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Gleanings from the Field

Items of Interest Showing Kingdom Progress in the Harvest Field.

Pastor Fred Moreland of the Hawley Baptist Church will preach next Sunday morning on "Paradise Lost." At the evening hour an Easter program will be given on "Paradise Regained." Following this program the pastor will preach on "With Christ in Glory."

Pastor W. C. Harrison and the church at Odessa have just closed a Sunday school study course. Three courses were offered. The church choir will given an Easter cantata next Sunday evening. "Seven Sayings of Jesus on the Cross" will be given.

Rev. G. W. Toby, pioneer Baptist preacher of Central West Texas who now resides in Burkburnett, is visiting some of his children in Comanche. Brother Toby is 83 years old. In his young days he was a cowboy in the Comanche country.

There were twenty-two additions to the First Baptist Church, Merkel, as a result of the revival meeting in which the pastor, Rev. C. R. Joyner, did the preaching. Sixteen of the additions were by baptism. Joe Trussell of Brownwood led the singing.

Some of the visible results of the revival meeting at Levelland in which the pastor, Rev. A. A. Brian did the preaching were twenty-nine additions to the church, eleven of the number being by baptism. The meeting was preceded by two weeks of training school and prayer meeting.

At the close of a week of revival services, Rev. A. Roper of Dallas announced his acceptance of the call of the O'Donnell church to become its pastor. He will begin his work on the field on the third Sunday in April. Rev. H. T. Crimm of Lubbock will supply the pulpit of the O'Donnell church until the new pastor moves on the field.

Rev. C. R. Joyner of Merkel is assisting Pastor S. T. J. Williams and the church at Mount Pleasant, near Merkel, in a revival meeting this week. For a week preceding the meeting Pastor Williams spent the time visiting in the homes in the community and conducting prayer meetings.

The Workers Conference of the Haskell Association held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday of this week with the Gillispie church. The general theme for the meeting was "Baptists and Missions." Rev. E. D. Dunlap, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Sweetwater, and district representative of the co-operative program, spoke at the morning session on "The Missionary Program of Texas Baptists."

The First Baptist Church, Hamlin, is planning to make the month of April a month of enlistment and evangelism. The purpose of the church is to try to enlist all church members who are not now regularly in Sunday school in that work; and then an effort will be made to enlist all the uninlisted Baptists in the community in becoming members of the church. Pastor Henry Littleton plans to spend the month visiting the homes in this enlistment work. All during the month a special effort will be made to win the lost to Christ. This is a worthy program, and we feel sure the pastor and his people will be happy in carrying it out.

The First Baptist Church of Hamlin has recently completed a week of B. T. S. study course work. The courses were all taught by local forces. About 125 were enlisted in the work and 100 took the examinations.

Dr. Millard A. Jenkens of the First Baptist Church, Abilene, is doing the preaching in a revival meeting this week with the Baptist Church at Post. Thomas Hodges of Sweetwater is leading the singing. Rev. J. J. Kellum, representative of Buckner Orphans Home, will fill the pulpit at the First Church, Abilene, Sunday morning in the absence of Dr. Jenkens. The evening service will be in charge of the young people. Thomas E. Roberts will speak at this service on "Building a Life." Brother M. E. Bishop is pastor of the church at Post.

At the regular Wednesday evening hour of the First Baptist Church, Abilene, April 4, Rev. Jacob Gartenhous, Southern Baptist Missionary to the Jews, will bring a message. This

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E. M. COLLIER DESIGNATED TO HEAD ASSOCIATION FOR YEAR OF 1935

At the closing session of the fifth annual convention of the Texas State Hospital Association in Temple Friday and Saturday, E. M. Collier, superintendent of the West Texas Baptist Sanitarium, was designated president-elect, to assume office at the 1935 convention. During the past year Mr. Collier was vice president of the association.

J. F. Morrison, member of the hospital staff of the Baptist sanitarium here, accompanied Mr. Collier on the trip to Temple.

Bryce Twitty of Baylor hospital, Dallas, was elected president of the association, succeeding Dr. J. H. Stephenson of Parkland hospital, also of Dallas. C. E. Hunt of Lubbock was chosen second vice president. Site for the 1935 convention of the association and the Northwest Texas Clinic and Hospital Managers association, will be determined later by the executive committee. Lubbock was bidding strongly for the meeting.

Approximately 200 delegates attended the sessions, held at the Kyle hotel. Dr. Bert W. Caldwell, secretary, represented the American Hospital association, and outlined services of that organization to Texas hospitals.

Other West Texans.

West Texans appearing on the program, besides Mr. Collier, were W. V. Jarratt, business manager of the Medical and Surgical Clinic, San Angelo, and Dr. Richard Sealy, owner and founder of Sealy Hospital, Santa Anna. Mr. Jarratt delivered an address on "Collections and Credit," and Mr. Collier and Mr. Twitty conducted discussions on the same subject. Dr. Sealy's subject was "How the Small Hospital Fills the Need in Its Community."

Two men were named to honorary membership in the association: Dr. J. F. Kimbell, of Baylor medical school, Dallas, and Philip Overton, Dallas. Dr. Kimbell originated the group hospital plan, now used in every state in the union, and Mr. Overton was instrumental in securing passage of the hospital lien law, providing financial protection for hospitals caring for transient motor accident patients.

FINE REPORTS COME FROM TRAINING WORK IN MITCHELL-SCURRY

There are some reports coming in from the training schools conducted in the Mitchell-Scurry Association last week, in which a number of Simmons students assisted. Those who have sent in a report tell of a great interest in the Sunday School and B. T. S. work. Brother Marvin Leech was in charge of sending out the workers to the various churches and reported that the following churches were doing their teaching in this week: Westbrook, Champion, Wastella, Snyder and Ira.

Brother Foy King went to Westbrook and reports 63 enrolled and 50 taking the examination.

At Champion, Brother James Easterwood taught "What Baptists Believe" to a class of thirty-four adults, his wife taught "Modern B. T. S. Methods" to a class of twenty-nine seniors and Mr. T. D. Winan, principal of the Champion High School taught the "Junior Manual" to thirty juniors. There was a total enrollment of ninety-three with an average attendance of sixty. Thirty-two examinations were given. At the last meeting on Friday night a high spirit was manifested.

At Wastella, Helen Hatton taught the juniors the interesting book "Trail Makers in Other Lands." Orval Hendon taught the seniors and adults "Our Lord and Ours," and the pastor, Marvin Leech, taught the intermediates "Training in Bible Study." There were 54 enrolled and 38 taking the test. On Thursday evening at the intermission there were six rededications. The concrete foundation for the new building was finished during last week.

Snyder took part in the work but had their own teachers and as yet no report has come in concerning the enrollment or results.

Ira had their school a week before the others and got some help from the church at Snyder. We hope to hear about the work in these two churches soon.

The Tide Has Turned

By CHARLES E. MADDRY,
Executive Secretary, Foreign Mission Board.

Interest in Foreign Missions among Southern Baptists began to ebb in the period from 1924 to 1927. In the latter year the Board received nearly $2,300,000 for its work, while in 1933, it received a fraction over $600,000, a decline of nearly $1,700,000 in seven years. Schools, colleges, seminaries, hospitals and orphanages were closed on the foreign fields. Native workers, Bible women, teachers, colporteurs, and evangelists, were discontinued. Chapels, preaching halls and out-stations were closed. The missionary personnel of the Board dropped from 544 in 1924 to 377 at the present. The debt of the Board stood at $1,115,000 at the beginning of 1933.

But now we believe sincerely that after nearly ten years of heart-breaking and disastrous recession, the tide has turned. There is a decided and gratifying revival of interest in Foreign Missions throughout the South. It manifests itself in several ways.

1. *Wealth of Volunteers.* During the last few months, the number of trained, cultured and consecrated young people offering themselves for service on the foreign fields, has increased in an astonishing way. The very flower of our youth, out of our colleges, universities and seminaries, are entreating and imploring the Board to send them to the hardest places of earth.

