University, the child of this Association, to take her rightful place in the sun. To that end may we dedicate our prayers, our efforts and our money as becomes the friends of God.

Respectfully submitted,
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EXHIBITS BEING ENTERED FOR JUBILEE CONVENTION

By Mabel Elrod, Dallas

Dallas is soon to be host city to one of the greatest conventions ever held in our state—the Golden Anniversary Convention of the Training Union.

As chairman of the exhibit committee, I am eager, of course, that we shall have a worthy display of our Training Union work in this good year 1940. Therefore, I am writing to you to assist me in getting word to the leaders in your church and community to bring or send the very best in Posters, Publicity Ideas, Programs, Party Invitations, Bible Readers' Reminders, Scrap Books, etc. We will be deeply grateful for your interest in this, and also appreciate it, if you will convey the following items of information to the workers, namely:

1. Space must be secured in advance by post card request, addressed to Mabel Elrod, Gaston Avenue Baptist Church (space indicated).
2. Exhibit must be labeled with name of church, town or city, and the name of individual responsible. If exhibit is sent by parcel post, it should be addressed to the First Baptist Church, in care of the exhibit committee.
3. Exhibit must be removed after the convention, not later than Saturday noon. (The committee cannot be responsible for exhibit not called for).

There will be judges to determine the merit of the exhibits and pin ribbons on the winners. So begin now to plan for your part in the display. The exhibit committee is as follows: Mabel Elrod, Gaston Avenue, Dallas, chairman; Mrs. M. V. Saffell, Broadway, Fort Worth; Harold Shank, First Church, Dallas; Jack Thornton, Gaston Avenue, Dallas; Mrs. Ellis Province, Cliff Temple, Dallas.

LED OF THE LORD IN PRAYER

By Edward B. Jenkins

Luther Rice returned from India in order to raise funds for carrying on mission work begun by Adoniram Judson who had been left stranded when he left the Congregationalist denomination and united with the Baptists.

Going up and down the Eastern seaboard among the churches, he sought to arouse interest in missions. On one occasion he spoke at an association in the mountains of Western North Carolina, in Golden Valley. The next day he had an engagement in Mecklenburg County, some sixty miles away. Leaving Golden Valley late that afternoon he rode all night on horseback in order to reach his engagement.

About 2 o'clock in the night he came to a cross roads in the wilderness and not knowing which way to go he got off his horse and knelt down and asked the Lord to direct him. Then he got on his horse and threw the lines across his neck and let him go his way. Next morning at daylight he was in Mecklenburg County and at the appointed time he was ready to take his place on the program at the association when it convened.

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CISCO ASSOCIATION HAS CONSTRUCTIVE MEETING

The Cisco Association, composed of Eastland, Stephens and Shackelford counties, met with First Church, Cisco, October 10 and 11.

The first day was given over to the Association W. M. U. which had a wonderful day with very fine reports from all churches.

Many inspirational addresses were made, among which were those of Mrs. B. A. Copass, Mrs. B. L. Lockett and Mrs. J. B. Buckley, W. M. U. president of District 17.

On Thursday night and all day Friday great messages and fine reports were made to the association. The association reported out of debt with a nice balance on hand.

Rev. H. D. Blair was elected associational missionary for the thirteenth consecutive year, and J. R. Burnett was elected treasurer of the association for the eighth consecutive year. P. C. McGahey was re-elected moderator and Miss Louise Baker was re-elected clerk.

The Association will convene in its annual meet with the First Baptist Church, Eastland, October, 1941.

RAMBLING REMARKS—

(Continued from page 1)

of conversation that would make a ladies aid social sound like a meeting of deaf mutes. All of the other boys, being older than I, were "two pole" fishermen, but I had a hard time managing one. Houston, that's the brother with one arm and two tempers, baited his first hook and dropped it in the water, turning to bait the second. As he turned he remarked, "I wish one would pull that one in before I can bait the other." No sooner said than done; zip, and in she went, zig zagging down stream. Roy, my only slow motioned brother, and I were across the creek from Art and Huse. Art, being the oldest, began giving orders. "Huse, you stay out, you ain't got but one hand, and Dick you stay out because you ain't got sense enough to know what to do, and Roy you pull off your britches and shirt and meet me in the middle of the creek," he yelled. Roy was so slow that I pitched in and yanked off his pants while he struggled with his hickory shirt. Finally they got hold of that green willow pole and after quite a battle they landed a channel cat fish that would have made a president turn green with envy. . . . Immediately we wound up our lines and started for home. When we finally arrived we were all but exhausted, but no Roman conqueror ever returned from the wars with more pomp than we four boys from that fishing trip. . . . But just telling it, and reliving it has made me so tired I think I shall take an hour off for a nap.

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CROSS ROADS AND PLEASANT VALLEY

Sunday was right good with the Pleasant Valley Church, some sickness interfered a bit but in the main we just had a nice good time. We are going to have a Training Union study course on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in this month. We are hoping to have a good attendance, and maybe we will have a class in the Sunday School training. We will spend the day and do the book or books.

At Cross Roads we had a study of the extension department book on last Monday. There were several present who had had the book, but came in for the day—two from Gannon, Brother and Sister Parks, and two from Sardin. I think 11 were enrolled for the study and all had a good time. Next Monday we are to study the Sunday School book, "A Church Using the Sunday School." We like those study courses and they help us.

Last week I got my notes to the West Texas Baptist too late and did not get any publicity. This note about those two churches. They are just as good as any you will find, and they are the nicest to their pastor of any. They have showered us with a world of good things to eat, and the Cross Roads Church went beyond the eats and dressed me up, with suit, hat, tie, suspenders, shoes and socks. No wonder I am proud to be pastor of such churches, and I tell you it is a joy to have service with them. We really have lovely times.

Now if anybody around wants to come with us in either of these two study courses, the one next Monday at Cross Roads, or the next Saturday at Pleasant Valley, just come right on in. We will be delighted to have you, and we believe you will be helped. We are going after an offering from each member of both churches, for our State Round-Up for Missions, and we are going to do our best.

JOE R. MAYES, Pastor.

MESQUITE CHURCH

Sunday School, 10 a.m., with Jim Spence, superintendent.

Prayer meeting each Wednesday night at 7:30.

Preaching each first and third Sundays.

Remember we have decided to have Sunday, October 20, as our day to give special gifts for missions. Our Lord said "Freely ye have received freely give." Let's give all that we can for him, who gave all for us.

ALVIN SWEARENGIN, Pastor.

SECOND BAPTIST, COLORADO CITY

Layman's Day will be observed by the church Sunday, with President Edmon Nowell and the Brotherhood in charge. An appropriate message will be brought by the pastor in the morning and Hon. Truett Barber will address the congregation at the evening service.

A Training Union study course will follow laymen's day and the laymen are asked to lead in securing 100 awards.

SCOTT W. HICKEY, Pastor.

DENTON VALLEY

Sunday was a good day for our church. There was a good service with eight additions by letter.

In the afternoon the Callahan Training Union Federation met with us. About 150 people were out to enjoy the well rendered program by the Clyde Church and the inspirational address by Mrs. Bertha Barber on "Choosing the Things the Master Has for Us to Do."

Friday night of this week, we are to have a Training Union social at the church. We want everybody to come and bring some one who has not been attending Training Union.

H. W. MARTIN, Pastor.

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