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prayer. An efficiency drill consisting of a memory contest of officers of Women's Work in State, District Association and County. Following are the officers and each lady is urged to memorize them.

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LUEDEBS ENCAMPMENT BREAKS ALL RECORDS FOR STATE

When we think of the Lueders encampment we are reminded of the words of Bill Nye, the great humorist, who, when viewing the sea for the first time said, "She's a success." While the Lueders encampment is only three years old, it is without question the largest encampment in the State. From the very opening service on July 14, the crowds overwhelmed the authorities. Large crowds were expected, but not from the very jump go. However, every emergency was met in a great way and the thousands who attended were cared for in a marvelous way.

As would naturally be expected the high tide of the meeting was reached Sunday. The people were there—there by the thousands—there from every part of the great west, and many sections of the eastern part of the state was represented. There is no way of estimating the attendance. We think there is no question but that over ten thousand people were in attendance Sunday. Over four thousand were enrolled in Sunday School by ten o'clock. The large tabernacle which was recently completed is 100 by 110 feet. This was enlarged during the encampment to 120 by 130 feet and this would not accommodate the crowd Sunday. Hundreds were unable to get under the tabernacle.

Sunday Orphans' Home Day.
One of the most thrilling things about this great encampment was the raising of above \$1,400 for Buckner Orphans' Home. All the Sunday School collection was given to the home. The people were inspired to give liberally by the announcement that a layman present would give dollar for dollar with the encampment up to one thousand dollars. Following the great message Sunday morning by Dr. Truett, over six thousand dollars was raised for the expense of the encampment.

Of course the wonderful success of the encampment is not due to any one man or set of men. It is a product of the indomitable west. However, those who attended the great meeting and know of the work that has been done in its behalf, will readily recognize that three or four outstanding laymen deserve mention in connection with the success of the encampment. To be sure our dear, wonderful Dr. George W. Truett was a great drawing card. They came by the thousands to hear him and his messages were great soul feasts that stirred the people to the depths. However, that trio of laymen, Col. R. L. Penick of Stamford, President C. M. Caldwell of Abilene and Publicity Director W. H. Wright of Stamford wrought nobly in making the encampment a success. Col. Penick has been on the job for weeks doing what he could to get the grounds ready for the great meeting. He and Judge Caldwell make a team that is hard to beat when it comes to putting over a great program. Brother Wright of Stamford did a fine piece of work in giving publicity to the encampment. In this he was greatly aided by Miss Lillian Penick of Stamford. After all we wonder if our denominational work would not be in a great deal better shape if we would let our great laymen take the lead in the financial part of our work and let our preachers give more time to preaching the gospel. That is the way it was done in the First Baptist Church at Jerusalem.

At a meeting of the encampment Friday the following officers were elected for the next year:
Judge C. M. Caldwell of Abilene, president; R. L. Penick, of Stamford, C. A. Powell, of Abilene, J. Carter King, of Albany, Joel V. Grimes, of Avoca, and W. H. Albertson, vice-presidents; Walter H. Wright, Stamford, secretary; O. B. Norman, Rotan, treasurer; Colonel R. L. Penick, general manager; trustees: J. C. Williams, Avoca; Walter Pope, Anson; W. H. Wright, Stamford; J. K. Brady, Stamford; J. J. Gentry, Lueders; Joe Smith, Knox City. Directors: C. M. Caldwell, Abilene; R. L. Penick, Stamford; W. K. Crawley, Throckmorton; J. C. Cooley, Lueders; A. C. Miller, Cisco; J. V. Grimes, Avoca; J. Carter King, Albany; O. B. Norman, Rotan; J. W. Gohlsom; Jim Ezell, Hamlin; D. R. Couch, Aspermont; W. T. Hammer, Anson; J. D. Corbin; W. R. Underwood, Albany; L. M. Kay, Rochester; J. D. Sanderfer, Abilene.

The Antelope Church in Runnels County is to begin a meeting on next Friday. Pastor R. E. Milam and his father of Brownwood will conduct the meeting.

LUEDEBS ENCAMPMENT NOTES

Friday was denomination day at the encampment. Dr. F. S. Groner delivered a great address on the denominational work, and Dr. Truett also spoke at the eleven o'clock hour on phases of our cooperative work. Dr. Groner remained over through Sunday and spoke on Sunday afternoon on the subject of "Do We Need a New Religion." Several thousand people heard this address.

The West Texas Baptist Hospital of Abilene rendered a great service to the encampment by placing an emergency tent on the grounds near the auditorium. The large tent was furnished with furniture from the sanitarium and was in charge of two trained nurses. During the first four days of the encampment over two hundred and fifty first aid treatments were given to encampment visitors. This service was given free to the encampment.