2. *A Pentecostal Revival.* A deep and genuine spirit of revival is sweeping over all of our mission fields. In every mail from China, even though there is civil strife, famine, pestilence, banditry and foreign war, there comes the news of a deep and gracious revival sweeping through the churches, characterized especially by confession of sin, restitution, reconciliation and prevailing prayer. The same spirit of revival is noted in other mission fields, especially in Brazil and Nigeria.

3. *A Growing Spirit of Sacrifice.* There is a growing spirit of sacrifice and self-denial among our people. Almost every missionary has given up from one-fourth to one-third of the salary received to carry on the native work we were compelled to cut off. Almost every missionary has sent a contribution over and above all other sacrifices for the debts of our boards, institutions and agencies of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Among Christ's blessed minority in the churches, those who have been blessed with material prosperity, are coming forward to give extra sums over and above their regular contributions, for the support of individual missionaries and for the purpose of sending back those who have been detained in the homeland, that the gaps in that ever-thinning line of missionaries at the front may be filled.

This spirit of sacrifice is seen also in the growing liberality among the women of the South. Last year they gave $130,000 for the Lottie Moon Christmas offering, and this year about $170,000.

4. *Self-Supporting Churches.* The growing spirit of independence, self-reliance, self-support, and self-sufficiency among the native Christians and churches on the foreign field, is a source of ever increasing joy and satisfaction. Of course, our ministry to the most backward peoples of the earth, is but just begun. There is yet much pioneer work to be done, and the responsibility is ours to train and guide and nourish a native leadership on all mission fields. We can never send out enough missionaries to evangelize the lost peoples of all lands, but we can assist in the training of a native leadership that will press the matter of evangelism until all people have heard the story of Christ in redeeming love.

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5. *Financial Recovery.* We are glad to announce that already the total receipts for February, 1933. The most gratifying thing of all is the fact that the receipts for the Cooperative Program show 50 per cent increase over February a year ago. We received $5,000 from all sources during this month for our debt. Yes, thank God, the tide has turned, and the Foreign Board is again coming into its own.

WHAT MY CHURCH MEANS TO ME

By M. E. DODD

My church is first of all a place of divine fellowship. Jesus said, "Where two or three are gathered together in my name there am I in the midst of them." When I come together with God's people for public worship, I have the claim and consciousness of Christ's presence in a way that I cannot possibly have anywhere else.

My church means a place of Christian fellowship with the best and most devout people in the world. My heart hungers for human freindship and fellowship. The finest friendships and the most real fellowships are found among those of like mind and heart. There is something genuine and sincere in Christian fellowship which cannot possibly exist in the more unreal and artificial fellowships of the world. My church furnishes me an opportunity to form such friendships and to enjoy such fellowship.

My church provides Biblical instruction and spiritual inspiration. I stand very much in need of both of these.

My church furnishes me an opportunity for the outflow of that spirit of service which Christ renders every sort of service to every kind of human need that I can ever wish to do at any time. It supports chanceless children in the orphans' homes, it supports the sick in the hospitals, it supports youth in our schools and colleges, it supports old age in our old ministers and missionaries relief funds. It does educational work through our schools and colleges and seminaries. It does missionary work locally, throughout the state, throughout the Southland, and to the uttermost parts of the earth. Nothing can be taken away from this program and leave it with a complete appeal to all that I want to do. Nothing can be added to it because it does everything that anybody needs at any time of life.

For these reasons I love my church with a deep and deathless devotion and hereby pledge to my church more of my time, talents, power of personality and possessions than ever before.

Program For Workers Conference With the Salt Branch Church April 5

10:00—Devotional, Rev. J. H. Dean.
10:15—"Can a Saved Man Be Lost?" Rev. E. D. Dunlap.
10:45—"Does Every Christian Have the Holy Spirit," Rev. T. L. Nipp.
11:15—Business.
11:30—Sermon, Rev. Fred Moreland.
1:30—Board Meetings, Associational and W. M. U.
2:00—"Personal Evangelism in the New Testament," Rev. Sam Malone.
2:30—"For to Me to Live Is Christ," Rev. C. A. Powell.
Houston Robertson will have charge of the singing.

INTEREST IS GROWING IN REVIVAL MEETING AT UNIVERSITY CHURCH

Interest is growing daily in the revival meeting now in progress at University Baptist Church, Abilene. Rev. E. T. Miller, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Corsicana, is delivering some wonderful messages. His first message of the revival last Monday night was on "How to Win." A very glorious service was had Tuesday morning, and on Tuesday evening the audience was greatly inspired by the searching sermon on "The Extra Step." The speaker used as a basis of his thoughts, the incident of Jesus in the garden of Gathsemane, where he left his disciples and went a little further to pray. After this sermon, many of those in the audience went away with the determination to "take the extra step" in service, and in winning the lost to Christ.

Services are being held each morning at 10:00 o'clock and the evening services beginning at 7:30. Prof. Clyde Garrett, of Simmons University, has charge of the music.

Pastor Powell and University church extend a hearty invitation to the people of Abilene and surrounding country to attend the services. The meeting will continue through Sunday, April 8.

LAYMEN TO DISCUSS STEWARDSHIP, MISSIONS ON PROGRAM APRIL 15

By JOHN T. HENDERSON
General Sec'y Baptist Brotherhood

Our publicity director very properly regards the "Spring Round-Up for Home and Foreign Missions" a matter of vital concern for Southern Baptists during March and April, and is wise in giving it primary emphasis at this time. In harmony with this policy, he requests us to write the most stimulating and helpful things that can be said about our Brotherhood work in connection with this annual effort. Our organization suffers a great handicap in undertaking to promote any Southwide movement, from lack of workers, having only one Southwide and three part-time State Secretaries.

We are convinced, however, that Layman's Day, April 15, has large possibilities in this direction and our limited staff is making a strong effort to lay the significance of this cause on the hearts of the pastors and laymen. This plan, recommended by the Brotherhood, was endorsed by the Southern Baptist Convention in Washington City and the State Secretaries are cooperating in a most helpful way. They are furnishing the name and address of the chairman of each promotion committee in their states and will support the effort by personal letter, statement in the press, and public address.

The plan provides that our pulpits on April 15, as far as practicable, shall be occupied by intelligent and zealous laymen, either at the morning or evening hour. These men are expected to discuss Stewardship or Missions, or both, making an appeal, especially to the laymen, to do something generous, even sacrificial, during April. All who have made pledges should be urged to pay in full up to May 1; of this number, those who have had some special blessing, should be encouraged to make a thank offering; and any present who made no pledge should be invited in a most winsome way to have a share in this final ingathering of the convention year.

Each promotion chairman who is willing to include this effort in his plan of promotion, is requested to get in touch with the pastors of his association and learn whether they are in accord with the plan; if so, they may jointly make the engagements. The association chairman then writes the Brotherhood Office, 911-12 Hamilton Bank Building, Knoxville, Tennessee, stating the number of sets of literature he needs for the speakers.

The responses so far, February 27, are quite encouraging. Some associations have their plans already well under way.

It will perhaps stimulate interest to request the men to sit in a body immediately in front and to furnish some special music.

If there should be any lack of capable speakers, the same layman might serve two churches, one at eleven A. M. and the other at the evening worship.

The Watch Tower

Meditations and Comments by the Editor as he Watches the World Go By.

Scientists tell us that there are three quadrillion dollars worth of gold in the oceans, and an effort will be made to wrest some of this from these mighty waters. This announcement was made this week to the American Chemical Society at its meeting in St. Petersburg, Fla. It is said that not only gold, but silver, radium, tin, iron, nickle, lead, vanadium, mercury and nearly a score of other minerals were taken from the waters of the ocean by a new kind of a chemical plant that was opened two months ago near Wilemington N. C. Already, from a flow of twenty-five thousand gallons of sea water per minute, it is taking a million dollars worth of bromine a year from the ocean. This bromine is being used in the manufacture of Ethyl and other anti-knock gasoline.

