

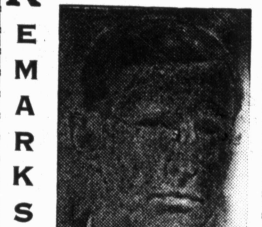
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## RAMBLING



Dick O'Brien

If you twelve readers had any trouble reading this column last week it was probably because I had to write it by hand and with a borrowed pencil. Since portable typewriters came into fashion I have about lost all the penmanship ability I ever had. You will notice that the number of known readers still remains at twelve. I lost three last week and gained three others. I was afraid I would lose Truett Barber, and sure enough when his wife read last week's dissertation to him he folded up and quit the ranks. I'm sorry, of course, but I have to write about somebody and with my vast company of readers I can afford to be, in a measure, independent. . . . The three new ones are all Cisco folks. Mr. and Mrs. John Smith and Mrs. Hennessey. However, I understand they read from a sample copy of the West Texas Baptist so maybe I can't depend on them regularly. . . . That reminds me of an incident which happened in a community where we were pastor. An old maid, I mean spinster, "sent off" for some article which she saw advertised in a catalog picked up at a neighbor's house. Of course when the order was received and filled she was placed on the mailing list of the company and received their current catalog. This she promptly returned with the assurance that she did not want them to waste a whole catalog on her, when she could borrow one from the neighbor by simply crossing the street. . . . This is not unlike an incident which happened in our home a few years ago. We were discussing means of saving more time on Sundays for worship and service by lessening the work on Sunday dinners, etc. After many suggestions one of our precocious youngsters made this wise observation, "Why the way to stop work on Sunday dinners is to eat dinner with some of the members." Indeed, why not? . . . One of the greatest experiences of my life was the opportunity of meeting with the men of Gaston Avenue Church, Dallas, in a Brotherhood banquet last week. Dr. Craig, the pastor, was absent on account of illness but his spirit and influence was felt and seen in the attitude of the men who have followed his pastoral leadership for more than ten years. He has so definitely stamped his own personality upon this group that it reminds one of the Scripture which says, "they took knowledge of them that they had been with Jesus." I have never seen a more optimistic or forward looking group than attended this meeting. I was supposed to bring something to them, but instead I got something from them. . . . I visited Dr. Craig in his home for a few minutes and he is just as gracious as you would expect him to be. You can't associate with men like this without becoming a better man yourself. . . . I think the word "dock" is the ugliest word in the English language, when applied either to a physician or a doctor of divinity. I cannot even call a veterinarian "dock." The practice is all too common among us. . . . And did you ever notice how many preachers add the letters "ed" to the word "born," as for example, "ye must be born again." . . . If you have Spring fever you will understand why Rambling Remarks are so weak this week. I have a relapse, and besides it is time for Amos an' Andy.

## SHEP CHURCH NOTES

Brother Loyal E. Brown began his work as pastor at Shep Sunday and reports a splendid beginning with good crowds and a fine spirit manifested. The church elected three new deacons and set their revival meeting to begin Sunday, July 24th, and asked the pastor to do the preaching. The members decided to have a special service on Wednesday evening, with a social hour following for the purpose of getting better acquainted with the pastor and family.

## Dr. L. R. Scarborough Discusses S. B. Convention Meeting In May

By L. R. SCARBOROUGH  
Seminary Hill, Texas

I believe in great crowds at Southern Baptist Conventions, and I would urge every Baptist possible to go to New Orleans for the May Convention, for some of the following reasons:

1. It is centrally located for almost all the constituency of the convention, that is, as nearly so as almost any other city. It has all manner of conveyance, by water, by rail, by auto and by aeroplane. And there is some good walking not taken up.
2. It is a great, cosmopolitan city and will give us a genuine Southern welcome. They have got lots of hotels, homes, rooming houses, tourist camps, and plenty of room for trailers. They have a great Baptist set there—the Bible Institute, the Baptist Hospital, and some splendid churches; and all these will make it good to be in New Orleans and we will have a unique and unusual opportunity to help these great institutions in more ways than one.

### What a Fellowship!

3. The fellowship of the brotherhood and sisterhood, part of the estates of Zion, will be glorious. The handshaking and the loving touch of the souls of men loving each other will be worthwhile indeed. The fellowship of a great Southern Baptist Convention is worth all it costs in any way you count the figures.

4. The inspiration from the great program worked out by the committee, the mountain-top experiences when our brethren with heartfelt messages stir our hearts, will be worth it all. There is to be some great preaching, and then the reports of the work—and it will be a great year's work—one of the best in the history of the past few years. The missionary thrill, the evangelistic fervor, the stir from the reports of our Seminaries, hospitals, schools, mission boards, and all the other phases of the work, will be inspiring indeed. The Women's Convention will be worth a trip for the men as well as the women; and the men's convention will be worth the women's staying just to get to be with us men and add their mighty force to all the gatherings.

### The Tides Are Rising

The tides are rising and the denomination is unified, and it will be glorious to visualize the kingdom and to meet the Savior in the high hours we will have.

5. One of the greatest parts of the convention, and that means for every one of us, is to have a part in the building and the furtherance of the Kingdom of Jesus Christ. When you go, your heart goes; and when your heart goes God goes with your heart, and his pulsating power will be in us every one, if we will let him, as we lay our hearts, heads and hands to the biggest task in the world. Go, get your members to go. Go in train loads, in auto caravan loads. Organize car, bus loads, and help to swell the tide and the numbers; and go praying, go co-operating, lovingly, expectantly, and let us start a movement for Jesus Christ that will circle the world! By all means go in swelling crowds of loyal Baptists. Be loyal to your denomination—show what side you are on, and get a blessing and carry it back to your own people. This is my hope and prayer.

## W. P. A. WORKERS DO VALUABLE LIBRARY WORK

SAN ANTONIO, April 20.—Longer lives of usefulness for 327,000 library books have been made possible by the efforts of WPA workers in 748 Texas schools and 42 public libraries, according to Mrs. M. K. Taylor, state director of WPA women's and professional projects.

Jobless clerical workers have been put to work by the WPA at tasks which include the repairing, cleaning, indexing, and cataloguing of books in the various schools and municipal libraries. These workers supplement inadequate library staffs, Mrs. Taylor said, and in no instances are regular employees supplanted by WPA workers.

Another phase of WPA library work has brought about the extension of library facilities to approximately 150,000 people in rural sections of Texas. WPA officials estimate that 107,000 books have thus gone into the hands of rural schools children who had no other means of obtaining library privileges.

## REV. P. D. O'BRIEN ACCEPTS PASTORATE OF STAMFORD CHURCH

Rev. P. D. O'Brien, for several years pastor of the First Baptist Church, Colorado, Texas, has accepted the call of the First Baptist Church, Stamford, and will begin his work on the new field May 1st. His family will remain at Colorado until the close of the present term of school.

Recently the Stamford First Church and Memorial Church reunited, and the call extended Rev. O'Brien was from the re-united congregation. The former pastors of the two churches, Rev. P. C. Williams and Rev. Mel G. Leaman, resigned to make the reuniting of the two churches possible.

## DR. GRONER VISITS RELIGIOUS SCHOOLS IN NORTHERN SECTION

F. S. GRONER, President

College of Marshall, Marshall, Texas

A few weeks ago, responding to an invitation of the institutions which I shall name, I visited a number of our Baptist churches and theological seminaries, including the Southwestern Seminary. It has occurred to me to furnish a resume of matters of interest which came under my observation.