The Abilene Army Store was on the job daily in furnishing tents, cots and cooking utensils for the campers. This progressive store furnished complimentary headquarters for Simmons University and the emergency hospital tent for the Baptist Sanitarium.

Woody W. Smith of Knox City, pastor, evangelist, song writer and publisher, put the musical program over in a great way. Besides his service in leading the music he gave lectures daily to hundreds on different phases of church music.

The Hogg evangelistic party, which was in a great revival at Haskell, looked in on the encampment on Saturday. This group of soul winners are with the Munday brethren in a revival campaign this week.

Pastor J. J. Gentry and his good people at Lueders rendered fine service in helping make the encampment a success. The Lueders church had just closed a fine meeting in which Dr. W. T. Rouse of Snyder did the preaching.

One of the outstanding features of the great encampment was the manner in which the boy scouts handled the great crowds. Scouts from Abilene, Anson and Stamford took their turn in handling the traffic and it was done in a credible manner. These fine young Americans were on the job at all times day and night, and as a result of their vigilance not a serious accident occurred. It speaks volumes for a group of boys when they are able to handle ten or twelve thousand people and have everything go along like clock work.

The encampment directors are already looking forward to spending several thousand dollars on the grounds before another year. It is planned to place a dam across the Clear Fork river to give ample water for bathing, boating and fishing. Water will also be placed on the grounds before the next meeting. It certainly did keep the water men hustling day and night to supply the encampment with drinking water and keep the grounds sprinkled.

MEETING AT ROCKSPRINGS

The Rocksprings Baptist Church of which Rev. R. W. Lindsey is pastor recently had a revival meeting in which Brother Carson Taylor of Dallas did the preaching and singing. The meeting closed Sunday at eleven o'clock, July 5th, on the river banks. There were eighteen additions to the church, seventeen by profession and baptism and one by letter. We consider we had a great meeting owing to conditions.

The devil was busy all during the meeting. There were two big barbecue celebrations and two or three country dances within reach of Rocksprings during the meeting, and many other things to hinder. But we feel that a victory for God was gained.

After having heard Brother Taylor in more than forty services I would recommend him to any church needing a real gospel preacher as well as singer in a meeting. He did the preaching and led the singing in every service.

Brother and Sister Lindsey are doing a good work here and we are praying for great blessings in the church.

Mrs. J. A. Henry, Rocksprings, Texas.



O. B. NORMAN
of Rotan, re-elected treasurer of the Lueders encampment.

A WORD WITH PASTORS, S. S. SUPERINTENDENTS AND W. M. S. PRESIDENTS

Hal. F. Buckner

We just had to! There was no choice open to us. The water was rapidly giving out, and yesterday it was coming so slowly that we had to stop the drill for twenty-four hours that it might accumulate in sufficient quantities for the making of steam for the operation of the drilling machinery.

Buckner Orphans Home has a NO DEBT policy. No debt are assumed beyond open accounts. This time we were compelled, COMPELLED, to make a contract involving nearly fifty thousand dollars when we had NOT ONE CENT in sight with which to pay.

The drilling is done by the rotary process and grinds day and night, day and night, DAY AND NIGHT WITHOUT INTERMISSION! The grinding, the rattle, the groaning, the wheezing, and the hammering of the machinery seems to remind us with fiendish delight that pay day is close at hand.

At all hours of the night we are awakened with a start to hear, in the midst of the horrible noises in endless monotony: Fifty thousand dollars, where will you get it? Fifty thousand dollars, where will you get it? FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS—WHERE WILL YOU GET IT?

With only three thousand dollars in hand and ten thousand dollars to pay within about ten days, and a total of around fifty thousand dollars to pay within thirty days, we are compelled to remind all the friends of the necessity of immediate action, of the necessity of large gifts from the well-to-do, and of the necessity of collections from grouped or assembled friends. Even the smallest gift will be greatly appreciated, but to assure success, we offer the suggestion that an effort be made to make \$100 or multiples of \$100 the goal in each instance.

MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE

ECHOES FROM THE LUEDEBS ENCAMPMENT

An average daily attendance of 4,000 to 6,000.

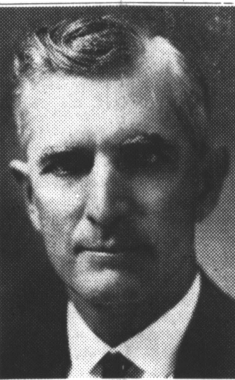
A Sunday attendance of 10,000 to 12,000.

Sunday School attendance of 4,100.

A record class attendance of 750.

Over \$1,400 given for Orphans' Home.

Over \$6,000 raised for expense of meeting.



JUDGE C. M. CALDWELL
of Abilene, re-elected president of the Lueders Baptist Encampment.