It is said that President Roosevelt is planning to take a vacation cruise to Southern waters this week; however, news dispatches state that he is planning to carry several bulging brief cases along with him. We are sure that the President will enjoy this few days of fishing and cruising of aboard Vincent Astor's yacht, but the fact remains that this vacation will be accompanied by plenty of work for our hard pressed president. This job of being president, and especially during these stressful times, is one that is not to be envied by the common run of mortals.

The fine rains over almost all of West Texas last week will be worth millions of dollars to the farmers and cattle men, but it proved a hard blow to the goat ranchers in the San Angelo country. It is estimated that the loss of freshly sheared goats in that section will run above seven hundred and fifty thousand head.

BIG SPRING WILL ENTERTAIN W. M. U. DISTRICT 8, APRIL 5-6

The Fourth Street Baptist Church, Big Spring, of which Rev. Woody Smith is pastor, will entertain the annual meeting of the W. M. U. of District8 on April 5 and 6.

Rev. Jacob Gartenhaus, missionary to the Jews, will be one of the outstanding speakers.

The young people of the East Fouth Street Church are preparing a pageant to be given during the convention.

Mrs. B. Reagan of Big Spring is president of the district W. M. U. Convention of District 8. The district is composed of three associations, Big Spring, Lamesa and Mitchell-Scurry.

The host church will be joined by the other churches and the business men of the city in extending a welcome to all visitors.

PASTOR HAPPY WITH COUNTRY CHURCH WORK

It is my happy privilege to be a country pastor. I have three fourth time preaching appointments. Talpa in Coleman county was second last year in gifts to the denomination in the association. Rev. W. C. Ashford led there in a two weeks meeting that wound up at the creek in good fashion. Kelly Barnett is to do the preaching this year in the meeting beginnig July the 13.

Salt Branch is located five miles northeast of Merkel and is one of the best country churches to be found anywhere. The church has recently been newly papered and some outside improvements made. The meeting last summer was unusually interesting. Thirteen people were saved and all joined the church and were baptized in the creek near the church. Rev. Odos Rainer of Bay City is to do the preaching this year in the meeting beginning Aug. the 3rd.

Mt. Pleasant church located south of Merkel is beginning to show signs of real life. I have recently carried on a visiting campaign in which all the homes in a radius of five miles of the church were visited. The house has been newly papered this week and Rev. C. R. Joyner, assisted by Mrs. Williams and myself are now in a meeting to close Easter Sunday.—S. J. T. Williams.

Dr. Moore is to attend the Fisher County Association Sunday School Convention at the Highland Home Church next Sunday. The Highland Home Sunday School is the only standard Sunday School in the association.

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REVIVAL SEASON APPROACHES

Spring revivals are now getting under way, and as the summer season draws on the number of revival meetings will increase. Early spring and fall are favorite times for revivals in the larger town and city churches, and, many of the rural churches are coming to realize benefits to be reaped in featuring winter and early spring meetings.

During the past two weeks the editor has had four invitations to assist in revival meetings during July and August. It is our purpose to be in as many revival meetings as possible during the summer season. We greatly enjoy the task of editing a religious newspaper, but we do not propose to let the job deprive us of the great privilege of participating in the summer campaigns of soul winning.

"THE VALLEY MESSENGER"

"The Valley Messenger," which was published for two or three years as a regional Baptist semi-monthly paper at San Banito in the Rio Grande Valley, with W. T. Curtis as editor and publisher, has again made its appearance as an interdenominational semi-monthly publication with Mr. Curtis at the helm. The Messenger makes an auspicious beginning. The first issue, a twenty page magazine, is filled with good reading matter, and was well patronized by the business men in the Rio Grande Valley.

Mr. Curtis, the editor, was for several years editor of the Central Messenger, published many years at Brownwood, and he was also at one time editor of the Western Evangel at Abilene.

BOUNTEOUS RAINS

Practically all of West Texas was visited last week-end by an abundance of rain. The rains started falling Saturday, and continued through the night, Sunday and Sunday night. These rains worked a temporary hardship on our mission cause in the Southland, as that day had been designated as "Mission Day" for the Sunday Schools. Doubless, many Sunday Schools would have contributed to this worthy cause had the weather not interfered. However, these rains should result, ultimately, in an increase to our mission cause. When the ground is as thoroughly soaked this early in the season as it is now, good crops are almost assured; and surely we should all acknowledge our gratefulness for such blessings from above by giving of our means to support His work.

NEED OF SPIRITUAL RECOVERY

Let us humbly confess that we who have named his name have been unworthy representatives of our high profession. We have been touched by the common sins of our day until we need to echo the old cry, "create within us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us." Let us, therefore, unite in seeking the cleansing which comes from true penitence and confession, the inspirations that proceed from the study of the Bible, the refreshment to be found in God's day of rest and worship, the assurance that comes from prayer, the new strength that results from the fellowship of the Lord's Table, and the encouragement of united worship.

—*M. E. DODD.*

THE LORD'S ACRE PLAN

This plan is gaining favor more and more with our people throughout the South. Georgia seems to have been the pioneer state in this movement though South Carolina, North Carolina, Alabama, and a number of other Southern states are now trying out the experiment and are laying special emphasis on it this year.

As the name suggests, the Lord's Acre Plan is simply a method by which a plot of ground, one acre, or more or less, is given, designated, cultivated, harvested and the proceeds given to the church to be divided between the local work of the church and with all the denominational causes.

This plan is not intended to be a substitute for the regular weekly or monthly offerings in the church but only as supplementary to the regular gifts.

According to the testimony of many who have tried out the plan more or less thoroughly, it is entirely practicable and has achieved marvelous results in many cases. Not only have there been great material benefits coming as the results of the use of this plan but great spiritual blessings have followed also, it is claimed. The plan is certainly worthy of a thorough trial. If you are interested in it write to your State Secretary who will doubtless be able to supply you with all the necessary information about it.

HOW UNDESIGNATED GIFTS ARE DIVIDED

Foreign Mission Board	50%
Home Mission Board	23 1-3%
Relief and Annuity Board	7%
Education Board	3 1-3%
Southern Baptist Theological Seminary	4 1-5%
Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary	4 1-5%
Baptist Bible Institute	3 9-10%
W. M. U. Training School	0 8-15%
American Baptist Theological Seminary	1%
New Orleans Baptist Hospital	2 1-2%
TOTAL	100%

"By action of the Convention, the $25,000.00 'annual irrevocable sum' for the Southern Baptist Convention bonds was made a preferred item. The method of securing this sum by deducting month by month 4 per cent from distributable funds until the amount has been obtained."

WHITER THAN SNOW

A little girl, thoughtful beyond her years, went out to play in the new snow. When she returned to the house she said to her mother, "I prayed the snow prayer." "What is the snow prayer?" asked her mother. "Wash me and I shall be whiter than snow," said the child. "A beautiful prayer," replied her mother, "and it reminds me of the promise, 'Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow'."—Watchman-Examiner.

"Our Movie Made Children"

DR. N. A. MOORE

Statistics show that in recent years criminality has increased out of all proportion to that in population and the peak of increase is among the younger group. In 1914 burglaries and bank robberies showed 19.1 per 100,000, in 1922 they had risen to 97.5. Holdups in 1914 were 4.8 per hundred thousand; in 1922 they went to 41.3. Last year there were three thousand murders in New York City while only 26 were committed in London. The U. S. A. heads the list of all the nations of the world in crime.

Out of one group of 139 delinquent boys of fifteen, 17 per cent testified that the movies influenced them in their downward course. One sixteen-year-old high school boy said, "I saw 'We Gangsters'. It gave me the yearning to steal. I went to the cash register as was done in the show and took out a quarter." A number of twenty-year-old boys in the reformatory expressed themselves definitely as to the part the movies had played with them. "I saw a picture and thought I could do the same thing," said one. "Pictures of gangsters led me to become one," declared another. "I saw how the bad guy in the show got money and the cops could not catch him."

"They got together and stole a car. When I saw how easy it was done I thought I would try it."

"I would see clothes and luxuries in the pictures, so to have all of these I had to have money, that is why I tried to break open the safe." These are a few samples out of the many pages of testimony of those already behind the bars and frank enough to admit the major influence of the movies in leading them there.

