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RAMBLING E M A R K S



By DICK O'BRIEN

Well, if atmosphere has anything to do with arousing inspiration the column should be extra good this week. I am writing in the office of C. M. King and Jack Thornton, business managers of the Southwestern Seminary, on the keenest, streamlined typewriter I ever saw. Jack Thornton, who is a brother to John and Miss Georgie at Stamford, has just told me a story which is worthy of being passed on. John and Miss Georgie run one of the most modern dairies in West Texas. It seems that they had one cow that was awfully bad about kicking, and she had a peculiar way of kicking straight back, whereas most bovines kick with a kind of side arm (or leg) movement. John had been sick and was walking weakly down the hall of the barn when suddenly this obstreperous Jersey let fly a hind foot and gave him a rather sharp kick on the shin. John did not feel equal to the task of administering just punishment on the cow so he called Jack over and invited him to pick up a shovel and give the cow what he (John) thought she needed. Obediently Jack set in, but suddenly stopped and turned to John saying, "Say, I ain't mad at this cow. Why should I be beating her up?" This reminds me of many people I have met. They have people in the church they do not like, and they would like for me to use the pulpit to do their beating for them. But a preacher is in a bad business when he does it. There are times when any preacher will feel that it is necessary to administer rebukes to his congregation, and he will find that a certain type will always come around to congratulate him on his message, unless they feel that they were included in the rebuke. . . . This reminds me of a story I read one time about a teacher who sent a note home by her little boy saying to the mother, "Please give Jimmie a whipping, he has been a bad boy in school today." The next morning Jimmie brought the following note back from the mother to the teacher, "Whip him yourself, I ain't mad at him." . . . And speaking of notes to and from teachers, did you hear the one about the teacher who sent word to the mother that she must send a written excuse for Johnny's absence the day before. She received the following note, "dere techer, yestiddy the sno wuz 12 inches deep and johnny's legs is only ten inches long."

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EVENTS TO COME

- June 27-July 7—Texas Baptist Encampment, Palacios.
- June 30—Biennial Convention, United-Texas Drys, Abilene.
- July 4-13—Alto Frio Encampment, near Leakey.
- July 9-14 Southwide Training Union Assembly, Ridgecrest.
- July 9-14—Ruidoso Assembly, Ruidoso, N. M.
- July 10-12—Girls' Camp, Lueders.
- July 10-16—Menard Encampment, Menard.
- July 12-14—Boys' Camp, Lueders.
- July 12-19—Central Texas Encampment, near Hillsboro.
- July 16-21—Sunday School Week, Ridgecrest.
- July 16-21—Southwide Sunday School Assembly, Ridgecrest.
- July 22-28—Baptist World Alliance, Atlanta, Georgia.
- July 30-August 4—Milam County Encampment, Cameron.
- July 30-August 4—Foreign Mission Week at Ridgecrest.
- July 31-August 7—Paisano Encampment, Paisano Pass.
- August 7-13—District 10 Encampment, Canadian.
- August 7-17—Falls Creek Assembly, Arbuckle Mountains, Oklahoma.
- August 24-25—Association Training Union Officers' conference for Districts 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 16, and 17, at Abilene.
- November 3-5—State B. S. U. Convention, Hardin-Simmons U.

TO DISCUSS DRY VOTE AT ABILENE MEET

Preliminary plans looking toward a state-wide dry campaign will come up for discussion at the biennial convention of Texas United Drys which will be in session Thursday evening and Friday at the First Baptist Church, Abilene.

Pending the state-wide election, methods will be discussed for regulating the sale of whiskies in drug stores, which, assert dry leaders is an open scandal.

Other subjects for discussion will be the program for temperance education, assistance in local option campaigns and a strengthening of dry sentiment on every front.

Secretary Jeff Davis of the convention issues the following message:

Friends of the Dry Cause are urged to spend at least one day and evening with us. Progress is being made, but there is much to be done. Drugstore saloons must be closed. Our temperance educational program must go on, local option must be encouraged; and the time has come to begin laying plans for a statewide election.

There were eleven local option elections held in Texas in May. Six of these did not change the local status. Of the other five, drys won four, wets only one. Of the total eleven, drys won eight, wets three. Other elections are in prospect. Many on the dry side are not asleep.

We need you. Come and help us plan our work.

BIENNIAL CONVENTION UNITED TEXAS DRY

First Baptist Church, Abilene,
June 29, 30, 1939

Thursday Evening, June 29
8:00 P. M.—Song and Prayer—Bishop H. A. Boaz, State President, Presiding.

Appointment of Committees by President.

Address—"Alcohol as Seen by a Chemist," by Dr. Paul Witt, Professor of Chemistry, Abilene Christian College (30 Min.)

Address by Judge Edgar P. Haney (20 Min.)

Friday Morning, June 30

10:00 A. M.—Song and Prayer.
Address of Welcome—Dr. R. N. Richardson, Dean of Hardin-Simmons University (10 Min.)

Response—Dr. Guy R. Davis, President Daniel Baker College, Brownwood (30 Min.)

Business Meeting (About 30 Min.)

Address by State President, Bishop H. A. Boaz (20 Min.)

Address by Dr. Harold G. Burnam, Prof. of Chemistry, McMurray College, Abilene (30.)

Friday Afternoon

3:00 P. M.—Board Meeting.
Report of Committees.

Friday Evening

8:00 P. M.—Song and Prayer.

Address—"Economic Phases of the Liquor Question," by Dr. J. M. Dawson, Pastor First Baptist Church, Waco (30.)

Address—"Relation of the Liquor Traffic to the Social, Educational, and Religious Life of Our People," by Dr. Eugene B. Hawk, Vice-President S. M. U., Dallas (30 Min.)

WEST TEXAS ASSEMBLY ELECTS 1940 OFFICERS

Rev. Dick O'Brien, pastor of First Church, Stamford, was re-elected president of the Lueders Baptist encampment in a business session Saturday morning, June 24. Rev. J. S. Tierce, Clyde, was re-elected secretary.

Action was taken making the camp manager also treasurer of the encampment. Rev. J. Henry Littleton of Hamlin holds that office for 1939. The manager for 1940 will be chosen at an early meeting of the directors. C. M. Caldwell of Abilene was added to the trustees of the camp.

Directors chosen include T. A. Patterson, Colorado City; E. S. James, Vernon; J. D. Thorn, Graham; W. T. Hamor, Winters; and A. C. Hardin, Post; who were added to the present board of which Rev. C. A. Powell of Abilene is chairman.

LUEDERS CAMPERS HAIL EXCEPTIONAL PROGRAM

The program at the West Texas assembly at Camp Lueders, which closed Sunday night, June 25, was freely declared to be one of the best ever offered at the Clear Fork encampment.

Dr. John L. Hill, whose quiet talks and vesper services were equally popular with young and old, promised to return for next year, as did the musical Reynolds family and most of the others in attendance.

Although the rain Monday night and Tuesday morning restricted attendance and threatening clouds kept some from the laymen's banquet Friday evening, estimates of total attendance reached 1,500. Registration being wholly voluntary only a small portion of those who came for only one of two services registered at all.

The weather was delightfully cool and one or more blankets were welcome each night. Although extended rains over the state kept the river too high for water sports, it only whetted the desire of the young people who are planning to return for the Youth camps the second week in July when that feature can be added to camp attractions.

Friendship circles conducted under the tactful leadership of Rev. Bill Marshall were a favorite period for young people many of whom rededicated their lives for Christ and some surrendered for special Christian service.