I began by speaking at the Southwestern Seminary in Fort Worth in the first part of March. The Seminary seems to be in a healthier condition than normal. Everybody seemed happy and there was a spirit of hopefulness that characterized the institution in all its phases. This institution was founded by B. H. Carroll and has been carried on triumphantly in subsequent years by L. R. Scarborough.

It was my pleasure a few days later to speak at the Northern Baptist Seminary in Chicago. I was pleased beyond words. There are about 200 students in the institution. Dr. Ferguson is its president and they have a piece of property that is a joy to behold. The property is valued at \$650,000 and is out of debt. I preached the following Sunday night at the North Shore Church, of which Dr. Virgin is pastor. It is one of the great churches of the land and Dr. Virgin continues to grow in the hearts of the people though he has been there nearly a dozen years.

I spoke daily for several days at the First Baptist Church in Minneapolis. This is one of the great churches of the planet. The church was celebrating the 40th anniversary of the pastorate of Dr. W. B. Riley. The church is a combination of three institutions, a great church with several thousand members, the Bible School of 700 students, and the Seminary in its second year's session and still growing at a great rate and a marvelous encampment ground ten miles west of the city. The encampment grounds consist of a great auditorium, two or three hotels, restaurants and lodging places. The assembly owns 450 acres and has the use of 500 additional acres without cost. I heard one who has visited practically all the assembly grounds in America say that these surpassed any assembly property anywhere between the two oceans and probably not equaled by any in Europe. It is a marvel of grandeur and one of the great summer convocations of the Western hemisphere.

The First Church at Minneapolis including its various dormitories for the Bible School and the church proper embraces much more than an entire city block. Dr. Riley is recognized as the outstanding spiritual leader of that section of the nation. I have never seen anybody loved and revered more than Dr. and Mrs. Riley. Though their property is worth one million dollars, yet compared to the debts in our area theirs is small.

It was my privilege also to speak at the Swedish Seminary at St. Paul, known as the Bethel Seminary. It is a combination of a junior college and a seminary. I was surprised that the Baptist possessed such property in so close conjunction as that I have mentioned in Minneapolis and St. Paul. Graduates of the Bible School fill many of the leading pastorates of Minneapolis and the North and many of them are outstanding.

## Makes Protest Against Government Liquor Policy

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 18.—"For the first time in history the American government has officially entered the liquor business," said Captain Edward Page Gaston, reservist military officer and American founder of the World Prohibition Federation, in an address today before the Box Bible class of Emory M. E. Church, 6100 Georgia Avenue, N. W., to commemorate National Temperance Sunday. He said he founded the World Prohibition Federation in London nearly 30 years ago to work primarily with the governments of the world "against alcohol, opium and all habit-forming drugs," as its pronouncement says.

In his talk today at Emory Church Captain Gaston roundly denounced the Administration's official distillery operations in the Virgin Islands and its co-operation in placing on sale in this country the first of a series of large consignments of St. Croix rum, of which distribution through wholesale liquor dealers begins next week. "Millions of dollars of the financially distressed American taxpayers' money have been poured out prodigally on PWA and other projects by Secretary Ickes of the Department of the Interior to help the sparse population of St. Croix and other islands. The principal result is that this fiery rum, which is the leading financially profitable export of that bleak Caribbean sea dependency, will only deepen the alcoholic morass into which the national Administration has plunged our American people. The new rum bottle labels bear the name 'Virgin Islands Government Corporation,'" he said.

### The Administration's "Abject Surrender"

Gaston's denunciation today followed upon his presentation (and the adoption of) a resolution at a meeting of the United Dry Forces of the District of Columbia, of which he is a committee member. Everett M. Ellison, M. D., is president. This resolution voiced feeling of the organized "drys" of the national capital in entering their "emphatic protest against the action of the U. S. government in officially entering the liquor business by distilling Virgin Islands rum and participating in the distribution (at expense of the taxpayers) of this "Government House" liquor for consumption by the American public; by which means the degradation brought about by alcohol will be further deepened throughout our nation. We call upon the temperance forces, the churches and all other bodies and individuals having the welfare of the country at heart to denounce this step of political immorality on the part of an Administration which had already made an abject surrender to the arrogant American liquor traffic in return for its political and financial support. It is directed that a copy of this resolution be sent to President Roosevelt, Secretary of Interior Ickes and the press."

### SERVICES AT POTOSI

As we haven't seen anything from Potosi for some time we will say that we are still going along with all of our regular services. Today was not our regular preaching day, but we had a good Sunday School, and a good union at night; and we had Rev. C. D. Conn with us Sunday and he preached two good sermons. At 11 o'clock he preached on "The First Resurrection," and at the night service he preached on "The Second Coming of Christ."

Brother Conn is not a stranger in Abilene. At one time lived in Abilene and was a painter by trade. He joined the church and was baptized at Caps about 20 years ago. He went from here to the Moody Institute, and has since done evangelistic work in 38 states. They came to Abilene about a month ago, and expect to make their home here.

Mrs. Conn had never been here before but, like many others, when she saw Abilene she wanted to make it her home. So Abilene will be Brother Conn's headquarters, for the present at least.—E. N. MCCOY.

Mrs. N. W. Pitts taught Sunday School study course last week, ending April 16, on the book "True Functions of the Sunday School." There were 20 enrolled and attendance of 25. Every officer and teacher in the Sunday School took the examination. On Friday night a surprise birthday shower was given to Mrs. Pitts.

## DR. J. C. HARDY RESIGNS MARY HARDIN-BAYLOR; SUCCESSOR IS NAMED

Retirement of Dr. J. C. Hardy as president of Mary Hardin-Baylor College, and appointment of Dr. Gordon Grady Singleton of Mercer University to the position, was announced Tuesday night at a banquet climaxed a celebration of Dr. Hardy's 25th anniversary as president.

The retirement of the 72-year-old educator and Baptist leader was announced by the board of trustees at the close of a day during which at notable gathering of educators had honored Dr. Hardy for his service to the college and the State. Dr. Hardy was appointed president emeritus and will continue to be active in college affairs in that capacity.

Dr. Singleton, his successor, is well known to Texans. His wife was the former Hallie Jenkins of Waco, a daughter of the late Judge and Mrs. W. H. Jenkins. Judge Jenkins was for many years president of the board of trustees of Baylor University of Waco.

## MORAN CHURCH CLOSES GREAT REVIVAL MEETING

The First Baptist Church of Moran has just closed one of the greatest revivals in the history of the church. Rev. E. D. Dunlap, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Sweetwater, did the preaching. Many souls were saved, backsliders were reclaimed, the unenlisted were enlisted, and our people were drawn closer to God.

Great crowds gathered to hear this mighty man of God, and several times our church had overflowing crowds. Brother Dunlap did some of the greatest preaching I have ever heard. He kept self in the background and preached the Gospel with great power, and as a result children were saved, fathers and mothers were saved, business men were saved and grandfathers were saved. The young-est to trust Christ was seven years old and the oldest was 66 years old.

We standardized our Sunday School a few weeks back and we worked through the organizations of our school in reaching our people. Our people are looking forward to greater things, and we trust to so completely organize our forces as to give every individual member of the church something to do. Pray for us that we may lead our people to do greater things. The larger per cent of our people who were saved during the meeting united with the church by baptism and we had a great baptismal service Sunday evening.