Out of a large number of young criminals interviewed in penal institutions and those waiting trial on various offenses Drs. Thrasher, Blumer and Hauser made a tabulation of information which these youths had gleaned from the movies to aid them in beginning their careers of crime or becoming more efficient in it. A few items of the many are quoted:

How to open a safe by the "feel" of the dial. How to cut burglar alarm wires in advance during the day. How to break glass windows noiselessly by pasting with fly paper. To establish an alibi before the crime is done. How to make a quick get-away by turning off the car lights and driving up an alley. What to do in a robbery with a gun. How to gamble with and cheat drunken people, etc. Thirty-two important separate items in the technique of crime. They mentioned such pictures as "The Unholy Three," "No Way Out," "The Underworld," "The Blue Boy."

In one penal institution out of 110 criminals questioned over fifty laid to the movies their beginning to carry a gun. Thirty of them said they received the suggestion of holdups; twenty learned how to escape the police; thirteen laid to the lure of the screen bandit their desire to "pull a job." Is not this the natural consequence? When we remember the figures of a previous chapter that in 115 pictures 406 crimes were committed. Psychology has established the value of repetition and review in education. Here we have it intensified in application to the movie school of crime. These ideas and images ceaselessly repeated must wear ineradicable paths in the brain cells of immature minds.

We turn another dark page of this investigation where both boys and girls are the victims—that of sex delinquency. To many girls in houses of correction the lure of the movies was begun in playing truant from school and thus turned them into other than the path of righteousness. Extensive testimony was secured. Only brief excerpts can be given. "Mother said the movies weren't good for me. I often quarrelled with her, and didn't mind her." "The movies made me want to go out and have a 'hell of a good time'. I got this from Clara Bow." "When I saw a love picture I would go out and flirt with some man on the corner. If he was a bad man he would take me to a wild party and end up in the woods or on a lonely road. The movies were the first thing that made me go astray."

The instilling desire for luxuries, fine clothes, automobiles, and the accessories of wealth is more disastrous to young girls than to young men and was found to be one of the commonest factors in their delinquency. While the boys travel many paths to correctional institutions, girls go almost wholly by way of sex. One young man serving a three year sentence for attempted rape laid it to a sex picture. Another convicted of burglary gave this sidelight, speaking of his companion at the movie, "I would go to see a sex picture. I would put my arm around her. If she became aroused and there were not many people in the show we would go to the limit there in the theatre." Certain young men made the movies a prelude to their visits to houses of prostitution; others planned rape after seeing a picture. Forty per cent of the delinquent girls made the confession that the movies incited them to make advancements to men after seeing passionate sex pictures. For them the movies constituted an education along the primrose path to the wreckage of their own lives, and to the detriment and cost of society.

The next and final article will deal with the summary and conclusions.

Mission Tidings

Out in Oklahoma there are over 100,000 Indians who will not have a chance if the Home Mission Board does not send them the Gospel. The Baptists in Oklahoma are, like all of us, hard-pressed in their work, and have been forced to drop their missionaries to the five civilized tribes. The Home Mission Board must take over the nineteen missionaries dropped, or else these Indian tribes will not have a chance.

In New Mexico there are 225,000 Spanish-speaking people and about 40,000 Indians. The Baptist forces in New Mexico are unable to meet the missionary needs of that great State and unless the Home Mission Board can come to the rescue this field will be terribly neglected, and Southern Baptists will lose a great opportunity. Truly, New Mexico is one of our greatest Home Mission fields.

"Dr. B. L. Lockett, our great medical missionary to Nigeria, died suddenly on last November 15. He was only 54 years of age. How the work in darkest Africa needed him! Now a young doctor of brilliant, splendidly equipped, fully consecrated, just finishing his internship in a great hospital, comes forward and offers himself for the work that Dr. Lockett has laid down in Africa. We are praying for some church or some individual to come forward and make it possible for the Board to accept this young doctor for service in Nigeria."—Charles E. Maddry.

The following is a copy of the farewell telegram sent to Baptists in the States by Dr. Herman C.E.Liu, president of Shanghai University, as he sailed back to China last week after having spent several months touring America with the E. Stanley Jones Missionary Conference group:

"Sailing home today. Determined make Shanghai University more Christian than ever before. Christ is only hope for world. Thank you and all American friends for warm hospitality and Christian fellowship. Have been greatly impressed by your Christian devotion. May God bless American Christians and give foreign mission new deal for Kingdom. We shall carry on in spite of financial difficulty. Please remember China and Shanghai University in prayers."

Devotional Thoughts

COURAGE IN REVERSALS

Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his lord hath made ruler over his household?

Sudden reversals come to us all to wean us from confidence in men and things, to stay us from building our nest on any earth-grown trees, to force us to root ourselves in God alone. Child of mortality, such lessons will inevitably be set before thee to learn. In the hour of most radiant triumphs thou must remember Him who has accounted thee fit to be His steward; thou must understand that thy place and power are thine only as His gift, and as a trusteeship for His glory.

THE PRICE OF BEING A TRAITOR

"Demas hath forsaken me, having loved this present world."—2 Tim. 4:10.

In the long line of portraits of the Doges in the palace at Venice, one space is empty, and the semblance of a black curtain remains as a melancholy record of glory forfeited. Found guilty of treason against the State, Marino Falieri was beheaded, and his image as far as possible blotted from remembrance. As we regarded the singular memorial, we thought of Judas and Demas, and then, as we hear in spirit the Master's warning word "One of you shall betray Me," we ask within our souls the solemn question, Lord, is it I?"—C. H. Spurgeon.

THE INCORRUPTIBLE SEED

"Born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the Word of God."—1 Peter 1:23.

In the work of winning souls the Scriptures must be presented to the soul. M'Cheyne was wont to say, "It is not our comment on the Word that saves, but the Word itself." When Philip sought out Nathaniel, he said, "We have found Him of whom Moses in the law and the prophets did write." (John 1:43-45). Probably the great majority of unconverted people never read their Bibles at all, or at best as a part of literature which cannot be ignored,and it is therefore necessary to present the Word in all its naked dignity and power to the soul.—Joseph W. Kemp.

"BY HIS GRACE"

"They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world."—John 17:16.

If grace is displayed in our redemption, grace should be operative in the hearts of the redeemed. If God calls us out of the world, it is not that we should go back to and find our home again in the world. If by His grace we are washed in the precious blood of Christ, He surely desires that we should keep our garments undefield. If then the memorials of our redemption are sweet to us, if we delight to be found around the Lord's Table, to feast upon the emblems of His Body and His Blood, let us also delight to keep the feast of unleavened bread in testimony to Him who has redeemed us.—Edward Bennett.

SUFFICIENT GRACE

I was riding home after a heavy day's work. I felt very wearied, and sore depressed, when swiftly, and suddenly as a flash, that text came to me, "My grace is sufficient for thee." I reached home and at last it came to me and I said "I should think it is, Lord, I should think it is, Lord," and burst out laughing. I never fully understood what the holy laughter of Abraham was until then. It seemed to make unbelief so absurd. It was as though some little fish being very thirsty, was troubled about drinking the river dry, and Father Thames said, "Drink away, little fish, my stream is sufficient for thee." Or, it seemed like a little mouse in the granaries of Egypt, after the seven years of plenty, fearing it might die of famine, Joseph might say, "Cheer up, little mouse, my granaries are sufficient for thee." Again I imagined a man away up yonder in a lofty mountain, saying to himself, "I breathe so many cubic feet of air every year, I fear I shall exhaust the oxygen in the atmosphere," by the earth might say, "Breathe away, O man, and fill thy lungs ever; my atmosphere is sufficient for thee." Oh, brethren, be great believers! Such faith will bring your souls to heaven, and heaven to your souls.—C. H. Spurgeon.

SPRING

Mrs. R. D. Jordan

When green grass peeping from earth we see
And acorns burst from out their shell to start a tree,
And the fig bush buds tho' winter's been hard by—
This new life reminds that Spring is night.