GOOD MEETINGS IN CALLAHAN ASSOCIATION

I am in a meeting this week with the church at Cottonwood in Callahan County. Brother Mack F. Richardson is pastor here and I think I never held a meeting where better preparation was made, both in a physical and spiritual way, than we found here. We are having wonderful crowds, and the prospects are for a successful revival.

Mr. Roy Camp of the Southwestern Seminary School of Music is leading the singing, and his choir is filled full of folks who know how to sing. Roy is a splendid song leader, soloist and general help in a revival meeting. I like to work with fellows like him and Mack Richardson.

I will have five meetings in this county between now and September 10th. Everything seems in fair condition for good meetings all over this section. I hope all of the brethren will get so busy winning souls for the next few weeks that they will not have time to find fault and criticize.

Dick O'Brien.

As for me, I will call upon God; and the Lord shall save me.—Psa. 55:16.

TO AND ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO BUCKNER ORPHANS HOME.



W. H. WRIGHT
of Stamford, re-elected secretary of the Lueders Baptist Encampment.

REVIVAL AT JUNCTION

Winsett Evangelistic party of Abilene are in a good meeting with Pastor Kelly and the church at Junction, Texas. Pastor and people greatly pleased. History breaking crowds gather nightly to hear the messages in sermon and song. Men from the cattle ranches are crowding to hear Winsett's sermons and illustrations that are filled experiences on the ranch in his childhood days. The meeting, a week old, has seen many high hours. Friday night was the first invitation. Ten men and women (all adults) accepted Christ, weeping and lamenting their sins they turn their backs on sin. Sunday morning the evangelist preached on the first verse of the fifty-fifth chapter of Isa. Four grown people accepted the invitation, two fine young men in the twenties, and two women. At night fourteen came up the aisle for the Lord confessing sins and trusting the Lord. Pastor Kelley says he has never seen a man so fearless in fighting every form of sin, as Winsett. He says Winsett goes to the bat to knock out the Devil every time he comes up, he lands on sin and careless living, denounces many of the modern sins and says he is willing to be hated and called a fool for Christ sake. We are having old time altar prayer services, and Winsett's prayers are as convicting to those that hear as the sermons he preaches. We are for the style of meeting that Winsett holds. They revive the church, raise the standards of living, convict and bring the lost to the Lord.

The Winsett party begin with the Roby church the 19th. They will be in West Texas for three meetings, then go to Oklahoma, Kansas and Louisiana.

Pastor Rosa A. Smith of Lamesa is doing the preaching in a meeting with Pastor John P. Hardesty and the Slaton church. L. A. Wilson, pastor assistant of Slaton is directing the music.

FIFTEENTH SESSION CHRISTOVAL ENCAMPMENT BEST IN HISTORY

CHRISTOVAL ENCAMPMENT NOTES

President George W. McCall, pastor of the First Baptist Church, San Angelo, served the great encampment in a splendid way. He presided over the great meetings in a manner that kept every one in fine spirits and insured the very best of order. Dr. McCall has his great church right in behind the encampment, and the success of the organization is due largely to the vision and ideals of this group of brethren.

The business men of San Angelo, that enterprising city on the Concho, believe in the Christoval encampment and they are backing it to the limit. When the collection was taken numbers of business firms of the city gave liberally to make the next year's program a great success.

Pastor H. H. Stephens of Winters was one of the busiest pastors on the encampment grounds. His people were there in large numbers, and they were there to make the encampment a success.

Jessie H. Garrett, corresponding secretary and publicity director for the encampment was on the job daily. He did a fine piece of work in putting the encampment before the people, and then made a full hand every day during the entire ten days. We are not surprised that he was re-elected another year.

Talk about sports. Coach Y. P. Kuhn, of Simmons University directing the water events and Coach Amis of Howard Payne College, directing the land events, gave the young people plenty of physical expression. The army and navy features of the encampment were well cared for.

Each evening after the services the campers were royally entertained by students and ex-students from Howard Payne and Simmons. The songs and college yells added much spice to the encampment events.

Two of the outstanding addresses of the encampment were made by President Godbold of Howard Payne and President Sanderfer of Simmons. Talk about orthodoxy in our schools; these two great institutions in the west and central west have at their heads two great Christian laymen who are standing by the fundamentals of the Faith and by the Old Book. How the west should thank God for great men like these.

Lee Stulce and Howard F. Saunders easily won the fish prize at the encampment. They brought in some dandies one morning, but they did not put out much conversation as to just how they did it.

Speaking of addresses, Dr. McConnell's sermons on "Who Is Jesus" and "The Menace of Modernism" were red hot messages. We would be glad to see this man McConnell get hold of some of those lawyers in the Scopes trial.