Mrs. Lyon, Mrs. Leigh and Mrs. Johnston of Southwestern Seminary endeared themselves, not only to the W. M. U. workers but to all who came to know them. Mr. Latimer also left with the abiding friendship of the entire encampment as did Mr. Lites.

Hearers felt that Dr. Porter M. Bailes, camp evangelist, reached new heights with each sermon. A pleasant surprise was given in a sermon Saturday morning by Pastor J. Dale Thorn of Graham, which was declared by many to be one of the best addresses of the camp.

Local workers who appeared as teachers and conference leaders demonstrated that they had reached first magnitude.

There was general rejoicing over the removal of the debt which has hung over the camp property since its beginning, and plans are under way for further improvements for 1940. The new privately owned stone cottages attracted wide attention and other private lodges are in prospect.

DISTRICT TEN PLEDGING ONE DAY'S EARNINGS

By J. C. McKENZIE

I must tell you about two Workers' Meetings we have had in District Ten since the meeting in Fort Worth. At the North Fork association meeting I presented the plans for the fall campaign, and fourteen pastors, all who were there voted that we give a day's salary, and ask their members to do so. Then they all voted that they would ask their churches to give one Sunday's offering to the Cooperative Work. Then this week in our Panhandle Worker's Meeting every pastor in attendance, and almost all were there, voted the same. Then Mrs. Grundy, our District Leader among the women, stood and said she wanted to pledge herself to give a day's earnings and to pledge to get the other women to join her. Then some one asked me to give all there a chance to vote to cooperate in it. I did, and almost every man and woman in attendance stood and voted that they would give a day's income, and do their best to get their church to give a Sunday's offering. Let me suggest that at every public meeting we have between now and fall we give the people a chance to pledge to support this movement, and we will win in a great way in our Fall Round-up. I believe the District Missionaries can be of great help right at this point. I mean to present it in every nook and corner of District Ten. Everything is in fine shape up here. We have had the best rains this week we have had in years.

Miss Vanita Bowe of Rule will be a member of the faculty at the Girls Camp at Lueders. The information reached the office too late to be included in the program.

CONFERENCE SPEAKERS TRAINING UNION MEET

At Abilene, August 24-25



DR. J. E. LAMBIN
Nashville, Tenn.



MRS. J. E. LAMBIN
Nashville, Tenn.

INFORMAL CONFERENCE OF LEADERS AT CAMP

Plans, problems and triumphs were discussed in a conference of state, district and associational leaders during the Lueders assembly.

Missionary B. N. Shepherd explained the suggested statewide plan to give one day's salary to state missions and for churches to give the offering of the fifty-third Sunday which occurs this year.

Camp president, Dick O'Brien climaxed the meeting with a challenge to conquer difficulties. He recounted the four denominational institutions within District 17 whose influence reaches far beyond district confines. He named Hardin-Simmons university, Hendrick Memorial hospital, Lueders Baptist encampment and the West Texas Baptist.

Mrs. E. F. Lyon presented the W. M. U. work; Judge E. S. Cummings, the goal in district Brotherhood work, J. M. Cook, discussing Sunday School work urged that Christ and the Bible be at the center of our work. Broughten Harden presented the need of renewed effort in associational work of the B. T. U. Hugh F. Latimer of Memphis spoke of the need of greater use of literature among the laymen.

H-SU BIBLE CONFERENCE PLANNED FOR MIDWINTER

Dr. J. B. Tidwell who has headed the department of Bible in Baylor university for nearly thirty years will join the Bible staff of Hardin-Simmons university and other outstanding Bible teachers in a West Texas Bible conference at H-SU the week of February 11, 1940.

The meeting will take the place of some of the district pastors' retreats of the area and will also be one of the denominational and academic gatherings at the West Texas school in connection with its golden jubilee celebrations and commemorations of 1940 and 1941.

NEW MEXICO DRY PLAN STATEWIDE ORGANIZATION

July 4 is the date set for a meeting called by the Ministerial alliance of Albuquerque, N. M., for the purpose of forming a temperance organization in that state to restrict more effectively the liquor traffic.

Several outstanding men from different denominations and the various sections of the state have been asked by the committee in charge to have a part in the program of the day.

PALACIOS ENCAMPMENT MEETS JUNE 27-JULY 7

By T. C. GARDNER

The "Jerusalem" for Texas Baptists is at Palacios-by-the-sea. It is here that Texas Baptists, more than 6,000 in number and from every section of the state, meet each year.

The Texas Baptist Encampment, located at Palacios, is, indeed, the oldest institution of its kind in America. It is at this seaside camp that Texas Baptist youth meet each year to study, play and pray with their pastors, parents, leaders, and denominational workers.

In addition to Texas Baptists turning their faces toward "their Jerusalem" many people from Louisiana, Arkansas, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Missouri, Tennessee, and Mississippi likewise meet there each year.

July 4 Celebration

On July 4, Texas Baptists who assemble at Palacios-by-the-sea, will participate in a patriotic program directed jointly by the officials of the encampment and the citizens of Palacios. Dr. John L. Hill of Nashville, Tennessee, will deliver the principal address on "Keeping America American." Other patriotic addresses will be delivered by Dr. E. H. Westmoreland, Houston and Dr. Harold L. Fickett, Galveston. A great music program featuring patriotic songs will be directed by Jack Gardner, Dallas.

Study and Play Combined

The program at Palacios is so planned that the ones who attended received inspiration, information and recreation. The six thousand Baptists who attend the encampment at Palacios are assured that the days spent there are not wasted.

Program Begins June 27

The opening session of the encampment will be held in the main auditorium Tuesday evening, June 27 at 7:30. A choir composed of one hundred choice singers from every section of the State will be directed by Mr. V. F. Forderhouse, Houston, with Mrs. Sophia Acord accompanying him at the piano. The key note address for the encampment will be delivered by Dr. Fred C. Eastham, pastor of First Baptist Church, Wichita Falls. The officers of the encampment are: President, L. L. Silkenstein, Galveston; Vice President, W. L. Howse, Fort Worth; Business Manager, J. F. Barnett, Palacios; Secretary, A. C. Head, Beaumont; Treasurer, W. C. Morris, Houston.

COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO COORDINATE MEETINGS

A plan to coordinate workers meetings in District 17 will be considered at an early session of a committee of nine appointed last week by District President P. D. O'Brien.

The suggested plan contemplates arranging all the workers meetings of the seven associations within one week, having two meetings on the same day in some cases.

Proponents of the idea, which is similar to one successfully used in District 16, point out that it will make possible visits from state and Southern leaders who in a trip of four or five days will be able to meet with leaders from all churches in the district. It will also make for efficiency in the work of the district leaders, who can set aside one week out of the month for these meetings and remain free to carry out three weeks of uninterrupted work.

Personnel of the committee includes representatives of the seven associations—J. S. Tierce, Callahan; J. I. Cartledge, Eastland; George T. MacBeth, Fisher; S. E. Stevenson, Haskell; J. H. Littleton, Jones; J. B. Rowan, Stonewall; and W. C. Ashford, Sweetwater, together with Mrs. District Missionary and the Editor of the West Texas Baptist.

No man has come to true greatness who has not felt in some degree that his life belongs to his race, and that what God gives him, he gives for mankind.—Phillips Brooks.

You can't tell how far a fellow has gone till you know where he started.—Dick O'Brien.

No paper next week.