Even the cynic who would scoff at Deity's plan
Must know the universe is guided by a Master's Hand;
All life seems dead when covered with ice and snow
But God sends Spring and the buds begin to grow.

The Giver of life left Heaven, came to earth and died;
Between two thieves He was crucified.
They buried Him, in a new tomb He was lain,
But "He Arose" and the world knew Spring again.

O' glorious fact, the Resurrection Morn-
Hope came anew to man forlorn!
Thro' Winter's cold and Summer's heat, Jesus is the same
Live for Him, and in the soul 'twill ever be just Spring.

SIN DOES NOT PAY

Perhaps the above heading is a misnomer. Sin does pay, but it does not pay to sin. Every day the press brings sordid stories of how justice is being meted out to law violators. Some of these offenders end their unfortunate careers by suicide; in others revenge strikes; and in still others the stern law reaches out and exacts its full pay. It is a solemn, eternal truth that a man must reap what he sows. He must reap the same kind of seed he sows, and the harvest is large and sure. O that man would someday learn the eternal truth that it does not pay to sin.

SANITARIUM NOTES

We are to congratulate our nearest neighbor, Mr. A. L. Buster, superintendent of the Stamford Sanitarium, on his election as president of the West Texas Clinic and Hospital Managers Association. Mr. Buster has merited this honor, and the Baptist Hospital in Abilene rejoices with the Stamford Sanitarium that their manager has been so honored. Relations between the Baptist Sanitarium and the Stamford Sanitarium have been most happy. They are doing good work, have a good hospital, and are making their contribution to the relief of sick and suffering humanity.

The following donations were received during the week:

Clyde Baptist Church, Mrs. D. P. Hollis, secretary: 1 quilt, 1 pillow case, 14 cans food, 5 lbs. butter, and 3 dozen eggs.

Caps W. M. U., Mrs. W. F. Joiner, president: 3 cans soup, 4 pillow cases, and 2 towels.

Tye W. M. S., Mrs. R. F. England, president: 12 cans food, 7 dozen eggs, and 1 ham.

We are most grateful for this assistance. At this time of year most all the people in the country are getting plenty of eggs. We can always use them at the hospital, and any church that will send in a case, we will be glad to pay the express charges and see that the empty case is returned.

This past week a lady came to my office and stated that it was just one year ago today that she was operated upon in this institution, that they were without funds, and a few months later her husband died leaving her a widow with two children. She said that they were living in a little tent in the southeast part of Abilene. "The only thing I have is a cow, and I want to turn the cow over to the hospital for my care and treatment, because if the hospital had not received me, I would not be living today." It gave me great pleasure to tell this unfortunate soul that we would give the cow back to her, which she so badly needs to supply milk and butter for herself and babies.

Baptist hospitals cost the denominations so little, yet means so much to sick and suffering humanity. May we continue to give as God has prospered us that our institution may continue to serve God and humanity in the future.

E. M. COLLIER,
Superintendent.

MATERNITY CARE WILL BE STRESSED MOTHER'S DAY

Plans for the observance of Mother's Day, which falls on Sunday, May 13, include special suggestions for the co-operation of pastors in a community effort to improve maternity care. Sponsoring the movement is the Maternity Center Association, 1 East 57t Street, New York City.

Using as a basis recent medical surveys which indicates that two-thirds of **maternity deaths** are preventable, the plan is to urge clubs of both men and women throughout the United States, to survey the maternity facilities of their own communities to find elements in the situation which may properly be changed to effect improvement. Blank forms are available for this purpose, and prizes are to be awarded for the best appraisals of local conditions.

The Maternity Center Association offers suggestions for church bulletin notices, and an outline for a sermon, together with authoritative findings of medical authorities on the subject of how to reduce the mortality from causes connected with maternity. This material will be sent free of charge. A special Mother's Day poster in four colors in available for ten cents.

CONSIDER THE HAMMER

It keeps its head.
It doesn't fly off the handle.
It keeps pounding away.
It finds the point, then drives it home.
It looks at the other side, too; and thus often clinches the matter.
It makes mistakes, but when it does, it starts all over,
It is the only knocker in the world that does any good.
—Selected.

A prospective purchaser was looking over a piece of property which lay along the bank of the river. He remarked to the real estate agent: "Doesn't this river sometimes overflow this land?"

The agent retorted, with some heat: "Well, this river is not one of those sickly streams that is always confined to its bed."

Simmons University News

(From The Simmons Brand)

High School Band Contest Is Slated Here For April 28

Bands From Over West Texas To Compete Says D. O. Wiley

Simmons university will sponsor the sixth annual West Texas high school band contest held under the auspices of the Texas Band Teachers' association April 28, according to Prof. D. O. Wiley, director of the Cowboy band.

The high school bands of many West Texas school systems will compete in four divisions for awards and the right to enter the National Band contest which is to be held at a later date.

There will also be awards for solo work ensemble contests. Individual awards will be given to the winners of these contests.

The contest was won last year by Abilene high school in the class A division.

Five Divisions

The bands will be divided into class A, B, C, and D divisions. Class A bands must be from schools with 650 or more enrolled, class B from schools with 250 to 650, class C from schools with less than 250, and class D bands that have been organized for one year or less.

For the first time in the history of the contest there will be a division for junior high schools and elementary bands.

There will be 34 solo and ensemble contests, including every band instrument, and duets, trios, etc.

Contests for solo work will be divided according to age.

Schools which entered bands last year were: Abilene, Breckenridge, Midland, Albany, Colorado, Wink, Monahans, Lampasas, Levelland, and Fort Stockton.

Kropscott Wins College Y.W.A. Oratory Contest

Wilhelmina Kropscott, representing Simmons university in the state Y. W. A. tithing contest held in Fort Worth won first place in the college division in oratory last week.

Miss Kropscott is prominent in B. S. U. and Y. W. A. work on the campus and has represented each in various concerts.

Quartet Sings

The Simmons freshmen quartet composed of Charles Gauntt, Cleamon Pinner, Jack Wilson, and Cearley Kinard sang at the evening services of the First Baptist church last Sunday.

Edna Ardis also sang a solo at the same meeting.

D.A.R. Represented By Sandefer, Baker

Mrs. J. D. Sandefer, wife of President Sandefer of Simmons university, and Mrs. O. E. Baker, professor of Greek and Latin, have returned from San Antonio where they attended a meeting of the Texas Daughters of the American Revolution. They represented the John Davis chapter of Abilene.

They were accompanied by Mrs. C. E. Coombes of Stamford and Miss Alice Lindsay of Anson. The convention lasted three days, beginning Monday.

Sandefers Attend Funeral In Roscoe

Grandfather Of Mrs. Gib Sandefer Passes Away Monday

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Sandefer have returned from Roscoe where they attended the funeral Monday of Mrs. Sandefer's aged grandfather, P. T. Woodward, 82.

Mr. Woodward, pioneer ranchman of western Nolan county, died in his Roscoe home at 1 o'clock Monday morning, after an illness of several weeks. Funeral rites were announced for 3 o'clock Monday afternoon, to be conducted by Rev. George Parks, pastor of the First Baptist church.

Immediate survivors of Mr. Woodward are his daughters, Mrs. Delis and Mrs. J. I. Bowerman of Roscoe; and his sons, E. J. Woodward, superintendent of Brownwood schools, and T. J. Woodward, Roscoe. Mrs. Sandefer was reared by her grandparents. Her grandmother died July 4, 1929.

Mission Program Will Be Presented

A program on world-wide missions will be presented three times Sunday by members of the Simmons B. S. U. The program will be presented at the First Baptist church at Oplin in the morning and afternoon in connection with an all-day missionary rally.

The same pageant will also be given at the Sunset Baptist church in Abilene Sunday night. James Lunsford, former Simmons student, is pastor of the Sunset church.

Students taking part under the direction of Miss A. M. Carpenter, counselor, are: Le Dola Harper, Ray Mathis, Grace Carol Ponder, R. T. Barton, and Jessie Merle De Loach.

Musical Numbers Given By Quartet

Simmons university girls' quartet gave several musical numbers at the meeting of the Victory Bible class Sunday morning at the Queen theatre.