The fifteenth annual session of the Christoval Encampment came to a close on Thursday, July 16. The encampment was perhaps the greatest in the history of the institution. The attendance was estimated at from 5,000 to 8,000. On Sunday morning of the encampment there were 1,303 enrolled in the Sunday School, which was 200 more than the record of last year. A census taken on Sunday morning showed there were 2,169 people camped on the grounds. Of this number 132 were babies.

The Sunday School collection was given to Buckner Orphans' Home and the collection amounted to \$294. At the close of the Sunday morning service a collection amounting to \$3,300 was taken for the expense of the encampment.

The officers elected for the next year are as follows: Dr. George W. McCall, San Angelo, president; Dr. E. Godbold, Brownwood, Rev. H. H. Stephens, Winters, A. R. Toby, Eden, L. A. Stulce, Abilene, Rev. D. R. Heard, Big Spring, H. O. Word, Ozona, M. C. Bishop, Colorado, vice presidents; J. H. Garrett, Cor. Sec'y; Gus Jones, Secretary-Treasurer; J. A. Whitten, Eldorado, Zack Williams, Christoval, T. Emmett Gallemore, San Angelo, trustees; Dr. G. W. McCall, J. H. Garrett, Bert Lowe, Mrs. Alvin Swendell, Ballinger, program committee.

The Christoval encampment grounds are without question the most ideal in the entire state. The camp grounds are located twenty miles from San Angelo on the beautiful North Concho river. Large pecan and live oak trees line both banks of the river, furnishing ample shades for the campers. A fine well of water and springs furnish plenty of drinking water. The bathing pavilions are right on the grounds and the spring-fed waters are always inviting to the bathers.

The program was all that could be asked for. Dr. Lincoln McConnell of Oklahoma City brought great messages. The teaching force was the very best. The faculty consisted of teachers from Simmons, Howard Payne, a number of state Baptist workers and some of the strong pastors and religious workers of the west. The fellowship was wonderful. It was glorious to see brethren from every section of the great west meet and spend ten days combining physical rest and spiritual feasting. There was a beautiful spirit of cooperation with the authorities in making the great gathering orderly and so far as we know there was not a single discord during the entire ten days.

I have been with Pastor J. H. Hunt, Lorenzo, singing in a two week campaign with him and his church. Rev. Crane of Wolfe City did the preaching. Known results were eight conversions. Visible effects of the meeting were not what they might have been, but enjoyed immensely being with Pastor Hunt and his good people. He and his good wife are strongly entrenched in the hearts of their people.—L. A. Wilson, Slaton.

DISTRICT W. M. U. WILL MEET WITH MERKEL CHURCH AUG. 7

The Quarterly Conference of the Baptist Workers of the Sweetwater Association will be held with the Merkel Baptist Church Friday, August 7. The meeting will be called to order at 9:30 by the president, Mrs. Jas. P. Stinson. Mrs. E. B. Atwood will conduct the devotional after which the following business will be conducted: Roll Call of Societies, minutes of previous meeting, report of department leader, Mrs. R. M. White. The report of the following standing committees will be heard: Missions, Mrs. W. H. Jobe; Mission Study, Mrs. A. R. Booth; Education, Mrs. R. J. Ellis; Benevolence, Mrs. W. F. Joiner; White Cross, Mrs. J. C. Burkett; Personal Service, Mrs. H. R. Bondies; Publicity, Mrs. H. H. Ramsey; Report of County Presidents, Mrs. J. E. Burman for Taylor County; Mrs. J. E. Cole for Nolan County; Report of corresponding secretary, Mrs. Geo. L. Paxton; Report of the treasurer, Mrs. R. C. Lewis. Special music—Selected. From 12:30 to 1:30 Will Be Lunch Hour.

Immediately after lunch the meeting will be opened with song and

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Large Attendance Expected at Post Baptist Assembly

July 28th to August 6th.

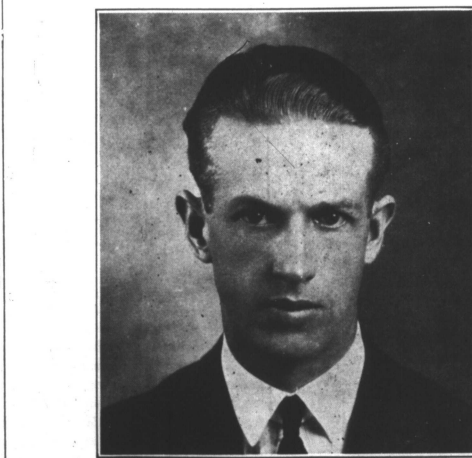
By L. A. Wilson, President, Slaton

A great experience, a new venture, is soon to materialize. The first session of Post Assembly will be held at Two-Draw Lake near Post, Texas, beginning Tuesday, July 28th, and closing Thursday, August 6th.

Baptists and all others in this vast section of West Texas will come to Post in great numbers for these days. This Encampment is in convenient reach of thousands of people who have always felt that they could not attend, other like meetings in the far away places.