BAPTIST WORLD ALLIANCE HIGHLIGHTS ANNOUNCED

By E. C. ROUTH,

Editor, Baptist Messenger

The Sixth Baptist World Congress will meet in Atlanta July 22-28, 1939. Each union, convention, or conference in membership with the Baptist World Alliance may certify as a messenger and Baptist resident in its area, who shall then ordinarily be entitled to a card of membership, issued by the secretaries, or one of the secretaries, of the Alliance. There is no limit to the number of messengers that any constituent body may certify.

The registration fee for each member is \$2.50, which is to be paid on arrival in Atlanta.

The sessions of the Alliance will be held in the public auditorium in the day time and in the stadium at night.

The first session of the Alliance will be called to order by President George W. Truett at 2 p. m., Saturday, July 22. First on the program will be addresses of welcome and response thereto, with roll-call of nations Saturday afternoon and Saturday evening.

Sunday morning services will be held in the various churches. At 2:30 p. m. Sunday, Dr. Truett will give the President's Address. Sunday night there will be an inspirational and evangelistic meeting in the stadium, with addresses by Dr. Robert E. Speer, Mrs. W. J. Cox, Dr. L. R. Scarborough, Dr. Gordon Palmer, and Rev. J. B. Middlebrook.

Monday morning there will be two features, the General Secretary's report by Dr. Rushbrooke, and Evangelism. In the afternoon there will be sectional meetings for Laymen, Women, and Christian Education Leaders. The Congress Sermon Tuesday evening will be preached by a distinguished Baptist minister of Norway. A feature of almost every day will be "Spirituals" by the combined choirs of Negro churches.

On Wednesday morning the outstanding features will be report of Commission on Baptist Contribution to Christian Unity; also, messages on the Church, led by Dr. John R. Sampey. In the afternoon there will be Language Group meetings—English, German, Latin, Scandinavian, and Slav. Wednesday the speakers will be Dr. Earle V. Pierce, Dr. J. W. Decker, and Dr. W. C. Taylor. Thursday morning, Dr. W. O. Carver will report on "Findings of the Oxford and Edinburgh Conference." This will be followed by a Discussion on the Ordinances. One of the speakers will be Dr. Wallace Bassett of Dallas. A business meeting will be held Thursday afternoon and a great Young People's Meeting Thursday evening. The meeting will close Friday evening with the theme World Peace. Among the speakers Friday morning will be Dr. L. L. Gwaltney of Birmingham, editor of the Alabama Baptist, who will speak on the subject, "What Have We to Say to the Communist?"

Other Southern Baptists on the program besides those already named, will be Dr. C. E. Maddry, Dr. M. E. Dodd, Mrs. F. W. Armstrong, Dr. Frank H. Leavell, President Pat M. Neff, Dr. Theodore F. Adams, Professor H. W. Tribble, Dr. Ellis A. Fuller, and the Mayor of Atlanta, the Governor, and United States Senator George of Georgia.

SCHOOL OF SACRED MUSIC A PERMANENT FEATURE

The School of Sacred Music, which was one of the most popular features of the 1939 Assembly at Camp Lueders, was made a permanent part of the program by formal action at the business assembly at the close of the camp.

The School was conducted this year by Professor I. E. Reynolds of Southwestern seminary, assisted by Mrs. Reynolds and J. D. Riddle, Abilene. Classes were held in Practical Church Music, Sight Singing, Choir Organization, Hymn Playing, and general chorus practice.

A cantata by the camp choir was rendered to a highly appreciative audience Saturday evening.

All members of the 1939 faculty of music have indicated that they are willing to return.

Never raise the white flag, if you are on the right side.

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NO PAPER NEXT WEEK

The West Texas Baptist publishes 50 issues each year, omitting one at Christmas time and the other around the Fourth of July.

For that reason there will be no paper until July 13. One of these times there will be 53 Thursdays in the year and the editor may get a two weeks holiday at one time.

STATE PROHIBITION

While the time has not yet arrived for a state election to abolish the liquor traffic, the moment is ripe to begin planning definitely for that goal.

There is a growing upward surge of dry sentiment. This statement is made advisedly and is sustained by the returns of local option elections.

Last month, in eleven local elections, four wet communities went dry; four dry communities remained dry; while only one dry area voted wet. That one, we believe, was a developing oil field where the blame for introduction of liquor rests, not on the oil people, but upon voting church members who gave up without a struggle and remained away from the polls. If they had gone manfully down to vote their convictions the result could have been reversed.

If people such as these can be persuaded that their votes will make Texas dry, the battle is won. But because there are literally tens of thousands who suffer an inferiority complex on election day and persuade themselves that their one little vote does not matter, the time is at hand to begin laying the lines for a statewide battle.

One of the best places to begin is in revival meetings. There may be slim hope of winning the wet voting church members, but an open sinner who is genuinely converted is ready to take up the conflict against sin and sin factories.

THE FIFTY-THIRD SUNDAY

Years containing fifty-three Sundays are so far apart that we come to think of fifty-two Sundays as being as fixed as twelve months. But this year has five months with five Sundays each and seven with four.

Churches receive most of their income on the first day of the week, which is right and scriptural. Their budgets are based on fifty-two weekly collections. The occurrence of one extra day for collections this year prompted the suggestion that churches give the offering of the odd day as a special gift to missions.

On discovering that there will be one extra offering during the year, the thought in some churches is that the money can be used to make up unpaid items in the budget. Others hail an opportunity for reducing old indebtedness. These are worthy objects. They are things which every church should include in a "must" list. Unbalanced budgets and unpaid debts dishonor God and discredit the church, the bride of Christ.

But one becomes convinced from experience that the Missionary Baptist Church which magnifies missions in its program will more quickly lift burdensome debts than one which spends every dollar at home. Honor God in His mission enterprises on the fifty-third Sunday and see if your church does not receive a blessing.

ABOUT WORKERS MEETINGS

The nine associations in District Sixteen have happily arranged their monthly workers' meetings during the first two weeks of the month with the prime idea of greater efficiency in the work of the district missionary, who now has two weeks in each month for revivals, study courses and other tasks without an interruption to drive fifty, one hundred or even two hundred miles and return to attend an associational gathering.

District Seventeen, with seven associations, is now to consider a similar plan. The proposed idea to be presented shortly to a committee suggests having the seven monthly meetings on four or five days of one week.

This plan has an added advantage over the program required in the larger area of District Sixteen in that it gives the missionary and other district workers three weeks instead of two for concentrated effort.

It also has the unique possibility of permitting Dr. Campbell and other state leaders the privilege of making a tour of the seven meetings in the company of the missionary and of coming in personal touch with workers in every church in the district within the scope of less than a week.

The suggestion has much to commend it to other districts. In each of these areas there are different distances, different problems and different situations for which adjustments may be made. But that is the Baptist way. Only in ordinances and commands is there a set mold. Happily, there is no long established precedent to be broken and no principle involved save the principle of doing the Lord's work in the most effective way at our command.

Meetings from time to time with our own chosen state leaders taking part will give new life, new meaning and new power to our monthly conferences of workers. They will help our men and women in the state positions of leadership to keep closer to heart beat of the rank and file of Baptist membership. They will make the smallest and most remote church feel itself more consciously a part of the mighty fellowship of Baptists.

And here is a wonder of wonders. This is one forward step that can be taken without raising one additional penny and without exerting a single extra effort.

Let's pray about it.

News Notes

No paper next week.

Thursday evening, June 29, will be Men's Night at the Appelmann meeting, Sweetwater. The subject will be Three Exceeding Things and laymen from all the surrounding country are invited to attend.

On account of high water, the young people's camps of District Eleven were postponed and will probably be held in August, announced Mrs. W. N. Martin, district leader. The Y. W. A. Camp will be held as planned, July 3, 4 and 5. Mrs. T. J. Furniss will be the Y. W. A. Camp director and Dr. E. S. James will be camp pastor.