Members of the quartet are: Maxine Higgs, Pauline Melton, Natalie McClure, and Dorothy Doughty.

George S. Anderson discussed the lesson, talking on "Prayer and Faith," and visitors were introduced by Jas. P. Stinson. They included W. H. Carter, Fort Worth; Frank Hicks, Dallas; R. D. Shaw, Lubbock; Mary Frances Moore, Rule; Wilma McCarland, Goldthwaite, and J. C. Samuels, Fort Worth, and the following from Abilene: Mrs. Frank Hobbs, D. G. Streater, Cotton Briscoe, H. W. Wright, Ruth Carter, and Dr. M. E. Campbell. There were 107 present at the session.

Coach Recommends 8 Men For Awards

Coach Leslie Cranfill announced yesterday that he would recommend eight players on his 1934 Simmons university basketball team for letter awards. They are Carl Pee, Bernard Seed, Jim Neely, Gene McCollum, G. L. Huestis, Scatter Winters, Ira Ribble and Carr Spraberry.

Winters, who has earned two letters, and Ribble, a sophomore, are the only lettermen returning for next season's campaign.

Boston Transcript Carries Review On Richardson's Book

"The Comanche Barrier To Settlement Of South Plains" Is Work

The Boston Transcript, one of the oldest and most widely known newspapers in Boston, Mass., recently carried a review of Dr. R. N. Richardson's historical book, "The Commanche Barrier to South Plains Settlement." Dr. Richardson is vice-president of Simmons.

After a largely expository summary of the Simmons professor's volume, the Transcript reviewer further says:

"In addition to the vivid and exciting account of the bloody struggle between the redmen and the ever increasing and aggressive whites with all its fierce and at times revolting details, the author has given an excellent account of the Commanches themselves, their physique, their modes of living, their characteristics, their governments, their developments and their relations to other Indian tribes.

"A vast amount of first-hand and source material has been unearthed and examined, besides the government documents and reports. The diaries of pioneers, early letters, archives, newspapers and every conceivable form of material have been studied for many years. The author says the story is not complete but it is a classic and in and of itself is a rich chapter in the early history of the great Southwest that will have to be reckoned with by all future writers. It is an epic of Indian life and warfare that has all the adventure of a wild western story and the accuracy of history."

Richardson Speaks To Abilene Women

Dr. R. N. Richardson, vice-president of Simmons, spoke on, "Trends in American Government," at a meeting Thursday, of the Abilene Woman's Club.

Gypsy Ted Sullivan Wylie sang a group of American songs, including "In a Luxemberg Garden," by Kathleen Maning, and "The Cuckoo Clock," by Victor Manning. Lyda Gresham Whisenant played accompaniments.

Mrs. Dallas Scarborough, chairman of the good government committee had charge of the program.

Simmons Leaders Speak At Teachers Meeting Saturday

Oil Belt Educational Group Holds Session In Big Spring

Dr. J. D. Sandefer, president of Simmons university; Dr. D. M. Wiggins, dean of students; Prof. H. R. Arrant, professor of chemistry; and Glenna Faye Grant, head of the women's physical education department, were speakers at the fourth annual Oil Belt Education association which closed Saturday in Big Spring.

The attendance ran between 700 and 800, and was the largest to attend the association. Three hundred and twenty were present for the Friday evening banquet, which was followed by a variety of entertainment, including an unique floor show, dancing, bridge and other amusements.

Regan Says He Has Traveled In Seventeen Countries But Simmons His Favorite Spot

By Dan Tarpley

"I have traveled in seventeen countries in America, Australia, Europe, and Africa, and Simmons university is the best place I have found yet," says John Regan, famous cowboy, trick roper, bull whip artist, showman, and soldier.

Regan was born in Windsor, England, and at the early age of 18 years left home to go to Australia. Here it is that he learned the tricks of the cowboy profession while working on a "cattle station." Three years later he returned to England as a star performer with a rodeo called "Wild Australia."

At the outbreak of the World War he joined the English army and served in the artillery and later in the infantry.

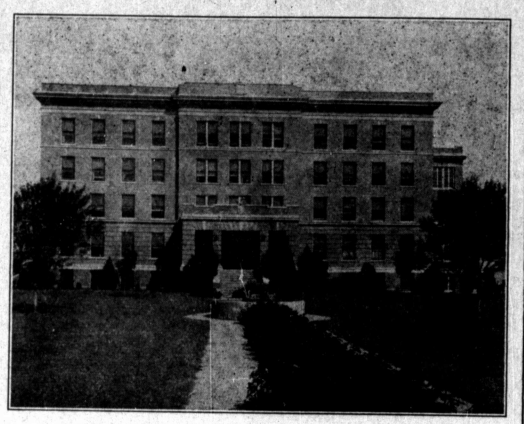
After the war he traveled in Africa with an expedition of gold hunters only to leave them and join a big game hunting party.

After a little over a year he returned to England and appeared with rodeos, circusses, and vaudeville. Here he first became acquainted with American rodeomen and showmen, and made exhibitions with the 101 Ranch and Tex Austin's rodeo show.

In the summer of 1930 he had just completed a vaudeville circuit and was on a vacation at his home near London. By chance he happened to see on a billboard in front of the Palladium theatre the notice that the Simmons University Cowboy band was giving a concert, so he decided to attend the concert as they were along his line of work. After a conference with the management, he decided to play with them in the rest of their tour in England and other parts of Europe. After an offer from the management he decided to return with the Cowboy band to America, and played many engagements with them in the United States.

A little over a year ago he returned to his own country making exhibitions with rodeos, circusses, and vaudeville.

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MUSICAL PROGRAM IS ENJOYED AT MEETING LOTTIE MOON CIRCLE

Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. J. C. Etheridge, the Lottie Moon Circle of the W. M. U. of First Baptist Church, Colorado, gave a beautiful St. Patrick's Day tea. This custom had been originated by Mrs. G. W. Smith when she was chairman of the circle and is to be made an annual affair in memory of her interest and works.

The house was prettily decorated in a St. Patrick motif. The tea table was especially beautiful. The lace cloth was laid over green with a centerpiece of white sweet peas in a crystal vase placed on a reflector with crystal candle sticks holding green candles. Tea was poured by Misses Mary Frances Majors, Laura Louise Pearson and Lucille Rose. Misses Melba Slaton and Sidney Thomas assisted in serving the shamrock cookies, mints and tea.

A beautiful program was given during the afternoon. This was composed of a piano solo by Mrs. O. B. Price, a vocal solo by Miss Willie Faye Hall, a reading by Mrs. Vivian Shropshire, violin solo by Mrs. Crymes, piano solo by Mrs. Heskimen, reading Frances Rose Ratliff, vocal quartet, Jane Meskimen, Frances Cooper, Betty Hodge, and Marie O'Brien; piano solo, Mrs. Latham; violin solo, Mrs. Deter; piano duet, Mrs. Robert Terrell and Mrs. O. B. Price; vocal solo, Mrs. N. H. White.

A large number of friends called during the receiving hours, which were from four until six, and a large silver offering was received for the circles treasury.

TUSCOLA W. M. U. HAS ALL-DAY MEETING

Baptist W. M. U. of Tuscola Baptist Church met Monday, March 19, in an all-day meeting observing the March week of prayer for Home Missions.

The morning program was led by Mrs. A. B. Cox, afternoon by Mrs. Pat Mullens. All parts on each program was an inspiration to those present. A covered luncheon was served at noon at Mesdames Pat Mullens, Ethel McCall, Thos. Young, O. E. Blackwood, W. J. Taylor, Mabel Milburn, W. E. Beard, A. S. Vancleave, J. A. Reynolds, A. B. Cox, Ray Stephenson, Ray Barrington, Lottie Williamson, Sybil Williams, A. E. Fogle, Geo. Haffner, Jennie Tatum, E. A. Herby.

HAMLIN W. M. U.