Territory included in our organization guarantees liberal attendance and support of this Assembly, we believe. It is thought that the first attendance will run into thousands. The attractions are such as to warrant the interest and presence of large numbers.

Physical equipment for the Assembly has been well provided for. The beautiful lake at which we shall be located will afford opportunity for various recreations. A large tabernacle has been erected, 80 feet by 100 feet, to care for the crowds. Educational features have been included in the arrangements so that Sunday School, B. Y. P. U., and W. M. U. methods may be taught by the best trained workers in the State. Strong speakers will inspire the people with



L. A. WILSON of Slaton, assistant pastor of the First Baptist Church, Slaton, and president of the Post Baptist Assembly, which meets at Post, Texas, July 28 to August 6.

stirring messages. In fact, all that goes with the Assembly idea has been included in the plans for this first session at Post.

We want the people to come. We invite them to come from everywhere. Those who avail themselves of this privilege will be fortunate. Those desiring tents for camping

purposes should write for reservation now to Rev. W. A. Bowen, Lubbock. Plenty of camping space will be at your disposal. Bring the family. Enjoy a fine outing, and at the same time receive moral and spiritual uplift that will bring you to greater usefulness in His kingdom work.

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WATER FOR ORPHAN CHILDREN

While on the Cross Jesus Said: "I Thirst."

For a generation Buckner Orphans Home has pumped a fairly adequate supply of water from a well twenty-three hundred feet deep, but in spite of twenty-four hours per day pumping, we are now getting less than half the amount needed. The level to which the water rises in the well gets lower and lower each year. Recently we have had to cut off the domestic supply lines for from twelve to twenty hours per day. We have frequently had to shut down our laundry, and have long since abandoned hope of saving our flowers and shrubs.

Foreseeing the possibility of an absolute failure of the old well, we started the drilling of another to what is known as the Trinity sands. Drilling was started in March and has reached, at this writing, a depth of twenty-seven hundred feet. We expect to have to drill thirty-five hundred feet. Then contractor guarantees us a minimum yield of seven hundred fifty thousand gallons of water per day.

A stratum of water sand lies some one or two hundred feet above the Trinity sands and yields an abundant supply of water, but it is unfit for human consumption, kills vegetation and eats up steel. This water has to be cased off so that the water gotten from the Trinity sands may be kept pure. We are taking three precautions: using wrought iron pipe, which lasts much longer than steel; welding all joints as the casing is lowered into the well; and concreting the casing on the outside from the bottom to the top of the well.

The stratification lying under Dallas County dips toward the east. Using data gathered from other wells in the county, we are sure that our well, several miles east of Dallas, will be about thirty-five hundred feet deep, or several feet deeper than any of the Dallas wells. Because it must be deeper, it must therefore be much more expensive.

Connected up with our distributing system, fitted with proper pumping facilities in case the well does not flow, the cost will be about fifty thousand dollars. But the friends who help can be assured that it will be the best well modern engineering skill knows anything about. Of the fifty thousand dollars needed, only three thousand dollars has been given. Pay day is almost here. Ten thousand dollars will be due when the drill strikes the Trinity sands, and the balance will be due within thirty days from now unless the drillers have unforeseen difficulties.

If you have not recently asked for a special offering for Buckner Orphans Home, it is imperative that I ask you to do so now. Of course you know your own situation, and there is not the least inclination on my part to embarrass you, but the children are dependent on you. If a public collection is out of the question, there is yet another method, that of seeing individuals. Often more money can be had by seeing individuals who are able to give by tens, or multiples of ten, and even hundreds or thousands.

AT THE JUDGEMENT JESUS WILL SAY: "I WAS THIRSTY AND YE GAVE ME DRINK."—Matt. 25:35

ARE YOU EDUCATED?

If, on seeing a homeless dog, a stray cat or a crippled bird, your heart goes out in kindness toward the unfortunate creature, you are educated.

If you have a willing ability for honest, constructive labor whether ditch digging, brick laying, turning the sod, teaching, ministering to the needs of the afflicted, or otherwise and can honor and respect another craft or profession from your own, you are educated.

If you can see in every man a fellow being, whether white or black, red or yellow, and look up to the man and down on none, and can give a lift to the fallen brother, and lend a helping hand to the aged and respect their gray hairs, you are educated.

If you can look a virtuous woman or an honest man straight in the eyes and have no stinging, conscience or condemning voices to arise in your soul, you are educated.

If on hearing the song of the feathered creatures, or the laugh of innocent children, your soul is in-

spired to a greater faith in the world ahead of you, and in your fellow-man, you are educated.

If you can turn your back on the God of Gold, deafen our ears to the musical ring of the dollars, stand unflinchingly for what is right, and at the same time love those who differ from you and set your face steadfastly toward virtue, honor and truth, you are educated.