First Church Lubbock has had 534 additions during the association year up to June 25. There have been an average of 11 additions per Sunday for 33 months.

Dr. E. S. James of Vernon is assisting Pastor W. B. Fitzgerald of Crowell in a revival meeting.

Missionary J. C. McKenzie of District 10 in a week's training course with Pastor J. Perry King and the Clarendon Church.

Dr. John A. Held, missionary to Europeans in Texas, recently led in a great revival with Pastor L. O. Englemann and the Sealy Church. There were 17 additions and nine for baptism. There are 90 in this church which had only 39 a few months ago.

Lawson H. Cook of Memphis, Tennessee, Southern Brotherhood leader, will be in Texas during the month of August.

Evangelist W. D. Green is in a revival at Hitchcock, Galveston county.

The Dumas Church, where Rev. J. P. McBeth is pastor, was greatly revived in a revival led by Rev. Chas. A. Powell of University Church, Abilene.

Rev. Chas. N. Gilbert has resigned at Salt Branch to accept the call to full time work with Sunset Church, Abilene.

Judge E. C. Cummings, Brotherhood leader for District 17 and E. W. Ledbetter, past president of the Brotherhood in First Church, Abilene, will speak at the regular Brotherhood meeting of Seranton church, Friday, July 21. Pastor W. C. Taggart reports the work growing and one convert for baptism last Sunday.

Rev. Perry F. Evans, field representative of Buckner Orphans Home spoke at First Church, Anson, Sunday, June 25. He has just concluded a great ten-day revival at the home in which 74 were received for baptism and 15 came with letters.

Rev. P. D. O'Brien is in a revival meeting with Gambrell Street Church, Fort Worth. This is the church at Southwestern Seminary. Rev. M. M. Barnett is pastor.

Pastor Dean Elkins of Nolan is assisting in a revival at Mullins.

Rev. Carroll Holtzclaw, who is doing evangelistic work this summer, has just closed a great meeting with Pastor Lee Perry and the Palo Duro Church with record crowds and large visible results.

Rev. R. O. Cawker of Corpus Christi will preach and Rev. F. A. Williams of Elmdale will lead the song services in a revival with Pastor Jones Weathers and the Merkel Church, beginning June 2.

The Training Union of First Church, Ranger, will have an "Inspirational Retreat" July 3, announces Pastor Charles T. Talley, Jr.

Rev. H. M. Whitley of Haskell will assist Pastor Fred Moreland in a revival at Lueders beginning July 16.

Pastor E. L. Redden will preach in a revival meeting from July 2 to 16 at Nugent. C. A. Burgess of Colorado City will lead in the song services.

Rev. Charles T. Talley Jr. of Ranger and Dexter Riddle of Abilene are in a Youth revival with Pastor E. E. Burks and the Throckmorton church.

Rev. W. L. Daniel of Stith Church supplied Sunday morning for Pastor J. Henry Littleton at Hamlin and in the evening for Pastor T. L. Nipp of Moran.

There are more cases of overwork than there are of overwork.

WESTEX TRAINING UNIONS CONTINUE TO GROW

San Angelo: The Training Unions in the three Baptist Churches in San Angelo are constantly growing. First Baptist Church, with Rev. A. D. Foreman, Jr., pastor; Immanuel Baptist Church, with Rev. N. E. McGuire, pastor; and Parks Heights Baptist Church, with Rev. Lawrence Hays, pastor, are doing excellent Training Union work. Secretary T. C. Gardner of Dallas was recently in all of these churches and reports the Training Union work on the upgrade.

At Stephenville: Erath County Baptist Association met last Sunday to give consideration to further enlargement and development of the Baptist young people of that association. Secretary T. C. Gardner was the principal speaker. A program was outlined looking toward the establishment of the fully graded Training Union in each church within the association. Mrs. R. L. Dobson of Dublin, is the associational director. Rev. L. D. Mitchell is pastor of the First Baptist Church, Stephenville. All pastors and workers in the association are joining hands and hearts in the promotion of the Training Union program.

At El Paso: Dr. I. L. Yearby is the pastor of the First Baptist Church, El Paso. Mr. Lee Stulce is the educational director. An all-church Training Union revival is to be conducted in that church September 17-24. Secretary T. C. Gardner of Dallas has been secured to lead in that campaign. Mr. and Mrs. J. Boyd East of Midland will teach books and assist with the revival.

At Menard: The Menard Baptist Encampment will meet at Menard July 10-16. Dr. J. M. Dawson, Secretary T. C. Gardner and many others will appear on the program. Rev. and Mrs. J. H. McClain of Menard are giving much time in making preparation for this camp. All Baptists are invited to attend the meeting and those in District 16 are urged to be there.

At Dallas: For the first time in the history of Texas, the State Training Union Department issued more than 50,000 awards during last convention year. It is interesting to observe that during the first eight months of this convention year 50,266 diplomas and seals have already been issued. This is 143 more than were issued the whole convention year of 1938. Texas Baptists are becoming more Training Union minded all the time. It will be a great day for our churches when all members attend the Training Union every Sunday night.

Rambling Remarks

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yours truly, miz tucker." . . . Well I guess we might make the day out on notes as there is not enough room to take up a new subject now. The story is told of one of these modern teachers who believes in the germ theory, and insisted on the children coming to school scrupulously clean. A certain little Sally had not heard of germs, sanitation or B. O. The teacher became so vexed that she finally wrote the mother a tactful note suggesting a warm water bath for Sally, not sparing the soap. She suggested that Sally's unbathed body gave off a disagreeable odor in a closed school room full of children. After much brow knitting over the meaning of the teacher's note she finally found out what was wanted. In reply she wrote the teacher, "dere teacher, I ain't sending sally to school for you to smell her, I want you to learn her."

. . . I have finally found the line that will make me famous. I have never found a subject that really challenged the best in me until now. As I have said before I have always nursed a secret ambition to be notable for something, I feel sure I have found it. I am giving credit to Dr. W. D. Bond in his "Hook, Line And . . ." column, in which he suggests that the man who finds a way to make fish bite every time the would-be Isaac Walton drops in his bait, will win enduring fame. I have the answer, and hope to give it in this column next week.

Daily Bible Readings

July 1—Vanity of Worldliness. Ecclesiastes 1:12-18.
July 2—"The Wisdom That Is From Above." James 3:13-18.
July 3—Opportunity Withdrawn. 1 Kings 11:9-13.
July 4—Opportunity Transferred. 1 Kings 11:26-31.
July 5—Opportunity Limited. 1 Kings 11:37-40.
July 6—Opportunity Neglected. Matthew 25:24-30.
July 7—Opportunity Despised. Luke 14:16-21.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

July 2, 1939

By Hight C. Moore

SOLOMON: A RULER WHO BEGAN WELL

Read and Study 1 Kings 3:5-15

King Solomon became the wisest man of his age and all ages because in early life he sought wisdom as the highest goal and main essential to usefulness.

1. Wisdom Offered

THE PROPOSAL FROM GOD included the offer of wisdom. At Gibeon, the "great high place" some north of Jerusalem where the Mosaic tabernacle stood, Solomon assembled the people from all parts of the country with a view to their unification before the altar of Jehovah. With unprecedented liberality and devotion he offered a thousand burnt-offerings upon that altar. The place and the occasion were suitable for the scene that followed. And to Solomon, aglow with religious fervor, Jehovah appeared in a dream by night with the proposition: "Ask what I shall give thee."