The Woman's Missionary Union of First Baptist Church, Hamlin, met Monday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the Baptist Church for a study in Royal Service. The devotional on prayer was given by Mrs. J. Henry Littleton. The lesson, "The Last Power," was conducted by Mrs. J. E. Harvey. Others having parts on the program were Mrs. M. P. May, Mrs. J. L. Winter and Mrs. Tate May.

Next Monday afternoon is designated as personal service day and the meetings will be held in circles, with each circle engaged in some special work.

AVOCA WOMEN'S CLASS

Members of the Ladies' Bible Class of the Baptist Church, Avoca, Jones County, entertained the Men's Bible Class in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Sylvester Friday night. Forty-two was the diversion of the evening. Fruit pies, topped with whipped cream, coffee and hot chocolate, were served to Messrs. and Mmes. J. C. Williams, H. J. Hansen, L. F. Goad, W. A. Sylvester, Rev. and Mrs. J. V. Grimes, Mrs. Gena Whitworth, Grandmother Stanford, and Miss Eliza Hickerson.

ROBY W. M. U. MEETING

Tuesday, March 6, the W. M. U. held its regular meeting, this time in the home of Mrs. Reid. After a song with Mrs. Gilbert as pianist and Mrs. Dixon as choir leader, and prayer by Mrs. Hopson, we launched into our regular Bible study, with Bro. Reid as director. We finished the very interesting book "Songs of Solomon."

This being our week of prayer for Home Missions we preceded with a program on Home Mission work, which was concluded Friday afternoon.

Mrs. Posey conducted devotional exercises, Mrs. Reid discussed Work of the Home Board; Mrs. Britton, Necessity of a Special Messenger; Mrs. Carter, Revival Fires; Mrs. Minor discussed Missionary Work Among the Jews; Mrs. Hopson Among the Mexicans; Mrs. Dixon Among the Italians; Mrs. Hughes Among the Indians; Mrs. Stewart, Missionary Work Among the Negroes.

The contributions from Southern Baptists for Home Missions last March netted $62,629.90, which saved the Home Mission work with 202 Missionaries and helpers.

We hope to be as successful again.

Those present Tuesday were: Mmes. Barnes, Bell, Boiles, Britton, Carter, Cunningham, Dixon, Hodges, Hopson Hughes, Josey, Minor, Moore, Owens Reid and Stuart.

At the request of the women of Sardis it was decided Friday that we go with a short program and assist them with a W. M. S. organization. The program dealt with the Fading Light of Christianity and as we studied and pondered and visualized the crucifixion of Christ, the head of John the Baptist brought in to gratify a vindicative woman, the crucifixion of Andrew on the x shaped cross, the martyrdom of several other apostles, the human torches of Nero, the inhuman atrocities of Caligerian, we marveled that the light of Christianity could burn so brightly during the first century of the Christian era.

The increasing brightness until 3:13 A. M. when its scintillating rays seemed to have reached the utmost parts of the then known world. When it was adopted as the official religion of Rome, then the gradually fading light until we approach the Dark Ages; literary, artistic, economic and Christian darkness, with just a ray of light here and there. While the Catholic services were conducted in classical Latin, the people were without Bible, without direct intercourse with God. Then the Rennaissance, when chaos gives way to a wonderful flood of light.

ABILENE WOMEN GIVE PROGRAM FOR CLYDE W. M. S.

The Clyde W. M. S. was favored by a program from the women of the First Baptist Church of Abilene on March 15.

An invitation was extended to the senior class of Clyde High School by Mrs. J. R. Fielder, Abilene, to attend a Senior High School picnic and program at Simmons University on April 28th. Along with the announcement made by Mrs. Fielder was a program in which four Simmons students, members of the Baptist Student Union, took part. Very interesting talks were made by Jack Moore and Virginia Creed and a chalk talk was made by Ladola Harper, with Jessie Pearl Delache at the piano. The program was enjoyed by all who heard it.

The women of the Clyde W. M. S. went to Eula Thursday, March 22nd, to assist the Eula women in an organization of the W. M. S.

A man finds his ideal in one who possesses virtue, beauty, amiability, loyalty, affection, domesticity, comradship and patience.

A woman finds her ideal man in one who possesses mazuma, kale, cash, coin, dough, currency, chink and money.

W. M. U. Societies To Assist Seniors

The Fisher County Baptist Associational W. M. U. in session the past week pledged support to the high school senior day to be held at Simmons university on Saturday, April 28. Presidents of the various societies in the association agreed to carry the invitation back to their high schools and to assist in providing transportation for the seniors for that day, when a picnic is to be held.

One group of women from Abilene, headed by Mrs. George S. Anderson, presented the picnic plans informally to the various presidents and members and a formal announcement of the day's program was given during the meeting hour. Five other Abilene women were teachers of classes for the associational meeting. Mrs. R. M. White, president of district 17 taught juniors; Mrs. O. H. Cooper directed an open methods class; Mrs. E. M. Francis taught a W. M. S. group; Mrs. J. B. Buckley was leader for a Y. W. A. and Intermediate class; and Mrs. M. M. Ballard was Sunbeam director.

Mrs. J. M. Jackson of Rotan, associational mission study chairman, presided for the program, which was inaugurated with an address by Rev. E. D. Dunlap, pastor of the Sweetwater Baptist church. The meeting was held in the First Baptist church, where a covered-dish luncheon was served by women of the association.

Registration was:

Roby: Mrs. R. L. Robbins, Suma B. Minor, Leonard Barnes, Sam Beene, R. B. McWhirter, H. F. Moore, W. W. Reed, L. M. Moore, A. M. Josey, M. E. Stewart, S. W. Edmonson, A. W. Hodges, E. E. Hodges, George H. Carter, J. Cunningham, J. P. Basham, Estain McWhirter, W. B. Ferrel, J. F. Parker, O. A. Smith, R. L. Wilkins, L. W. Dickson, Neva Hughes, Rev. and Mrs. D. G. Reid.

Rotan: Mmes. J. A. Brown, R. N. Hughes, Van Loon, J. D. Brannon, Floyd Burnett, C. M. Huckabay, N. T. Underwood, Roy Edmondson, Ike DeWeel, Emery Scott, Jackson, Obed Hughes, H. T. Fillingim, C. E. Leon, Misses Myrtle Kersh, Georgia and Edith Van Loon and Arline Smith.

Hamlin: Mmes. J. L. Winter, W. L. Boyd, M. D. May, Tate May, Alton Clemmer.

McCauley: Mmes. W. H. Stephenson, F. M. Hardesty, Miss Icey Akins.

Royston: Mrs. S. R. Brumfield, Mrs. Ed. Overton.

Sylvester: Mmes. W. D. Green, J. W. Turner, A. G. Hastings, J. A. Edwards, A. D. Williams.

Abilene: Mmes. Anderson, James P. Stinson, Loran Lapham, White, Francis, Cooper, Buckley, Ballard, R. L. Faucett.

NOTES FROM BIG SPRING

The ladies of the East Fourth Street church are busy in preparation for the district meeting of the W. M. U. Convention of district 8 which convenes with this church on the 5th and 6th of April. Mrs. V. Phillips is president of the local W. M. U.

Rev. R. E. Day, pastor of the First Baptist Church, reports that the series of meetings just closed in which Dr. G. W. Yates, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Amarillo, did the preaching, was one of the best "church revivals" held in the church during his pastorate.

The Sunday school of the First Church, under the supervision of Professor George Gentry, principal of the Big Spring high school, is making good progress. The school recently met the A-1 standard.

The Big Spring Baptist Association has an associational Sunday school convention of which Superintendent W. C. Blankenship of the First church is the president. Meetings are held on Fifth Sundays.

The Associational B. T. S. organization is presided over by Denver Yeatts of the East Fourth St. Church. The East Fourth representatives have won both the efficiency and attendance banners for the past two months.

The East Fourth St. Sunday school is entering their third year with the rank of an A-1 school. John R. Hutto is superintendent and Denver Yeatts is associate superintendent.

Rev. Woodie W. Smith of the East Fourth church is preaching a series of sermons, preparing the church for a revival which is expected to begin soon.