If there is a response in your heart to the glories of nature found in the flower-studded meadow, the rolling plains, the quiet, deep forest, the flowing stream, the majestic mountains, the fire and gold of the sunset, you are educated.

If there is an acknowledgment in your heart of the Almighty, All-wise, ever-present God, a confession to His claim upon your life, a conscientious attempt to obey Him and an unwavering purpose to model your life outlined in the Bible, you are educated.

If your heart beats in loving sympathy for and feels the heart-throb of an aching, sin-sick dying humanity, a humanity against whom Death, Crime and Disease wages an unrelenting, increasing warfare, leaving behind them invalids, orphans, widows, fallen womanhood, crushed ideals, withered hopes—a humanity groping in the darkness, lost in the error of their own way; hungry and starving for the higher and nobler Divine Wisdom set a price that only things of life—a humanity on whom Jesus Christ was able to pay with His own life's blood. If your heart goes out for such a race of beings, you are educated.

If you have not these attributes and have in their places, a heart locked in selfishness, an intellect trained to the last degree of perfection by Colleges and Universities, you are ignorant.—Exchange.

Open Forum

A LETTER FROM SECRETARY F. S. GRONER

The West Texas Baptist.

Dear Editor:

I do not wish to furnish your paper another reply to Brother Heath's last article. I think it better for the cause that the controversy terminate.

I wish to say in this connection that I am very confident that Brother Heath is a right meaning man, and I am sure he desires only that which he thinks best for all concerned.

It would give me great pleasure to serve him or any other pastor in West Texas.

With hearty best wishes, I am,
Sincerely,
F. S. Groner.

A WORD FROM HASKELL COUNTY PASTOR

To the West Texas Baptist:

Your face is that of an old and loved friend. The very name awakened memories of the past, a glorious past, when Simmons University was in its swaddling clothes and such men as G. W. Smith, R. T. Hanks, A. T. Ford, R. D. Carter, G. M. Harrell, F. Knight and a host of other heroes of the faith were carrying the Baptist banner and laying the foundation for our glorious heritage of the present. What men of faith and courage and loyalty, we of today ought to be as we stand on their shoulders and face the future. Perhaps we have never had so bold and so insolent a foe as we have today, as they seek to destroy the old faith, but with Simmons University, President Sandefer, M. A. Jenkins, J. C. Burkett, C. A. Powell and the multitude of other loyal preachers and deacons and women—God bless the women—we of your territory—Central West Texas are safe. My! pastors, if you haven't had "Prexy" with your people on "The Cause and the Remedy", of the present condition of Christendom in the U. S. A., by all means get him. His lecture at Knox City last night was masterful and can but do great good everywhere it is heard.

Haskell Association is on the map and work goes steadily forward. Missionary W. M. Lawrence is doing a fine constructive work and we are glad that he is leaving us at the end of the year, September 1st, to go back to the pastorate. Some good church speedily lay hands on him.

Our own work is prospering. Had Brother Pender with us at Smith's Chapel the third Sunday in June and gave him a fine offering for the orphans.

Woodie W. Smith is to help us in our meeting beginning 1st Sunday in August.

Cottonwood Church dedicated their new meeting house last fourth Sunday and we begin our meeting the third Sunday in July with Brother L. E. Frasier of Rochester to assist us.

One "Texas Baptist Need" is for more men like J. O. Heath who have the courage of their convictions, "count not their heads" dear unto

themselves" as they stood for right principles, right policies and a whole gospel.

Brother Editor come to Gillispie to Haskell Association September 2nd. Will give you the glad hand.

Fraternally
I. W. Alvis.

GREAT FACTS AND IMPORTANT INFORMATION

(Let this article be considered in connection with the one in last week's Standard on "A Careful Analysis of Finances of our Executive Board").

F. S. Groner

A careful study of the recent growth in numbers, increased local church and denominational receipts during the last five or six years, and the value of our properties of various kinds, and our great spiritual gains will hearten Texas Baptists and Southern Baptists with a confidence and a faith in their present and their future that nothing can shake. A certain irresponsible individual who publishes an irreligious paper and whose one consuming passion is to destroy everything and build up nothing, is exhausting every resource at his command to create and maintain a state of religious anarchy in the ranks of Southern Baptists and especially of Texas Baptists. This editor is constantly circulating misrepresentations and false charges about our work. He wants nobody to have the facts but is busy in distributing false propaganda and distorted reports.