T. L. NIPP, Pastor.

## MERKEL PASTOR HAS FINE N. M. REVIVAL

Rev. C. R. Joyner, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Merkel, has just returned from Monument, N. M., where he did the preaching in a fine revival. There were 29 additions to the church, 18 being by baptism. The Monument Church, in the very midst of the great Lee County oil fields, is only one year old, the church having been organized with 58 members. Brother W. R. Campbell is pastor of the church.

"We Baptists must not boast of our doctrines until we match our beliefs with our service.—Truett.

### ASSOCIATIONAL S.S. COURSE PLANNED FOR MAY 10-14

A Sweetwater Associational Sunday School training course in every church in the association is being planned for May 10-14. The Texas Baptist Sunday School department will send helpers to join in this association-wide training course, which will be held the week preceding the meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention. J. M. Cook, associational superintendent, is requesting the group leaders of the Sweetwater Associational Sunday School work to contact all pastors and Sunday School superintendents in every church in an effort to enlist every church in the training course.



SOME MORE ABOUT HELL  
The editor received the following letter this week from an Abilene woman:

Abilene, Texas

April 15, 1937.

Your statement in April 8th West Texas Baptist on hell is about the most ignorant statement I ever have seen by a supposed Bible student.

Thinking and reasoning men are coming to their senses and are learning that our preachers are teaching a false doctrine. You no doubt are one of those that preach hell fire and eternal punishment which has not a particle of support in the Bible. If you preachers would get in touch with God and learn how to interpret the Scripture you would see the light.

Your hell statement has no proof in the Bible. Hell is a place of darkness, silence, a pit, or the grave. When you die you will go to hell the same as Christ did. He went to hell, the grave, and was resurrected.

If you are a believer in that hell, a place of punishment, then you should get the light and sit down and study the Bible and ask God to give you His truth. I believe in the Bible but the interpretation the devil has given the preachers, has no place in my belief. The preachers of today have no more knowledge of God's word than the devil allows them to get, and that is going to carry them down. Why will preachers be so ignorant? It is simply to get a little salary; sell their souls for a mess of pottage.

People are beginning to think for themselves and not allow some nut of a so-called preacher to tell them that the Bible means what they say it does.

A bunch of preachers and bishops get together and make up the laws for the church to follow and then they expound that to their followers, the poor ignoramuses, and they suck it all down for the Gospel truth, when it is the works of the devil. Yes "there ain't no hell," only the grave; and the preachers better get right with God first.

Get right with God and you will see where you stand.

Yours in the Master's cause,

Well, we told you people didn't believe in a literal hell—a place of eternal punishment. In discussing the above rather "hot" letter with a friend (a Baptist, by the way), this friend said: "Certainly hell is not a place of eternal punishment. God is too just and good to consign a human being to such a place. My pastor doesn't believe in a literal hell, a place of eternal punishment."

This friend, like everyone else who rejects so many of the fundamental doctrines of the Bible, believes a part of the Bible, and other parts he rejects.

Speaking of hell, there is not so very much said in the New Testament about it, but what is said is plenty bad. One of the Greek words translated hell in the New Testament is the word Hades. The primary meaning of the word is the unseen world or state. Here are the references in the New Testament (King James) where Hades is translated hell: Matt. 11:23; 16:18; Luke 10:15; Acts 2:27, 31; Rev. 1:18; 6:8; 20:13, 14.

The other Greek word translated hell is Gehenna. The word appears in the following New Testament Scriptures Matt. 5:22, 29, 30; 10:28; 18:9; 23:15, 33; Mark 9:43, 45, 47; Luke 12:5; James 3:6. Jesus used the words in all the above references excepting the last, and they were words of warning of impending doom.

In the story Jesus gives in the 16th chapter of Luke, the word hell used is Hades. This is usually referred to as a parable. If it is a parable it is the only one in the Bible where names were called. This man was in Hades, he was conscious, he was in torment. Was this punishment eternal? Hades is the present abode of the wicked dead. In the 20th chapter of Revelation (v. 13) referring to the general judgment, the Scripture states that Hades gave up its dead to appear for judgment, and that after the judgment "death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire which is the second death."

Is this punishment eternal? In Rev. 19:20 it is stated that the beast (Continued on page 3)



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### CONGRATULATIONS, DR. HARDY.

On April 20 a special program honoring Dr. J. C. Hardy of Belton on the 25th anniversary of his connection with Mary Hardin-Baylor College. Dr. Hardy has wrought a monumental service to Christian education, and our Texas Baptist work in general in the building of a great girls' college at Belton. We congratulate him and the college on this eventful occasion.

### THE EVANGELISTIC CONFERENCE

Fort Worth Baptists are preparing to entertain the preachers who attend the preacher's evangelistic conference at the Southwestern Seminary May 31 to June 4, in a great way. Recently the Baptist pastors of Tarrant County passed the following resolutions unanimously:

"The Baptists of Fort Worth will take care of every pastor that attends the meeting on Seminary Hill, May 31 to June 4, with bed and breakfast free of charge, except those pastors who choose to stay at the Seminary. To those who stay at the Seminary, entertainment, which is 'room and board,' will cost \$1.00 per day." This is a most generous consideration on the part of these fine pastors in Fort Worth and Tarrant County.

### SOUTH TEXAS BAPTISTS

"The District Evangel," newly established weekly Baptist news magazine published by E. C. Curtis at San Antonio for Districts 5, 6 and 15, is receiving a hearty reception by the Baptist pastors and institutions in that section. Brother Curtis' ambition is to build a South Texas Baptist publishing house and a printing plant was recently installed with the end in view of building such a publishing plant.

South Texas is a mighty empire within itself, and it is a vast mission field that is a challenge to the Baptists in that section as well as to all Southern Baptists.

We congratulate Brother Curtis and wish him well in the new venture, and we also hazard this little suggestion. Hit, Brother Editor, while the iron's hot! Remember, a new broom sweeps clean, so the time to sweep is while the sweeping's real good. If we could get a little of that South Texas enthusiasm generated out this way for the West Texas Baptist, believe we'd know how to use it.

### PRAYER OF A PREACHER'S WIFE

There are many fine, capable, God-fearing preachers in the world who have, by heroic sacrifice and unrelenting toil, won for themselves "a good report" here, and great reward for the life hereafter. But, of all the heroic self-sacrificing servants of God, none, perhaps, are more deserving of honor than the true pastor's wife. It is she that has to bear the brunt of the tremendous sacrifice that so many preachers have to pay.

Last week we received a letter and a poem "Prayer of a Preacher's Wife." It isn't often that we publish anonymous material, but we are passing this poem, along with the letter, right on to our readers:

Brother Malone, I do so enjoy your radio programs. I am glad you are letting Brother Mayes from Baird sing more. I enjoy his songs and their messages so much. I am sending you a prayer that is in my heart. If you would care to publish it in the West Texas Baptist you may do so. This is the prayer of one minister's wife for her husband. I shall not sign this letter because you know me and I'd rather have the writer of this poem remain anonymous. It is not the first poem I have written, but it is the first I have given any one the permission to publish.