2. Wisdom Chosen

THE PRAYER TO GO showed a profound need and desire for wisdom. It unveiled the fineness of fiber in Solomon's nature. He did not ask for material blessings, but yearned for those spiritual qualities which would capacitate him for the greatest possible service. In his prayer he acknowledged the mercy of God to his father David; confessed himself though on the throne but a little child, knowing not how to go out and come in as king in his father's stead; and declared that the task before him was herculean as the monarch of a mighty people. Hence he prayed with all his heart in fervent words for true wisdom rightly to judge the people as a true and faithful ruler.

THE PROMISE OF GOD was an immediate and definite grant of the wisdom sought. The Lord was pleased with the prayer of Solomon—pleased that he had not asked for himself lengthened days or great riches or the life of his enemies, but had asked for "understanding to discern judgment." Therefore the request was granted so that Solomon should be wiser than any predecessor. Not only so; but he should have riches and honor surpassing any of the kings of his time. Moreover he should have long life if he would walk in the ways of the Lord and keep the divine statutes as David his father did. Thus fully and gloriously was Solomon's prayer answered.

4. Wisdom Exercised

THE PROGRAM FOR GOD which the young king began with vigor displayed the exercise of wisdom. When he awoke he realized that a life impetus had been given him. Ever thereafter he would be under the spell of

the night scene at Gibeon. No sooner, therefore, had he returned to Jerusalem, his capital, than he made religion the central feature of his reign.

In reverent worship he "stood before the ark of the covenant of the Lord" in personal dedication. As the nation's leader in the public worship of God he "offered up burnt offerings, and offered peace offerings," in humble confession and consecration. And the religious feast which he made "to all his servants" unified king and people in a program of progress which gave first place to piety.

(1) Wisdom in worship. "Went to Gibeon to sacrifice" (verse 4). True worship is the highest wisdom. False worship is the greatest folly. Solomon was wise to sacrifice.

(2) Wisdom in Spirituality. "In Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon." Forms of worship may be forms merely. But the spirit of worship counts. Solomon put himself in a spiritual atmosphere and attitude. It is wise to keep near God.

(3) Wisdom in Gratitude. "Thou hast given him a son to sit on his throne." Solomon inherited a mighty throne. But he recognized the fact that David's greatness was due to God. And to God alone he was indebted for his own coronation.

(4) Wisdom in Humility. "I am but a little child." Solomon felt his inadequacy to the great task confronting him. He needed help. "He that humbleth himself shall be exalted."

(5) Wisdom in Diligence. "I know not how to go out or come in." Solomon needed to know. He wanted to know. He was teachable. And he wanted God to teach him. The self-sufficient are never sufficient for their tasks.

(6) Wisdom in Work. "That I may discern between good and bad." Delicate tasks of state were ahead of the young king. He desired to discern and do the right. How far above the scheming, tricky, wavering politician!

(7) Wisdom in Consecration. "Stood before the ark of the covenant." Solomon made religion central in his own life and in the life of his people.

Gold in the Golden Text

Give therefore thy servant an understanding heart . . . that I may discern between good and bad. 1 Kings 3:9.

The understanding heart—who does not desire it above all earthly endowments and accomplishments? To understand God, his infinite mercy and to understand his fellow men, their evaluations and interpretations; to understand God, his infinite mercy and overruling providence: Does not every one cry out, "Give me understanding!" And that is the great secret here.

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The Rural Church Problem in Perspective

By J. W. JENT, A. M., Th. D., LL. D.,
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(Southern Baptist Convention Address, Richmond, Virginia, May 15, 1938)

Those of us fifty years old, or more, know that the country church today is not what it was as we remember it in our childhood. Its influence has declined. Congregations are small. The "Big Meetin'" has played out and the "Saturday Conference" is gone. The appeal of tradition is passing. The farmer now enters his life in the village. The reaction of this tendency upon the small, fourth-time church in the open country is fatal. Witness the increasing number of deserted houses of worship and dead churches in every section of the rural South.

The rural reaction of the recent "Depression" is even more serious. Hundreds of good country churches have been wrecked and ruined. When the price of farm products went to the bottom and money could not be had in the country, the smaller churches simply "unhitched, took out and quit." They have no pastor. They do not seem to want a pastor. Hundreds of them will never call a pastor. They may not know it, but they are through.

The rehabilitation of the rural church, is sometimes, A LOCATION PROBLEM—move, merge, or die; it is a problem of A NEW PROGRAM—organization for religious education and social service, as well as for worship; it is AN EQUIPMENT PROBLEM—a place to teach and train and eat and play, as well as a place to preach; it is A PASTOR PROBLEM—the challenge of efficient leadership—the mastery of administrative technique—a "pastor" as well as a preacher—full-time and on the field long enough to put on and put over a church and community program.

It is A PSYCHOLOGICAL PROBLEM: The problem of RURAL ATTITUDES—conservatism, individualism, suspicion, prejudice, pessimism, and emotionalism. These attitudes fix the pattern of rural church problems. They are insidious and insistent—utterly immune to reason or argument. They tend to block the program of a progressive pastor. Sometimes they simply put him out of business.

Rural-minded rural pastors, especially those born and reared in the country, understand these attitudes. They are patient and sympathetic because they know they cannot "drive" hard-headed stubborn country Baptists.

A rural pastor's most serious problem is himself. His attitude toward rural life in general and the rural life in particular, tends to determine his success or failure. Some country preachers are actually sorry for themselves. They are, like their people, class-conscious, afflicted with an inferiority complex. They magnify their difficulties and discouragements and minimize their advantages and opportunities. They are sensitive to the sentiment which discounts them because they are country preachers.

The country church is IN THE COUNTRY. It is, therefore, woven into the pattern of the rural life problem—economic and social. Efficient country churches—organized, financed, and equipped—can never be more than a dream and a hope until rural life is lifted to the level of the life of the nation.

The rehabilitation of the rural church is A STATE MISSION TASK; — A SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION RESPONSIBILITY; the dare of the denomination to discover the number of the needs, and the possibilities of these detached, unenlisted country churches;—the challenge of RECOGNITION and RESPECT;—the problem of CONVENTION CONTACT and COOPERATION.

Country churches, regardless of their size or inefficiency, are CHRIST'S CHURCHES. They deserve sympathy instead of censure; appreciation for what they are and have done, rather criticism for what they do not have and do not do.

God forbid that we should minimize country churches because they are small and poorly equipped; because they do not seem to do much. They are sovereign units in the Kingdom of God; outposts on the frontier of American life; holding on where the tides of wickedness surge against them; where the billows of wild, irrational emotionalism beat upon them. These brethren are our brethren; blood-bought soldiers in the ranks;

waiting for re-enforcements which they deserve and should have.

The challenge of the country church is THE APPEAL OF A PRICELESS HERITAGE. The country churches of the South COST SOMETHING. They represent the price our pioneer preachers paid in suffering and hardship. These heroic Kingdom Builders "carried on" in the cold of the winter and in the heat of the summer. Difficulties did not down them. Their fortitude fires the heart of a "red-blooded" Baptist. They forded flooded streams, preached under the trees, and planted churches in the wilds of the wilderness.

Our challenge is: What will we do with this rural heritage? We cannot repudiate our responsibility for what our fathers committed to us. We dare not ignore a duty so determining. To neglect these thousands of rural denominational suicide. We are trustees of the Truth and stewards of the Gospel;—under orders for the evangelization of the world. The rural South is the heart of our missionary task. It is the ripest, richest field in all the world. The harvest will not wait. Something should be done about it before doom is written over the door of the country church.