In my article in last week's paper I called attention to the total value of our denominational property in Texas, which is above \$15,000,000.00. It is interesting in this connection to furnish the brotherhood with a statement concerning the value of our local church property. According to the report of Dr. E. P. Alldredge, Southern Baptist statistician, as recorded in the minutes of the Southern Baptist Convention for 1925, the appraised value of local church property in Texas for 1924 was \$21,249,015.00. It is interesting to note the gain in the value of the church property over the previous year. In 1923 the local church property of the various Baptist churches of Texas was \$18,289,095.00, thus showing a gain in 1924 over 1923 of \$2,959,920.00. Or, in round numbers a gain of \$3,000,000.00 in one year. If we add the value of our denominational property to that of our local church property Texas Baptists have holdings of a total valuation of \$36,249,015.00. This is \$6,000,000.00 more than twice as much as Thomas Jefferson paid Napoleon for the Louisiana Territory.

It is interesting to note the growth of our two great Southwide Mission Boards. These two great Boards are in debt, and are under the largest debts in their history, as are all other denominational boards of which I have any knowledge, and practically all other great business institutions of any and every kind. But it is well to note that these great Boards have made advancements in their operations unprecedented in the annals of Christianity, and have also received more money in recent years than ever before in their history.

Let us first take the case of the Home Mission Board and draw a few comparisons. The statement has been made frequently by those who would discount our growth and present progress that there is falling off in contributions for the support of our causes. There were 190,849 Baptists in Texas in 1909 and that year Texas Baptists gave \$10,112.74 to Home Missions, but in 1924, 24 years later, when the number of Baptists was only two and a half times as many, we gave \$125,000.00 to Home Missions, or twelve times as much as in 1909. During the time that our numbers were multiplied by two and one half our contributions to Home Missions were multiplied by twelve.

The total receipts of the Home Mission Board in the last six years, beginning with the opening of the Southern Baptist cooperative program, have been \$9,031,068.20, which is actually 40 percent of all its receipts since its organization.

Now, let us take the case of the Foreign Mission Board. Its total receipts for the last six years are \$13,622,436.52. Its total receipts from the time the Board was organized in 1845 to 1919, when our cooperative program began and covering a period of 74 years, were \$12,510,214.62. Thus it will be seen that the Foreign Mission Board has received about \$1,100,000.00 more during the last six years than it received during the first 74 years of its history from 1845 to 1919. Twenty-five years ago (in 1900) Texas Baptists gave \$14,682.36 to Foreign Missions while in 1924 we gave \$167,000.00, or approximately twelve times as much though our numbers were only multiplied by two and one half.

Yet a certain obscurantist who is against everything that Texas Baptists are for and is for everything that Texas Baptists are not for would have us believe that our people have

quit giving to our work here in this state.

Let us draw another comparison. In 1900 the gifts to State Missions were \$41,050.49. Our gifts last year to State Missions were \$251,797.31. Thus our people gave six times as much to State Missions last year as they did in 1900, whereas our numbers had increased only two and a half times. Is it true that the per capita contributions of our people are falling off and they are refusing to support our work?

Now, let us look into the matter of our spiritual gains. We received into the white Baptist Churches of the South on profession of faith and baptism in 1924, 209,676. During the same year Northern Methodists received 89,342 and Southern Methodists 84,745, or a total of 174,087. Thus it will be seen that Southern Baptists received last year on profession of faith 35,589 more members than both Northern and Southern Methodists combined. It is also gratifying that the large impetus that was given to our evangelistic work during the 75 Million Campaign period not only continues to be maintained but is on the increase, for we actually received into Southern Baptist churches by baptism last year about 10,000 more than we averaged during the five years of the 75 Million Campaign.

Now, what are the facts with reference to Texas? There has been a good deal said about evangelism in recent weeks, and intimations to the effect that we are falling off in evangelistic zeal and slacking in our evangelistic interests. The facts prove just the contrary. During the last six years, or since our unified program began in 1919, we have received by baptism into our Texas churches 180,734. Or, to state it in comparative terms we lacked only 10,000 receiving by baptism during the last six years as many as belonged to all our Texas churches in 1900. Or, to draw another comparison we actually received into our churches by profession of faith and baptism during the last six years more than twice as many members as belong to any other denomination in Texas except the Methodists. Let us make still another comparison: We baptized for our Texas churches last year 34,507, or 3,362 more than we averaged during the high tide of the 75 Million Campaign. This shows that we are not only maintaining the record made in the 75 Million Campaign, but are on a steady increase. This also shows that we baptized for our Texas churches 12,649 more converts than the next highest state in the Southern Baptist Convention.

We could carry this discussion on and show our educational gains, our B. Y. P. U. and Sunday School gains, and the gains in other phases of our work, but it would not be wise to make this article too long. We may take these matters up in a subsequent article.

DISTRICT W M U (Continued from Page One)

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The above drill will be followed by a discussion of reports—where and to whom to send them. Miss Blanche Rose Walker, who has recently returned from a seven years' stay on the missionary fields of China, will give a talk on the customs and religion of that country. This is being looked forward to as the most interesting feature of the day's program.