Father, look down from Heaven above,  
And hear this prayer for the man that I love.  
Realizing that he can do nothing alone:  
I pray, Father, keep him near the throne.  
Give him the message that he should speak;  
Give him courage where he is weak.  
As before his people he stands,  
May they see the Christ, and not the man.  
Help him hold Jesus high, on the Cross,  
Touch the indifferent, seek out the lost,  
Father, give him just the words to say  
To souls in darkness along his way.  
Give him strength and courage thy laborer to be,  
Forsaking the world and following Thee.  
For myself, dear Lord, I pray:  
Forbid that I'd ever stand in his way.  
I'd realize the honor to him that was given,  
When Thou looked down from Thy throne in Heaven,  
And said, "Go out in the world and preach,  
And ever keep striving lost souls to reach."  
In the name of Thy Son, dear Father above,  
I'm praying this prayer for the man that I love.

If we cannot find a corner of the day for meditation in the school of Christ, then we must take something out and make room for it.—J. H. Jowett.

## Think On These Things

C. C. Andrews, Baird, Texas

"For ye are bought with a price"; the price was the "precious blood of Christ."

"For ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, but with the precious blood of Christ."

Every one is included in the purchase. "For by the offense of one (Adam) judgment came upon all men to condemnation, even so by the righteousness of (Christ) one the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life."

The benefits of this purchase individually is in effect when one believes in Christ.

To "believe in Christ" in order to enjoy the effect of this purchase one must include, "receive Him," "trust Him," "accept Him," "submit to Him," "commit to Him," and "take him."

The purchase price was made in full, no deferred payments due, and is offered to every one of Adam's race freely, and is in effect only to the one who has or will receive Christ as their personal Savior.

The things which I have written above are taught in the following Scriptures: "The Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all." "We see Jesus, who by the grace of God should taste death for every man." "He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world." "He came unto his own, and his own received him not, but as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name." "In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation." "Whosoever will let him take the water of life freely." "The gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."

## Devotional Thoughts

### UNAFRAID

With my Dear Savior by my side,  
Mysterious still my path may be,  
While in His love I still abide,  
He will help and comfort give to me.

Though paths may lead through roughest ways,  
He'll always guide my weary feet  
Through tireless years and endless days,  
At last my Savior I shall meet.

Through faith in Him, I shall at last,  
Come out triumphant and secure,  
When the stress and toil of life is past,  
I will know my peace in Him is sure.

Lord, lead me on still unafraid  
To victory in Thy precious love,  
And let my soul be not dismayed,  
Until I dwell with Thee above.

—MARGARET HALL KELLER,  
Louisville, Ky., in Western Recorder.

### THE CHAINED EAGLE

Dr. Biederwolf tells the story: "Some years ago in a little town out West a crowd of men was gathered about a store window. On the inside was a large American eagle. It was fastened by one of its feet to a chain which was secured at the other end by a ring in the floor. It had been held in captivity this way for some months and had become seemingly indifferent to its condition. While the men were looking at the huge bird a tall, young mountaineer pushed his way through the crowd and entered the store. He asked the proprietor what he would take for the eagle, and the man said, 'Two Dollars.' The young man took some money from his pocket and paid the price and the keeper of the store unfastened the chain and handed the eagle to him. Followed by the crowd he carried the great bird down the street until he came to a sign board and on top of this he placed the once captive child of the skies. But the great bird remained motionless and the crowd was disappointed. It had been so long bound down to this earth that it didn't care any longer to fly.

"But just then it raised its head and the sun, high up in the mountain, struck its eye, and it seemed to remember that it was an eagle and that its home was up yonder among the crags and the cliffs. It lifted first one foot and then the other as if to make sure of its freedom, and then, as if to make sure of its power it lifted first one wing and then the other, and with a shriek and a bound it flew away, and as the crowd cheered it flew higher and higher until it was lost in the face of the sun.

"I used to see that bird high up in the mountains while I was tending sheep," said the young mountaineer, "and when I saw it chained down in that store window I couldn't stand it. It belongs up above, and was never meant for a place like that."

Thus it is with man who is held as a captive by the devil. He finally becomes so utterly earthbound that he forgets that he is the offspring of God created in His image. By God's revelation through Christ who lived, died, and rose from the dead, we have a new vision of man's divine possibilities and that he was made to live for higher things.—The Lutheran Herald.

### OUR BEST

You can't afford to lend your time, your effort, your energies, to anything but your best. What would you think of a man at the head of a big business who would go out on the sidewalk and play marbles during business hours?

There are multitudes of people who have splendid business ability and a great message for the world and yet they are playing marbles much of the time, doing things much of the time that are not worth while, that are unworthy of them.

If backing up the best thing in you with all your might will not bring success, certainly the backing up of your second-best can't bring success.—O. S. M. in Exchange.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

DR. HIGHT C. MOORE

For Sunday, April 25, 1937

### THE OBEDIENCE OF NOAH

Read Genesis 5:28 to 9:28 Study Genesis 8:20-22: 9:8-17

Before the Flood there was (1) a **bad world**. The race had multiplied and advanced wonderfully. But men's thoughts were evil only and continually. Hence the earth was rent with violence and strife. There was (2) a **good man**. His name was Noah. He found grace in the eyes of the Lord. He was a preacher of righteousness (2 Peter 2:5), a reformer who set his face against the sins of his time. He was a prophet who foretold the overthrow of wickedness and pleaded with his fellow men so insistently that, according to Josephus, he was afraid they would kill him. There was (3) the **aggrieved Creator**. Why did he determine to destroy man from the face of the earth? It was a decree of mercy to total humanity as well as a blade of justice upon the millions who themselves were cutting each other to pieces. It also gave the strongest possible expression to the divine estimate of sin and left a monumental warning for the ages to come. Yet righteousness, though embodied in the minority, is indestructible with the mass. So there was (4) a **protecting ark**. Therein gracious provision was made for Noah as a man of obedience and of faith. By his wicked fellow men the Ark-builder was regarded a visionary; and when, announcing a forthcoming flood, he and his family with a multitude of animals entered the Ark there was doubtless a storm of ridicule.

During the Flood Noah's faith had its test and its triumph. There was a whole week of waiting within the Ark before there was any sign of the prophesied flood. But then the downpouring rains met and mingled with the upbursting fountains and the inflowing seas. First, the plains were covered; then the valleys were filled; and now the mountains were submerged by the swiftly uprising waters. For 40 days and nights the pouring rain, and the heaving deep wrought steadily. For five months the Ark was upborne until the submergence of evil and the recleaning of the world were accomplished. Then the destroying waters sank back to their accustomed places. The Ark was left at rest on the mountains of Ararat in the tableland of Armenia. In due season Noah and his family were hidden to emerge from the Ark and repossess the renovated earth.

After the flood came the altar on the mountains and the bow in the cloud.

#### 1. The Worship of God (Genesis 8)

The altar featured the worship of God. The flood was over. Noah and his family and the animals had emerged from the Ark to reoccupy the desolated earth and replenish the wasted world. A new dispensation began with Noah as the second head of the human race. Happily this new period opened with worship, for Noah built an altar unto the Lord. Burnt offerings including every kind of clean beast and fowl were sacrificed upon the altar. A sweet savor ascended therefrom to Jehovah who determined that he would not again curse the ground for man's sake, as by the deluge he had just smitten every living thing. Moreover, he determined that as long as the earth remains "seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease." So the Lord appeared to Noah at the place of worship and entered into a covenant with him.