The rural church has not really declined. It is merely a static, retarded institution in the complex of a dynamic, evolving environment. We do not need a new religion, but we certainly need a new rural church; a church which conserves first century Christianity in the organic genius of a twentieth century institution.

We have THE NEW SCIENCE OF AGRICULTURE: Farm management and machinery; soil analysis and seed election; animal husbandry and horticulture; blooded horses; hogs, cows, and chickens; the "Farm-Cooperative"; the county agent; the home demonstrator; the "Four-H-Club."

We have THE NEW FARM HOME: Better planned and better built houses—marvels of convenience and comfort—a water system, bath and inside toilet, electricity—light and power, a fireless cooker, refrigerator, radio, telephone, good roads, automobiles, trucks, tractors, sanitation, a new appreciation of health, a hospital, hygiene, and modern medicine.

We have THE NEW RURAL SCHOOL: The best in ruralized rural education—equipment, teacher, curricula, methods, management, administration.

We have THE NEW RURAL COMMUNITY. The simple life of the pioneer is gone. The rural neighborhood, which centered in some one institution or other common interest—church, store, school—has been absorbed by the rural community—a complex, comprehensive unit which conserves the whole life of country people.

The challenge of the country church is the bugle blast of the agrarian revolution—the dare to be done with detached, narrow rural religion; the appeal of the home and the school for a church which will catch step in the path of progress.

The twentieth century farmer is a modern man in everything but his religion. The log cabin, the "dutch oven," the "tallow dip," the "bull-tongue" plow, "home-made soap," the oxcart, the scythe, and the sickle—symbols of the simpler life of the pioneer—are gone, but the pioneer church is still here.

This relic of the frontier has survived the surge of modern life, not only because it is entrenched in tradition, but because country people differentiate their social and economic life as secular and their religion as sacred—two distinct and separate phases of life:

A farmer may have the best machinery or other material equipment on his farm; he may do his bit as a rural life leader; he may live in a modern residence, and drive an automobile to his little church, and yet seem to be thoroughly satisfied with a church which does nothing but preach and guard the graves of its ancestors. This kind of farmer is not even interested in a full-time, resident pastor. He sees no need of a better building, and he regards a financial budget, a standard Sunday school, and auxiliary organizations as "Modernism,"—rank heresy.

I know a country deacon in Oklahoma—the most progressive farmer in his community—who literally blocked a building project because the plan provided for a basement and a kitchen. He said he would not give a dime unless they took the basement out of the plan, for he did not believe in

PROGRAM

Workers' Conference of the Sweetwater Baptist Association with the Sunset Baptist Church, Rev. C. N. Gilbert, Pastor, July 6, 1939.

There: "Adding to Our Faith," 2 Peter 15:9.
10:00, Devotional — Rev. Howard Martin.
10:15, "Why Add to Our Faith" (Verse 5)—Rev. C. N. Gilbert.
10:45, "What to Add to Our Faith," (verses 5-7)—Rev. W. I. Taylor.
11:15, Song.
11:20, Sermon—Rev. V. W. Tatum.
Lunch.
1:15, Board Meetings, Associational and W. M. S.
2:00, Songs.
2:10, "The Results of Adding to Our Faith," (verse 8)—Rev. Freddie Cole.
2:40, "The Results of Not Adding to Our Faith," (verse 9)—Rev. Clyde R. Campbell.
Note: Everyone is requested to carry a covered dish for lunch.

Rev. William H. Joyner, state evangelist, has just closed a fine revival with the Ingleside Church. There were 20 conversions, additions and reclamations. The church unanimously invited the evangelist to return in September for a more extended revival.

"soup-kitchen religion." I finally won him over by reminding him that a kitchen in a church is merely dinner on a table instead of "dinner on the ground," and that it is more sanitary to eat on a table than on the ground, and easier to make coffee on a stove than on a camp fire. That argument caught him, for he was long on "dinner on the ground." He glorified in the old-fashioned social program. He headed the subscription list with \$500.00, which put over a modern brick building in the open country.

Religious needs are not created by class distinctions. They are the same in the country as in the city. A rural community needs a church which serves its constituency as well as town and city churches serve their constituency. Country people, as well as city people, need an opportunity to worship and hear a good sermon every Sunday; therefore, they need an efficient, full-time, resident pastor; a shepherd of the sheep who leads and feeds his flock. They need a modern building, a Standard Sunday School, the various auxiliaries and ample provision for social fellowship.

A rural church which really functions, is logically located. Its constituency is permanent, prosperous, progressive. It is blessed by the ministry of a real pastor; A good preacher and a leader who commands confidence and cooperation. It is adequately financed, well organized, and equipped. It is anchored to the Word of God, sound in the faith, an evangelistic, missionary church. It sets up a program of definite objectives, magnifies teaching and training, knows its field, ministers to all the needs of all its constituency, and makes its contribution to the welfare of its community and the nation. Its life is rooted in the rich soil of denominational ideals and reacts in the support of denominational institutions. It is cosmopolitan, rather than provincial. Its spirit and vision are community-wide, world-wide.

Such rural churches are not merely the vision of a dreamer. They are a concrete reality in every state in the Southern Baptist Convention. They are being built before our very eyes today. Some of the builders are on this platform, under orders to tell us how they did it; so, we will now hear from them.

(This is the second of a series of articles on the rural churches by Dr. J. W. Jent, vice president of Oklahoma Baptist University. Another will appear in an early issue.)

Noted Alumni of Hardin-Simmons

By Jack Gardner



DOUGLAS CARVER POPULAR AS ENCAMPMENT SPEAKER

Rev. E. Douglas Carver, pastor of First Baptist Church, Harlingen, Texas, is one of the many Hardin-Simmons Exes on the program at Palacios by the Sea. H-SU is proud of the fact that so many of Hardin-Simmons men have been invited to be on the program at this State Encampment. These men are the leaders in Texas today.

E. Douglas Carver was graduated from the High School at Wheeler, Texas, in 1921. Attended Wayland College, Plainview, Texas, and surrendered to preach just before receiving his diploma from that school in May, 1923.

Was teacher and coached in the Brownfield School, the years of '23 and '24, entering Simmons University the fall of '24. Took part in all the activities of the school, and was a member of the Cowboy Band, the year it was incorporated and received its charter. Was president of the B. S. U. '25 and '26. Was ordained by the First Baptist Church at Albany, Texas, the spring he graduated from Simmons. Served as Director of music and education in the Albany Church his last year in Simmons, driving to and from Albany on week ends.

Was called to his first pastorate in February 1927, the First Baptist Church, White Deer, Texas. Was married to Miss Ernestine Rosser, August 23, 1927. Was pastor at White Deer more than six years, during which time he did Theological Work in the Seminary, going by train from Amarillo to Fort Worth, the round trip from White Deer, via Amarillo some eight hundred miles.

From White Deer he went to the First Baptist Church of McPherson, Kansas, was there hardly two years, but did much good there taking the lead in all the State work, inaugurating the Monthly Workers' Conference which has been of great help to all the State of Kansas. Was called to the First Baptist Church at Harlingen some four years ago last May.

Rev. Carver is often called upon to give of his time and talents at Our State Conventions, both the B. T. U. and Sunday School, which he does most heartily and he has one of the principal speakers at the State General Convention at Dallas last fall. He has led the Student Revivals at Wayland, Simmons and Mary Hardin-Baylor with much success. He is a member of the Executive Board of the State Convention, the B. T. U. Executive Board, trustee of Palacios and Mary Hardin-Baylor. He is serving

DOCTRINAL

CHURCH

By GORDON BARNETT

The noun Church is a very meaningful word. It represents the body of Christ, a lighthouse, and army, a chosen people. It is the only organization that Jesus Christ ever organized or made himself a part of. It is the Church that Christ trusted to evangelize all people and teach them the things that He would have them know.