The West Side Baptist church is making progress under the pastorate of Rev. Richbourg. Brother Richbourg is a doctrinal preacher of unusual ability, and a sound leader.

There was a good attendance from the local churches to the District B. T. S. and Sunday School Convention which met at Stanton the 27th and 28th of this week.

Gleanings From the Field

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faithful Jewish missionary has an interesting and instructive message on the work among his own people in the South.

The city B. T. S. Federation of Abilene will meet next Sunday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock with University Baptist Church, with E. B. Milam in charge. Curtis Owens will be in charge of the music. The Juniors of the Federation will render a short program, after which Brother Milam will bring a short message. An effort will be made to have 500 in attendance at this meeting.

An associational B. T. S. revival will be held in the Sweetwater Association during April, with Rev. W. R. Derr of Emanuel Church, acting associational sponsor, in charge. Miss Grace Conn of the B. T. S. office in Dallas will direct the work. An effort will be made to enlist all the churches in Abilene, and as many of the churches of the association as possible in this revival. More details of the work will be given next week.

The Drasco church has just completed a Sunday school and B. T. S. training school. The attendance was good. There are 40 awards to be given. Five classes were taught. Brother Hollis from Ovalo, taught the Sunday school manual. This was Brother Hollis' second time to be with us in training schools. The church enjoyed having Brother Hollis with us again.

The other teachers were members in our own church. The courses taught were studies in New Testament, Advanced B. T. S. Methods, Training in Bible Study and Bible Heroes.

The B. T. S. of the church at Bradshaw are planning a B. T. S. training school in the near future. A social was held recently at which details of the school were discussed. Rev. L. B. Smith is pastor of this church and the church at Norton. He resides at Winters.

Dr. B. A. Copass of the Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, is doing the preaching in a meeting at Santa Anna, this week. Rev. Hal Wingo is pastor of the church.

Pastor W. T. Hamor and the First Baptist Church, Winters, are in the midst of a B. T. S. training school this week. The following classes are to be offered: For adults, "Southern Baptists Working Together," by Alldredge, taught by Rev. W. T. Hamor; for young people, "Investments in Christian Living," by Rigell, to be taught by an out-of-town teacher; for intermediates, "Intermediate Plans and Methods," by Conn, teacher to be selected from out of town; for juniors, "Trailmakers in Other Lands," Lambdin, teacher to be selected.

Dr. N. A. Moore, head of the Bible Department of Simmons, and Kelly Barnet went to a conference of religious teachers of the State and Denominational Colleges and Universities of Texas, last Friday. The conference lasted through Sunday and had as visiting speaker, Dr. Weiman of the Divinity School of Chicago University.

"I don't suppose you keep any such civilized thing as dog biscuits in this one-horse, run-down hick town, do you?" the tourist customer remarked.

"Oh, yes, we do," the village merchant replied pleasantly. "Quite a few folks like you come through here from the city and we aim to have everything they call for. Will you have 'em in a bag or eat 'em here?"

POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following candidacies for public office are subject to the action of the democratic primary July 28, 1934.

For District Attorney:
W. J. CUNNINGHAM

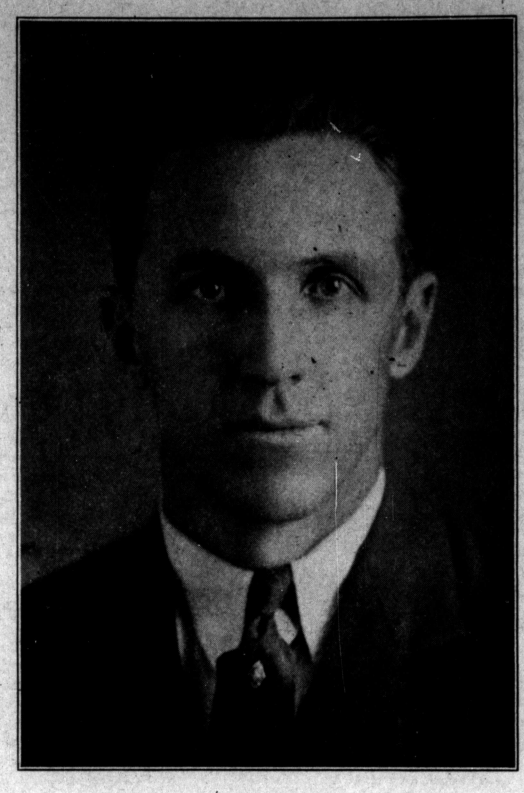
For Sheriff of Taylor County:
DAVE BOOTH
W. R. (Ruck) SIBLEY

For County Superintendent, Taylor County:
M. A. WILLIAMS (Re-election)
MISS NENA KATE RAMSEY
LEROY STONE

For County Clerk, Taylor County:
WALTER MOORE
W. P. BOUNDS (re-election)
C. L. DARDEN

For Tax Assessor and Collector, Taylor County:
C. W. BOYCE
GRADY PARMELLY (re-election)

To The Voters Of Taylor County



LEROY STONE

It is with a sincere desire to be of real service to the parents and school children of Taylor County that I am announcing to you my candidacy for the office of County School Superintendent of Taylor County, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary, July 28. The only reason that I am asking you for your vote and your influence is that I feel certain that I am better qualified by education and experience to render service in the improving of our schools than my opponents. I sincerely believe you will think so too if you will consider the qualifications and abilities of each of the candidates. I want it understood, however, that I have the highest personal regard for each of my opponents and the present workers in the office, and as far as I am concerned this will be a clean race. I am running on my own merits and not on my opponents' demerits.

Biographical Sketch.

I was born in Stephens County, Texas, in 1903. I received my early education in rural schools North of Eastland, Texas. I came to Abilene in 1918, finishing the High School here in 1921. The following year I entered Simmons University and work my way through by helping my sister keep boarders and stopping one year to teach. That year's teaching was as principal of a six-teacher rural school in Jones County at Lueders. I took my B. A. degree from Simmons in the summer of 1925 and the following year taught as science and mathematics teacher in the Panhandle, Texas, school, a fifteen teacher school near Amarillo. In the winter of 1926-27 I came to Abilene as principal of the Valley View elementary school. The following year I went into the High School as teacher of chemistry and physiology, staying there four years before leaving to take my present position as superintendent of the Potosi Independent School District, a seven teacher rural school of eleven grades. I have held this position for the past two years. For the past two summers I have been doing graduate study in the University of Texas, working toward my M. A. degree. While there I have given special attention to the county administration of schools, having the opportunity to get he advice and experience of the leading educators of Texas and he South on the subject.

My Platform.

1. A County Superintendent as well or better educated than the teacher he superintends.

2. A County Superintendent educated for and experienced in the administration of schools and not somethig else.

3. The work of supervising the schools should be done by the County Superintendent. Elect a man who can and will do both. A supervisor might be necessary in larger counties where the Superintendent is needed more in the office. I have had plenty of education and experience for this work. I will spend Monday, Wednesday and Friday in the schools personally helping the teachers and trustees in improving their schools. All I want is a good office assistant to take care of the office details while I am out.

4. We are demanding a better educated group of teachers; then why so much supervision? Give the better educated teacher a chance to display some initiative. Stimulate them to have ideas of their own, then help them to carry them out.

5. A county library on wheels, brought to every school in the county at least once a week. A good start has been made on the County Library for the schools, but it is of little use to the schools, especially the distant ones, when it is kept in the County Court House.

All I could ask is that you vote for the candidate that can serve you best in this office. I will appreciate your vote greatly. Won't you speak to your friends about me? THANK YOU.

(Political Advertisement) LEROY STONE.

FRESHMAN QUARTETTE AT BUFFALO GAP

The Freshman Boy's Quartet of Simmons University, composed of Cearley Kinard, Charles Gaunett, Cleamon Pinner, and Jack Wilson, with Miss Cordelia Smith as accompanist, sang for the Buffalo Gap Baptist Church last Sunday at the morning hour. Their messages in song were greatly enjoyed by all present. Dr. W. A. Stepheson of Simmons spoke Saturday night.

GREETINGS

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