#### 2. The Covenant with God (Genesis 9)

The rainbow featured the covenant with God. Note (1) the **promise**. The immediate auditors were Noah and his sons with him. But the covenant was not for them alone. It included also their descendants to the end of time. Moreover, it included every living creature from those in the ark to every beast of the earth. How wide and far-reaching is the mercy of God! Gracious was the divine agreement which the Lord God was willing to make with sinful man. The specific promise made to Noah and his sons was that never again shall the world be enveloped and laid waste by a deluge such as that which had just receded. Never again shall all flesh be exterminated by the waters of the flood. How gracious and welcome must have been the promise to those who first heard it. Note (2) the **pledge**. The command to Noah and his sons dealt particularly with human life in its transmission, its superiority, its support, and its protection. In token of the covenant between Jehovah and the earth he set his bow in the cloud—a natural phenomenon, by Coleridge styled "that gracious thing made up of tears and light." Henceforth, through all the ages the rainbow in its universality, beauty, and union of heaven and earth shall be the striking memorial of a Flood unreturning and of a covenant unending.

We turn from a sketch of Noah impressed with the fact that, in his life as a whole, he was a man of genuine faith and faithfulness. He was worthy to be classed by Ezekiel with Daniel and Job (Ezek. 14:14); to figure repeatedly in the teachings of Jesus; to appear in Paul's register of the heroes of faith (Heb. 11:7); and to be designated by Peter as the "preacher" of the anti-diluvian world.

#### Gold in the Golden Text

By faith, Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house.—Hebrews 11:7.

Noah believed God. When God spoke to him, he heard. What God revealed to him, he accepted as if already accomplished fact.

Noah feared God. The majesty and might of God gave him pause. But especially the warnings of God made him stand aghast with awe.

#### Home Daily Bible Readings

Monday—God's Promise to Noah. Gen. 8:20-22.  
Tuesday—The Covenant of the Rainbow. Gen. 9:8-17.  
Wednesday—The Righteous Protected. Psalm 91:1-6.  
Thursday—Obedience and Prosperity. Deut. 30:6-10.  
Friday—Love, the Motive of Obedience. John 14:21-26.  
Saturday—Spiritual Blessings Promised. Psalm 24:1-5.  
Sunday—Learning Obedience. Heb. 5:1-9.

A new emphasis is being laid on evangelism by the Baptists of England. Dr. M. E. Aubrey, secretary of the Baptist Union, says: "It is the dominating note of the forward movement campaign. The churches of Christ must evangelize or perish." One English churchman expresses it with startling emphasis, "If the Christian churches do not awaken England, England will wake up outside the churches."



## OUR WEEKLY SERMON

### SECURITY OF THE BELIEVER

Why A Soul Once Saved by Grace Can Never Be Lost  
(Theme Suggested by Rom. 8th Ch.)

By A. A. DAVIS, Pastor  
First Baptist Church, Carbon, Texas

1. God purposed in His heart to give Eternal life to us.—Eph. 1:9; Acts 13:48.

2. God promised what he purposed.—John 3:14-16; Titus 1:1-2; John 2:2-25.

3. God gave and gives what he purposed and promised.—John 10:27-29; I John 5:10-12; Rom. 6:23; John 3:36.

4. Believers receive and possess what God purposed, promised and gave.—John 5:24, I John 5:13; John 3:18.

5. Believers are born of God—born again.—John 3:6; I John 5:1; I Peter 1:23; I John 3:9; II Cor. 5:17.

6. By this new birth the child partakes of the Divine Nature.—II Peter 1:4.

7. The Inward Man (new man) is born of God, and sinless.—I John 3:9. Cannot sin, neither can Satan touch him.—I John 5:18. He is sealed by Holy Spirit.—Eph. 1:13; Eph. 4:30; II Cor. 1:22. The outward man (flesh) born of woman.—Job 14:1. Is sinful.—Rom. 7:18-24. And is perishing.—II Cor. 4:16; Rom. 7:22.

8. Believers are not under the law.—Rom. 6:14-15; Rom. 5:13; Rom. 8:33; II Cor. 5:19-21.

9. God finished the work when he began it. He does not save on the installment plan.—Phil. 1:6; Heb. 12:2.

10. The covenant between Father and Son secures them.—Heb. 6:16-20; Ps. 89:19-27-24.

11. Covenant between God and His people secures them.—Jer. 31:31; Jer. 32:40.

12. God makes oath to them.—Isa. 54:7-10; Heb. 6:13-20. When we have another flood, as Noah's flood, then there will be danger of God losing his honor. It all hinges on the character of God.

13. Christ calls them his sheep and gives them Eternal life.—John 10:27-29. The true believer has Eternal life.—I John 5:10-12.

14. The relation as God's child sustains him. "Joint heirs with Christ."—Rom. 8:16.

15. God keeps His children: "Kept by the Power of God."—I Peter 1:3-6. "I will in no wise cast out."—John 6:37. "He is able to keep, etc."—II Timothy 1:12. "The Lord shall deliver me from every evil work."—II Tim. 4:18.

16. Christ prays for His children and is always heard.—Heb. 7:25; John 17:9-11-20-24.

17. Christ's blood cleanses from all sin.—I John 1:7; Eph. 1:7; Col. 1:14; Rom. 3:25.

18. Believers life is hid with Christ in God.—Col. 3:3.

19. Sin is not imputed to the Believer.—Rom. 4:5-8.

20. Believers overcome the world.—I John 5:4.

21. Their names are therefore written in Heaven and will never be blotted out.—Luke 10:20; I John 5:4; Rev. 2:11; Rev. 3:5.

22. There is no Condemnation to the Believer (Rom. 8:1). He is free from sin (Rom. 6:17) and nothing (man, beast, angel, or power) above, on earth, or below; yesterday, today or tomorrow that can separate us from the Love of God.—Rom. 8:35-39.

### Other Reasons Why We Believe the Believer is Sure of Heaven

1. Otherwise it would involve God in a falsehood.—II Tim. 2:19.

2. It would be an indictment against His power.—Heb. 7:25.

3. It would be a defeat of His eternal purpose.—Eph. 1:9.

4. It would rob God of His honor.—John 3:16.

5. It would unavoidably make salvation by works. It would make void Eph. 2:8.

6. It would make sinners conditions in some respects better than Christians. Sinners saved by Grace—Christians saved by Holding Out.

7. It would place a premium on Delay in deciding for Christ. Sinners would say, "I'll wait till 30 minutes before I die—I won't have so long to hold out."

8. Once fallen Christians would have to kill Christ again. God will not allow this.—Heb. 6:4-6. This calls for a second plan of salvation. One for sinners—another for fallen Christians.

9. A puzzling question would arise, "How many sins can I commit and still be saved?" No one could have assurance of Heaven.

10. Otherwise it would make foolish the rejoicing of the angels.—Luke

15:10, and Rom. 8:38-39, is meaningless and worthless.

11. Men fell in Adam—if they fall in Christ—Christ is no greater than Adam and the world has no Savior. Satan has overpowered God, and men should worship Him instead of God.

### 12. One Great Objection Usually Offered:

"If I believed that, I'd sin all I want to." "It is a dangerous doctrine."

The objector—if he is honest, and understands the objection, is lost. He admits he still loves sin, only has a fence built around it. See I John 2:15, II Peter 2:22; I John 2:19. Is it dangerous for God to love His child and save Him from hell?

### FROM THE WATCHTOWER

(Continued from page 1)

was taken and with him the false prophet... these both were cast alive into the lake of fire burning with brimstone. The next chapter says that Satan was bound and cast into a bottomless pit for a thousand years.