The highest honor that can be conferred on frail humanity was conferred on us when Christ trusted us, both by precept and example, to make him known to all the wide world. Surely we will not betray that trust.

There is a story that says after Christ had died, was risen again, and had ascended back to heaven, angels came to Christ and asked Him if He has redeemed the world. He told the angels that He has perfected the plan by which the world may be redeemed. That he had organized His people into a Church and left them to carry on until He comes again. One of the angels said, "But, Master, suppose they fail to do the work Thou hast left unto them to do." The Master said to the angels, "I have no other plan."

History, both ancient, medieval, and modern, reveal the fact that the most prosperous and happy people in all ages are the people where Christ through His Church sheds His rays of light.

Why people will fight the Church is hard to understand. The Church stands for honesty, sobriety, truthfulness, brotherly kindness, virtue, patriotism. Just to put it as it is: there is not one cardinal virtue that is known to man that makes peace and happiness, that the Church does not stand for.

It may be true that corrupt and unworthy people unite with the Church, but the same is true of every organization known to man. Are we going to damn the home, city, state, and nation because each and all of them have some unworthy people in them? Why not be as fair with the Church as we are with other organizations?

There are two theories in the world today. One is "Might is right." The other one is, "Equal rights to all and special privileges to none." Christ, the head of the church, gave us this rule, "Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do

his fourth year as member of the State Executive Board. He will go to Arizona to serve as camp pastor in the State Assembly in Prescott this year.

So to one who has contributed much to our Baptist cause in Texas and who is so loyal to his work in the Rio Grande Valley and a most loyal supporter of H-SU and so with these traits we say HATS OFF! to E. Douglas Carver.

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ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets." If the light of the Church goes out, civilization is headed into darkness and destruction. "For there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved."

I love thy Kingdom, Lord,
The house of Thine abode;
The Church our blest Redeemer saved
With his own precious blood.

Beyond my highest joy
I prize her heavenly songs.
Her sweet communion solemn vows.
Her hymns of love and praise.

EVANGELIST APPELMAN IN SWEETWATER REVIVAL

Evangelist Hyman Appelman, one of the outstanding soul winners of America, is in a revival with Pastor J. M. Sibley and First Church, Sweetwater. Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Riddle of Abilene are leading in the music.

At 2:30 Sunday afternoon, July 2, the evangelist will tell his life story, "From a Jewish Lawyer to a Baptist Preacher." The meeting will continue through the following week.

Much preparation has been made for the meeting in the Sweetwater Church. The engagement having been made with the evangelist something like two years ago. He now has dates for meetings extending through 1941. He held a great meeting at First Church, Abilene, in 1937 and has a return engagement for September of this year.

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SCRIPTURE: "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross and follow me."

WHAT'S WHAT AND WHO'S WHO

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Camp Director Rev. J. H. Littleton, Hamlin
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Chorister Mrs. J. D. Riddle, Abilene
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MONDAY EVENING

2:00-5:00—Finding a Place to Bunk.
5:00-6:00—Meeting of All Counselors and Leaders.
6:00-7:00—Help Yourself to a Picnic Supper.
7:00-7:30—Vesper by the Clear Fork—Mrs. F. T. Whitaker, Jayton.
7:40-8:00—Come, Let's Sing and Be Happy.
8:00-8:20—What's What and Who's Who?
8:20-8:30—Let's Get Acquainted.
8:30-9:00—Following Our Camp Pastor into Deeper Consecration.
9:00-10:30—Play and Sing to Your Heart's Content.
10:30—Happy Dreams—Lights Out.

TUESDAY MORNING

6:00-7:00—How About a Swim?
7:00-7:45—Breakfast is Served.
7:45-8:00—Is Your Bunk Nice and Clean?
8:00-8:20—Thoughtful Meditation Under the Tabernacle—Rev. Phil. C. McGahey.
8:20-9:05—Let's Study About Missions—Every Girl in Class.
9:05-9:45—Recreational Songs.
9:45-10:20—Demonstration of Installation Service—Stamford Junior G. A., Mrs. Harold Scott, Sponsor.
10:20-10:40—Recess.
10:40-11:25—Everybody in Class.
11:25-11:35—Lift Your Voices in Song.
11:35-12:05—Following Our Camp Pastor into Deeper Consecration.
12:15—Are You Hungry? Let's Eat!

TUESDAY AFTERNOON

1:30-4:00—Recreation: Something for all.
4:00-6:00—Take a Swim, But Don't Drown.
6:00-7:30—Stunts with Knife and Fork and Spoon.
7:45-8:15—Vesper by the Clear Fork—Mrs. F. T. Whitaker, Jayton.
8:20-8:30—Time to Sing.
8:30-9:00—Consecration, led by our Camp Pastor, Rev. B. N. Shepherd.
9:00—Follow Recreation Committee.
10:30—Curfew.

WEDNESDAY MORNING

6:00-7:00—Are You Too Sleepy to Swim?
7:00-7:45—First and Last Call to Breakfast.
7:45-8:00—Isn't It Fun to Clean House?
8:00-8:20—Thoughtful Meditations Under the Tabernacle, Rev. Dick O'Brien.
8:20-9:05—Get Your Mind and Come to Class.
9:05-9:25—Story Hour.
9:25-9:45—Demonstration of Chinese Wedding—Mrs. Phil. C. McGahey.
10:20-10:40—How About a Little Recess?
10:40-11:25—No Cuts From Class Allowed.
11:25-11:35—Let's Sing.
11:35-12:05—Being Examples in Consecration—Rev. B. N. Shepherd.
12:15—Last Lunch—Goodbye Until 1940.

BOYS' CAMP Program

Theme: Following the Trail.
Song: Where He Leads I'll Follow.

WHAT'S WHAT AND WHO'S WHO

Director of Activities Mrs. Dick O'Brien and Rev. J. H. Littleton
Camp Pastor Rev. B. N. Shepherd, District Missionary
Registration Rev. Dick O'Brien, Stamford
Recreation Rev. J. S. Tierce, Clyde
Chorister Mr. J. D. Riddle, Abilene
Pianist Dick O'Brien
Life Guard Licensed Guard
District W. M. U. President Mrs. J. B. Buckley, Abilene
District Young People's Leader Mrs. Dick O'Brien, Stamford

Wednesday Afternoon

2:00—Registration and Wigwag Assignments.
4:00—Call of Chief to his Council—Assembly of sponsors and chaplains, and recreational organization, in tabernacle; soft ball, and horse shoe, etc. By associations and cities and churches.
6:00—Bring your picnic lunch and help yourself.
7:30—At the Portal at Sunset—Vesper—Rev. Dick O'Brien, Stamford.
8:00—Call of Tribes into Council—Announcement of Camp Rules.
8:25—Welcome—J. H. Littleton.
8:35—Introduction of Groups Attending—J. S. Tierce.
8:55—Following the Trail—B. N. Shepherd.
9:40—Play Period.
10:30—Shut Doors of all Wigwags.