At the end of the thousand years he was loosed for a little season, then (20:10) "the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever." Notice the beast and false prophet had been in the lake of fire during the thousand years and were still there when the devil was cast in with them. The last verse says, "And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire."

In Mark 9:42-49 Jesus three times warns of the awfulness of hell (Gehenna), "into the fire that shall never be quenched. Where the worm dieth not and the first is not quenched."

I do not know whether hell is a place of literal fire and brimstone or not. This language is probably figurative. But whatever and wherever hell is it is a place of eternal punishment. Either that is true or Jesus deliberately deceived the people.

As far as I am concerned I am going to believe the Bible, and believe every bit of it, or I am going to reject the whole thing. People keep talking about the progress of science making the Bible all out of date. I repeat what I have said often of late years and that is if anyone will show me where one single proof of science contradicts one single truth in the Bible, I'll discard the old Book and never preach another sermon. Now if some of these modern highbrows want to get rid of one more preacher let them come across with some of their facts of science. And remember, I am talking about proven facts and not theories.

### CROSS WORD PUZZLE

If you have been keeping up on my cross word puzzles you have observed that I am having a pretty hard time keeping errors of some kind out of them. This week I received a letter with an answer to the puzzle in the issue of April 8, from my good friend, Ernest Keathley of Colorado. Mrs. Keathley had discovered the mistake. In the answer to the puzzle I showed Hodi to be the answer to 12 across when it should have been Harim. The answer showed Dei to be the answer to 14 across when it should have been Rei. Believe me, I put enough hard work on making these puzzles each week to keep errors out of them, but it is hard to do.

And by the way, Mrs. Lottie Bell of the Onyx Refining Company camp north of Abilene, sent in a good puzzle this week, but it was eleven squares, instead of nine. Our forms are set for the nine squares, and they can not be changed very easily. Try it again, Mrs. Bell, on the nine squares, and we'll be glad to publish it.

I referred above to Brother Ernest Keathley of Colorado. He is owner and proprietor of the Alamo hotel in that city. He always furnishes free lodging to preachers and invited the editor up to work the city for subscriptions and be his guest. Mrs. Dr. J. H. Ball of Abilene is Mrs. Keathley's sister, and Mrs. C. M. Caldwell of Abilene, is Mr. Keathley's half-sister.

Well, I am making this department much too long, but as the brethren failed to send in copy, just had to fill up with something, hence the long dissertation on hell and other things.

## ON THE FIELD

With Hardin-Simmons Preachers

### J. William Arnett

Our campus meeting, in which Pastor P. D. O'Brien of Colorado did the preaching, was one that did us all good. Brother O'Brien was the means by which God spoke into our hearts great truths and inspiring messages. We love Brother Dick for the work's sake.

Sunday marked the date for the reaching of the standard by the Parks Baptist Sunday School, Stevens County. (The standard is a worthy goal for any Sunday School to strive to reach; not only a Sunday School, but we should as individuals try to attain to the standard). There is an increasing interest being manifest in the church activities. July 14 is the time set for the beginning of the Revival services, and the pastor, Alton B. Mosley, is to do the preaching.

Brother Charles Dickson was in a B. T. U. training school with Pastor H. B. Naylor and the Buford Church, Mitchell County, recently.

Brother Almon Norris did the preaching in a week-end revival recently at Notla, on the plains. There were two conversions and two rededications. Almon will be with this people again in August for a two weeks meeting.

The Content Baptist Church, Runnels County, has called Brother Almon Norris as their pastor.

Brother Powell and Mrs. Fielder were with Pastor Alexander and the Hittson Church in a study course recently.

The B. S. U. of Hardin-Simmons had a fine service at Westbrook Sunday night. Charles Dickson, Selby Aswell, Dexter Riddle and Reba Williams were with the group. There were six additions to the church, one for baptism. They were with Fourth Street Church, Big Spring, Sunday morning.

Dr. D. W. Arnett supplied for the First Church, Stamford, Sunday morning.

J. W. Arnett supplied at New Hope, Knox County, Sunday. The attendance was small but the services were good.

## News Notes

There were nine additions to the church at Rochester as a result of the recent revival. Rev. Roy Shahan of Rule did the preaching. Brother Lowell Ponder is pastor at Rochester.

Mrs. B. L. Lockett, returned missionary from Africa, will teach the book on the life of her husband at an all-day W. M. S. meeting at the First Baptist Church, Stamford, Friday. Mrs. Howard Spencer is president of the Stamford W. M. U.

A home-coming for all former pastors and members of the Lueders Baptist Church will be held May 2. The occasion is the celebration of the completion of the new church building. Pastor Fred Moreland is doing a fine work at Lueders.

Pastor T. L. Nipp baptized 14 at the close of the meeting at Moran. Pastor E. D. Dunlap of Sweetwater did the preaching in the meeting. There was much interest in the meeting from the very beginning, and large crowds attended the services.

Pastor C. A. Powell of University Church will do the preaching in a meeting with Pastor W. M. Joslin and the First Church, Albany, beginning June 6. Johnny Cohen of Palestine, will have charge of the song services.

Rev. Hal C. Wingo, pastor of the church at Gonzales, is doing the preaching in a meeting with the Rockwood Church, near Coleman. Rev. Melvin Shaw is pastor of the church.

Pastor A. A. Davies of the Carbon Church has just closed an eight weeks Bible school with his church, teaching the book of Romans. There was fine interest throughout the school. The pastor states that he took a special mission offering at the close of the school, and received the best and easiest mission offering during his five year stay at Carbon.

## FORMER WEST TEXAN WRITES FROM IOWA

Rev. S. A. Jones of Lemars, Iowa, graduate of Hardin-Simmons and the Southwestern Seminary, who has been pastoring churches in South Dakota, Nebraska and Iowa for the past twelve years, sends us the following interesting letter about his work in the North. We appreciate what he says about the West Texas Baptist, and especially what he says about church publicity and the preacher. You will enjoy reading Brother Jones' letter.—Editor's Note.

Dear Editor:

You will find enclosed the one dollar for which you will renew my subscription to the West Texas Baptist for another year. Thank you for the offer, for I would hate to be without the message from home that comes through the West Texas Baptist. Perhaps it would be hard for me to get new subscribers for the paper, since I live in "no man's land" as far as West Texas Baptists are concerned. However, there is one here in this far away clime who still loves the West Texas Baptist and is glad that you have decided to let the paper carry the name that justly belongs to it. I appreciate the new program that you are endeavoring to put on in your publication. I especially enjoy the Watchtower, edited by Sam himself. Recently you wrote an article on publicity that deserves special attention by our Baptist preachers, and it struck just where I live. When I first became a resident pastor, I knew nothing of the value of publicity of church activities. I had to learn this by actual experience, as well as how to prepare my news for the papers in an attractive way. By hard work I have learned this art which makes my work much more effective. There is never a week but what the two weekly papers of my city have a complete write-up of my week's church activities. I find the editors are glad to have the news that I have to offer, and the people are glad to read it. It brings results to the church. I am sure it would be of great benefit if every ministerial student was forced to take enough Journalism so that he could write a decent article in behalf of his church when he becomes pastor on a field. Therefore, what the editor of the West Texas Baptist says, is a timely word.

Perhaps my friends would be glad to have just a little report of myself, since I have taken up the pastorate in the state of Iowa. I am finding the brotherhood very cordial, and very much interested in the ongoing of the Kingdom of God. Some of them, perhaps, have a little different slant or view, on some of the Baptist fundamentals. However, I find the majority of them true and loyal to the cause of our Master. Some splendid Baptist work is being done in this state. The denomination is much larger in this state than it is in either South Dakota or Nebraska where I formerly labored. Yet there is not any more consecration or enthusiasm among the people than in either one of those states.

I am very much enjoying my work in LeMars. There has been quite a bit of progress in our church since I began the first of September. I have received ninety into the membership of the church and the enrollment of the Sunday School has increased, as well as the attendance in the other services. Our prayer service each week is well attended, and very spiritual. I feel that I have one of the largest opportunities here that I have had since I left school. First of all, our city has 5000 population, which gives me a greater number of people to contact, and this is a college town with a splendid college of another denomination that affords the Baptist pastor some opportunities of contact that will not let his mind shrivel up from the educational point of view, since he is called upon to speak on various occasions. Another reason for our needed opportunity, our church is a downtown church, making it convenient to the hotels and rooming houses, where we get some people for church attendance. Our building is large enough for our needs, and very very beautiful and convenient in its structure. Taking all things under consideration I feel that I should have a very profitable pastorate here. I hope my friends there shall remember me with prayer, as I endeavor to do the same kind of work here that I would do in some West Texas church. God's work is as important in one field as another, and we should be loyal to God and his word and work, and when we do that we get the same response from His people.

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## OUTLINE OF OLD TESTAMENT STUDY

By The Editor  
BOOK OF JUDGES

The Book of Judges covers a period of about 300 years. The book records seven apostacies during this period of time. No wonder this is referred to as the dark ages of Israel's history. Seven times Israel was led away from God by the sin and idolatry of the heathen nations that inhabited the land. The instruction Jehovah had given Israel was to drive out and utterly destroy these wicked people. Israel failed to obey God, and despite the repeated warning of Moses and Joshua of the consequences of forsaking Jehovah for other gods, Israel went into sin repeatedly, and as Jehovah had promised, they were delivered into the hands of their enemies.

The key verse showing the conditions of the times is "every man did that which was right in his own eye" (17:6).

The book gets its name from the 13 judges who ruled over Israel during this period.

### Outline of Judges

I. The first three chapters give the occasion for the oppression of Israel. Briefly summed up the facts were that Israel failed to destroy these nations as God had commanded. These chapters tell us that a new generation grew up "which knew not the Lord," and "the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the Lord, and served Baalim." And then comes God's judgment: "And the anger of the Lord was hot against Israel, and he delivered them into the hands of spoilers that spoiled them, and he sold them into the hands of their enemies round about, so that they could not any longer stand before their enemies."

II. From Othniel to Sampson (3:5-16:31). The names of the enemies that overran Israel, and the Judges who delivered them are as follows:

Oppressors Deliverers  
1. Mesopotamians Othniel (3:5-11)  
2. Moabites Ehud (3:12-20)

3. Philistines Shamgar (3:31)  
4. Canaanites Deborah (Chs. 4-5)  
5. Mideonites Gideon (Chs. 6-8)  
6. Next three Judges were Abimelech, Tola, Jan (Chs. 9-10).  
7. Ammonites Jephthah (9:1-12:7)  
8. Philistines Samson (Chs. 13-16)  
III. Civil and Religious Strife Among the Tribes of Israel (Chs. 17-21).

For our next study read the first twelve chapters of the Book of Judges. Study especially chapters six to eight about Gideon's victories over the Mideonites.

Tune in on radio station KRBC next Wednesday afternoon at 3:05 o'clock for a discussion of the lesson.

### ANSWER TO THIS WEEK'S PUZZLE

#### Across

1. SHEM 18. BATHS  
5. BERA 21. AHER  
9. ESAU 23. TAN  
10. EBED 25. BARA  
11. RUS. 26. BARN  
12. REBA 27. EMIT  
13. TABOR 28. IRKS  
16. RUT

#### Down

1. SERF 15. BUT  
2. H. S. U. 17. BABE  
3. EAST 18. BERI  
4. MU 19. STAR  
5. BEROETH 20. INNS  
6. EBER 22. HAM  
7. REB. 24. ARK  
8. ADAR 26. B. I. (Bible Institute).  
14. ARARAT

Sunday was a busy day as well as a happy day for the White Flat Church and Pastor Arvil Richardson. One candidate was baptized into the membership of the church, and two others united by letter. The time for the meeting was set to begin the first Sunday in July, and the pastor will do the preaching.

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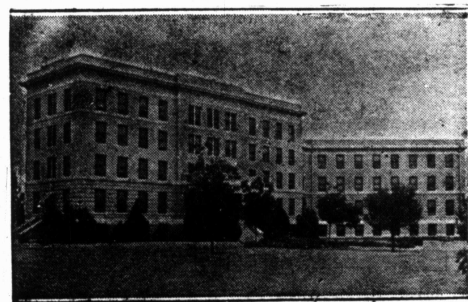
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## Hardin-Simmons News

### 3000 SENIORS EXPECTED ON H.-S. U. CAMPUS SATURDAY

Hardin-Simmons faculty and students are bringing their plans of entertainment for the high school senior day, which is next Saturday, April 24, to a close. Three thousand visitors are expected. Parramore field will be opened at 10 o'clock for the assembling of the various high school groups. At 10:30 the Cowboy band will open the day's program. John Endicott and Ann Rader, xylophone artists, and Gene Estes, accordion player, will give solos. Girls' quartet, composed of Joy Pender, Mildred Jenkins, Etewanda Riddle, and Ruth Carr, will sing. Avery Lee, Aaron Grant, J. L. Dixon, and Wilson Gilbert, boys' quartet, will also sing.

#### Sandefer To Talk

Women's physical education class and Otho Polk's tumbling team will present stunts. A pantomime will be given by the speech department, and President Sandefer will deliver a short address to welcome the guests. A picnic lunch will be served at 12:15 in the grove near the cafeteria. Miss May Kelly is the general foods chairman, and she will be assisted by approximately 150 women.

#### Cowgirls Will Usher

Cowgirls will usher and act as guides throughout the day. Prof. Ira Ribble is in charge of registration of the seniors.

During the afternoon organizations will show their exhibits. Science club, Archaeological club, and the publications, the Brand and Bronco, will have their own demonstrations. There will be "open house" in the offices, library, dormitories, science hall, Abilene hall, and fine arts building.

#### To See Game

Main feature of the afternoon entertainment will be a football game between two teams of the Cowboy squad to begin at 3:30 in the Cowboy stadium. Alton Terry, Hardin-Simmons' national champion javelin thrower, will perform at the half.

#### 7,000 Invitations

Over 7,000 invitations to the event have been mailed out from the office of Harry Hayes, field representative, to high school seniors and presidents of last year classes throughout West Texas. "We are trying to make the program for April 24 the best senior day yet held," Hayes declared.

Activities are being sponsored by the Women's Missionary Societies of the Baptist churches of Abilene. Dr. Rupert N. Richardson, vice-president of the university, directed the meeting of gof patrons when officers were named for this spring's function. They are Mrs. J. M. Chandler, general chairman; Mrs. W. C. Ashford, secretary; Miss May Kelly, menu chairman; Mrs. George S. Anderson, publicity director; and Mrs. C. C. Stewart, home reservations chairman.