Thursday and Friday Mornings

6:00—Get Up.
6:10—Setting up Exercises—Recreational Director.
6:25—Appeal to the Great Spirit—W. L. Daniels.
6:35—Swimming.
7:00—Breakfast.
8:00—Is Your Bunk Nice and Clean?
8:15—Bible Study:
Junior—J. I. Cartledge, Eastland.
Intermediate—Phil McGahey, Breckenridge.
9:00—Recess.
9:15—Mission Study—Every Boy in Class.
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For Intermediate—
Intermediate R. A. Manual—L. L. Trott, Rotan.
Judson the Pioneer—G. W. Thomas, Peacock.

Youth Camp Leaders



MISS VERNA LEE CARSON
Young People's Worker, First Baptist
Church, Abilene, Texas



BROUGHTON HARDEN
Leader Intermediate Boys

West Indian Treasures—Rev. J. W. Arnette.
Blazing New Trails—F. A. Hollis, Putnam.

For Juniors—

Junior R. A. Manual—Broughton Hardin.
The Treasure Hunt—J. W. Partin, Rule.
Under the North Star—A. U. Hathaway.
The Land of the Golden Man—Fred Moreland.

9:45—Thursday—Song Service—J. D. Riddle and Dick O'Brien.
Friday Morning—Demonstration of how to Organize a New R. A. Chapter—L. L. Trott.

10:00—Missionary Story—Miss Clara May, Wilson.
10:30—Baseball Game.
11:30—Following the Trail—B. N. Shepherd.
12:10—Dinner.

Thursday Afternoon

1:30—Daily Bible Readings.
2:00—Games.
3:30—Ladies Swim.
4:30—Swimming, Boys and Men (Positively no swimming before 4:30 p. m.).
Swimming 4:30 to 5:30.
6:00—Supper.
7:30—At the Portals of Sunset (Vesper)—Dick O'Brien.
8:00—Call of Tribes into Council—Songs—J. D. Riddle.
8:30—Missionary Story—Clara May, Wilson.
8:50—Following the Trail—B. N. Shepherd.
9:30—Sports.
10:30—Good Night. Lights out.

CAMP CLOSES NOON FRIDAY

Good Bye, Boys, 'Til We Meet Again in 1940.

TRAVEL SHOWER PLANNED FOR MRS. WALTON MOORE

Friends of Mrs. J. Walton Moore are invited by Mrs. H. J. Bradshaw, mission chairman in First Church, Abilene, to participate in an appreciation shower at a date to be announced later.

Mrs. Moore is planning to leave Abilene on August 8 with her daughter Ruth and expects to sail August 17 on her return trip to mission work at Chefoo, China.

Among useful gifts suggested by Mrs. Bradshaw are single sheets, blankets, a steamer trunk, a full sized trunk, a full sized mattress and springs, a wood or coal stove and articles of clothing. Mrs. Moore also hopes to take back \$250 for a baptistry in the Chefoo Church.

EVANGELISTIC PLEA MADE AT BURIAL OF BROTHER

Southern Baptists and friends all over the world were grieved at the sorrow of Dr. L. R. Scarborough in the recent death of his brother, Will F. Scarborough, of Midland, Texas. As the leader of Southern Baptists in the present evangelistic movement, Dr. Scarborough, rendered a most significant and impressive act of service for his Master at the burial of his brother. In the presence of a large number of wealthy cattlemen, oil men, and professional men he made an impassioned plea for them to accept the Savior in whom his brother trusted.

Rev. William H. Joyner, state evangelist, is now in a brief revival with the First Church, Sutherland Springs. He goes next to conduct his second revival with the First Baptist Church, San Saba. Dr. Sam Taylor is pastor. This revival will begin July 2nd.

In making up the paper last week the by line crediting the short article about Rev. E. D. Dunlap to Evangelist Wm. H. Joyner was overlooked.

After more than 30 years of the practice of psychiatry, I have reached the conclusion that what is most needed by modern civilization is an enlargement of the spiritual life, an enhancement of universal insight. I find in the vast majority of my patients that when all is said and done, the thing that is really wrong with them is that they have lost their spiritual bearings—they are suffering from a lack of that stabilization of personality which is dependent on a real religious experience.—Dr. William S. Sadler.

CHURCH BULLETIN SECTION

Any church which sends the West Texas Baptist to the active membership may have space in this section for bulletin purposes, free. Write or see the editor for details. We are happy to be able to offer this service to our readers. Copy may be changed each week. The only requirement is that we cannot promise to print it

unless it reaches this office by Tuesday of the week of publication. There are times when we can get in material Wednesday morning but frequently we cannot. As the circulation increases it will be more difficult. The right is reserved to edit copy if necessary to include it in the agreed space.

WEST SIDE, BIG SPRING

Our program for July 2 will be as follows:
10 a. m. Sunday School. 11 a. m. Worship hour.
7 p. m. B. T. U. 8 p. m. Evening sermon.

Monday 3 P. M.

The W. M. S. service Monday, June 26 was in charge of Mrs. Monteith. Women of the New Testament was the subject studied by the women.
The pastor baptized two fine young men last Sunday at 4 p. m. in the baptistry of the First Baptist church. Everybody be at church next Sunday by all means.
E. E. MASON, Pastor.

BUFORD, MITCHELL COUNTY

Sunday, July 2. Sunday School 10 a. m. Preaching, church conference, 11. B. T. P. 8 p. m. Preaching, Lord's Supper, 9.
We are grateful for the increased attendance at prayer meeting. We meet at 8:30 Wednesday evening. Please study Acts 2.
ALVIN SWEARINGEN, Pastor.

PROGRAM

The Fisher County Baptist Sunday School Association meeting at Roby, July 2, 2:30 P. M.
1. Congregational singing.
2. Devotional—Rev. W. C. Taggart.
3. Special Music—Ernest Smith.
4. Departmental Conferences.
5. Round Table Discussion of the Future of Our Associational Sunday School Work—Led by O. D. Henley.
6. Business. Adjourn.

GIRARD

Our meeting will open under the arbor Friday, July 14. Tell your neighbor, he may not know about it! Bring your neighbor, he may not have a way to come! Pray for your neighbor, he may be lost!
Bro. Woodson Armes of Waco will preach for us and Brother Will Baker of Abilene will conduct the singing. Let us support them with our prayers and presence.
Messages for Sunday: God's Plan of Justification, morning; God's Plan of Preservation, night.
W. R. CAMPBELL, Pastor.

GILLESPIE

Sunday School at 10. Morning Worship at 11. Evening Service at 8. An offering will be taken in the morning service to help pay the expenses of an association evangelist.
Do you have a boy or girl whom you would like to have in the finest place in West Texas? The cost is cheap; the place is Lueders; the time is July 10-14.
EDWARD FREELAND, Pastor.

SENTENCE SERMONS

O. D. HENLEY

Some are on the want list; others are on the won't list.
If we eat the devil's knick-knacks we have no appetite for God's food.
The devil never has kept his word. Timidity is preferable to frigidity. Plans are the harness; spirit is the horse.
People need reviving and not reviling.

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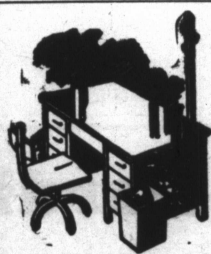
Can Surplus Foods for Hendrick Memorial Hospital

The Lord has blessed us with timely rains bringing prospects of an abundance of fruits and vegetables. We are again asking our friends to share these blessings with the unfortunate patients who come to our hospital without funds.

If we have these foods contributed we can take the cash which otherwise would go to purchasing those things, and add it to our charity fund. This will enable us to take care of more of the needy sick. It will help the charity fund much more than if the fruits and vegetables were sold on a glutted market and the cash given us.

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E. M. Collier, Superintendent



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