#### Summer Courses Range From Radio To Coaching

Six new courses, ranging from radio speech to coaching major sports, are included in the Hardin-Simmons summer school catalog now being mailed to hundreds of information seekers.

Two six weeks terms will supplant the usual eight weeks session this year. Six semester hours will be allowed each term or a maximum of twelve for the two periods. Registration for each will be June 3 and July 13, Dr. R. A. Collins, dean of the summer school, announces.

The new courses include Coach Frank Kimbrough's three hour course in coaching, both lectures and field work; radio speech and use of the university's new broadcasting facilities; the administration and direction of learning, supervision in the secondary school, the works of Matthew Arnold and Middle English, the latter two in the education and English departments.

Abilene high school's Eagle band, one of the 30 that converged on Abilene and Hardin-Simmons university for the 10th annual band festival at H-SU, carried off the \$350 sweepstakes cup at presentation ceremonies at the university last week.

Bringing an estimated 3,000 visitors to Abilene, the festival was highlighted Saturday afternoon by a parade that packed downtown Abilene with spectators and shoppers. The shoppers made the occasion to serve a double purpose. They came with sons and daughters or friends to the festival, saw the parade, heard the concerts at the H-SU auditorium at night, and did their shopping as well.

"Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him."—I John 2:15.

## B. T. U. NEWS

### TEXAS LEADS THE WORLD IN B. T. U.

The report that will be presented to the Southern Baptist Convention will show that there are 8,510 unions with a membership of 167,751 in Texas. Texas not only leads the South in number of organizations but in efficient work done. There are more standard unions in Texas than in any other state.

There are more diplomas and seals issued to Texas Baptists than are issued to several other states combined. More B. T. U. diplomas and seals were issued to Texas Baptists during March than were issued to thirteen states combined. In other words, there were 6,751 diplomas and seals issued to Texas Baptists alone, while 6,332 were issued to the other thirteen states combined. The records by states for March are given below.

State and number of awards issued: Alabama, 948; Arizona, 0; Florida, 564; Georgia, 1,105; Illinois, 262; Kentucky, 244; Louisiana, 141; Maryland, 242; District of Columbia, 0; Mississippi, 719; New Mexico, 265; North Carolina, 1,005; South Carolina, 837; Total, 6,332.

Total number issued to Texas Baptists, 6,751.

### B. T. U. WORK IN DISTRICT 16 MOVES FORWARD

Rev. J. Ralph Grant, pastor of Park Heights Baptist Church, San Angelo, is president of District 16 B. T. U. convention. Brother Grant has on a campaign in his church now to enroll one hundred new B. T. U. members this month. If he is successful in this enlargement campaign, it will bring the enrollment of the B. T. U. in his church up to a little over four hundred.

President Grant is inspiring the leaders in the churches within his district to conduct special B. T. U. training schools. The churches within the district that have received diplomas or seals recently are listed below:

Name of town, church, and number of awards are given in order: Brady, Central, 20; Brady, First, 40; Next, Baptist, 12; London, Baptist, 29; Rochelle, Baptist, 39; Voca, Liberty, 45; Brooksmith, Jones Chapel, 7; Brownwood, First, 75; Talpa, Immanuel, 57; Proctor, Baptist, 9; San Angelo, First, 86; San Angelo, Harriett Baptist, 11; San Angelo, Immanuel, 92; San Angelo, Park Heights, 106; Veribest, Baptist, 13; Wall, Friendship, 11; Robert Lee, Baptist, 19.

### B. T. U. WORK IN DISTRICT 17

An effort is being made to set up the fully graded B. T. U. organization in every church in District 17. It is the opinion of our B. T. U. leaders that every member of every church should attend the B. T. U. every Sunday night.

Rev. Roy Shahan, Rule, is our district B. T. U. president. Rev. B. N. Shepherd, Abilene, is our district missionary. These two men are doing their best to get every church within the district to have a real B. T. U. training school at an early date. The churches that have recently conducted training schools and have received diplomas and seals are listed below:

Breckenridge, First, 86; McCaulley, Baptist, 33; Rule, First, 64; Abilene, First, 1; Sweetwater, Lamar Street, 14.

### REVIVAL AT DESDEMONA

I spent last week in a church revival with Rev. H. N. Balderree and the Desdemona Church. Despite weather conditions and the absence of the good pastor for three days, the congregations increased from day to day. The church was greatly revived and a move was on to go on a "tithing basis."

A man 85 years of age confessed Christ as Savior during the meeting. For this Christians rejoiced and sinners were made to realize their need of a Savior.

Bro. Balderree and his consecrated wife are deeply entrenched in the hearts of their people. They are doing a great work in Desdemona and we are expecting still greater things from them.—J. T. King, Rising Star.

Pastor W. R. Derr baptized about 12 Sunday night as a result of the recent revival. Rev. Virgil Reynolds of Trinity Church, Abilene, preached at the morning services and conducted the music. The pastor did the preaching at the evening services.

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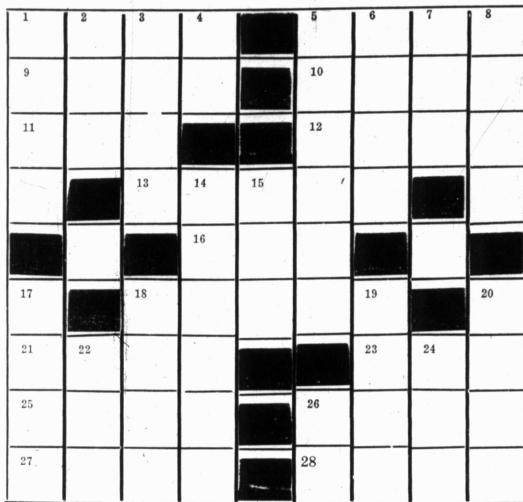
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### ACROSS

- Son of Noah, from whom sprang the Jewish race.
- King of Sodom at the time Abraham rescued Lot (Gen. 14:2).
- Twin brother of Jacob.
- A Jew who accompanied Ezra from Babylon to Jerusalem (Ezra 8:6).
- Latin word for country.
- One of the five kings of Median, slain by the Israelites (Josh. 13:21).
- Mountain in Palestine, thought by some to be Mt. of Transfiguration (Judges 4:6).
- Track of a wheel.
- Vessels holding water for bathing.
- A Benjamite (1 Chr. 7:12).
- Sunburnt.
- Hebrew word used in Gen. 1:1, meaning to make something out of nothing.
- Storage for grain.
- Send forth.
- Makes weary.

### DOWN

- A slave of the soil.
- A noted Western university.
- Direction. "As far as the ..."

is from the West, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us."

- A Greek letter.
- One of the four cities of the Hivites. Spelled with double ee in Josh. 9:17.
- Son of Salah (Gen. 10:21).
- Abbreviation for wife of Isaac.
- Twelfth month of the Jewish sacred year (Ezra 6:15).
- Mountain on which the Ark of Noah rested (Gen. 8:4).
- Conjunction.
- "Ye shall find the ... wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger."
- Means "man of wells." Son of Zophar. I Chron. 7:36.
- It led the wise men to Bethlehem.
- Stopping places. The good Samaritan carried the robbed man to one.
- Son of Noah from whom came the servile races of people.
- Noah's refuge during the flood.
- Abbreviation for a Southern Baptist theological school at New Orleans.

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