A round table discussion of the Associational Work in general will be led by Mrs. C. C. Compere.

Dismissal. A large attendance at this meeting is earnestly desired. Each lady is requested to bring her lunch.

DISTRICT W. M. U. HAS GOOD MEETING

The Plainview District W. M. U. met with the First Baptist church at Crosbyton June 22-23. There was a good attendance from over the district and a number of visitors from other parts of the state. Twenty-two preachers and one hundred and twen-

ty-eight delegates enrolled. The district is composed of six associations as follows: Brownfield, Staked Plains, Lubbock County, Floyd County, Dickens County and Cottle County.

The meeting adjourned to meet next year with the First Baptist Church of Tahoka.

T. E. L. CLASS HAS PICNIC

The T. E. L. Class of Merkel church enjoyed a picnic at the country home of Mrs. W. J. Largent on Friday when about a dozen women drove out to her home at eleven o'clock and spread a most appetizing picnic spread, consisting of fried chicken, cream potatoes, stuffed eggs, fruit salad, iced tea, cream and cake.

The afternoon was spent in genial conversation at a business meeting of the class. Those enjoying the picnic were Mesdames Dint Gibson, Luke Huddleston, Mac Angus, Doyle Pogue, A. R. Booth, H. H. Derstine, Bob Conder, T. A. Bearden, B. Stephens, Earl Lassiter, W. J. Largent and Mrs. Byrd Murphy of Plainview and Henry Coit of Renner, Texas.

BRECKENRIDGE CHURCH LIKES UNIFIED BUDGET

Breckenridge Baptists are rejoicing over the success of their new method of financing their church "through the Sunday School." This church adopted the first of the year an \$18,000.00 unified budget. At the close of the second quarter the secretary's report showed that all obligations, denominational and local had been paid and a balance on hand. Orphanage and revivals are not included in the budget, counting these two items the budget will approximate \$20,000.00.

This is a good example of what a church of 500 members can do when each will do a little. This church has averaged almost \$50.00 per day since the first of the year. Pastor C. R. Shirar says no pastor in the state has a more co-operative people. A five-hundred dollar note has been burned on church indebtedness each month since the first of the year.



MRS. BOB SPECK of Rochester, pianist, who helped furnish the music for the Lueders encampment.

GOOD MEETING AT STAMPER

We have just closed a meeting with the good people at Stamper school house, seven miles east of Sweetwater, on the Eskota road. Although there is no church organization at Stamper, and there has been very little preaching there during the past two or three years, the people were very loyal, and large crowds attended both day and night services.

There were some handicaps to the meeting. We had no organ, but one of the brethren was kind enough to lend us an organ and send his daughter along to play for us. This and other difficulties were overcome, and the Lord was with us blessing the work.

There were seven conversions, three young ladies surrendered for special service, and three additions to the Eskota Baptist Church, which being the nearest church, cooperated with us and extended an arm for membership.

The people were very kind to us during our stay and at the close of the meeting expressed a desire to have us return and preach for them once a month, which we agreed to do.—T. L. Kilpatrick.

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LOST MOTION

Sunday School Department
Emmett M. Landers

If you would have life, energy, and interest in the opening or closing services of your Sunday School, have your work planned. Every officer or other individual should know when he is to play his part, every song or special number should be ready. Each one taking part should have been seen the evening before and should be ready to do his bit. Immediately on the minute announced the service should be started by the one in charge. One number should follow the other without any delay. In most cases too much talking is done by the one in charge. If he has something that really should be said, let him say it, but if it is the usual line—cut it out. Put some happy snappiness into the meeting and the whole thing begets the attention which makes for worship.

Be At The Door.

"There's nobody in my class. I'm afraid my teacher isn't coming." A pretty little seven year old maiden looked up at the general superintendent and her soft brown eyes filled with great big tears, as she strove valiantly to keep them back. In her hand she carried a rose for the teacher.

In this case a primary teacher lost a mighty good chance to get close to the heart of a child. The child had come early, and in time for pre-session work. The teacher lost her opportunity to be at the class room door to welcome the child in and to teach her some of the great lessons of life and love.

Elementary Helps.

The following notes are from the Superintendent of the Junior Department of the First Baptist Church, Abilene. This department is one of the best junior departments we have ever seen and the suggestions made by the superintendent are along the line which she uses in her own work.

"For an elementary department to attain the first Standard there must be a full sixty minute session separate from any other department. If any have seventy-five minutes, so much the better, but sixty minutes must be had.

Pre-session work is a splendid thing for primaries and juniors. The fifteen minutes preceding the opening of the school proper is used for this. In large schools, classes meet at their tables with their teachers and complete their written work, learn memory work, make posters, maps, illustrate songs and scriptures, or do work for hospitals, mission fields and so on. In small schools, one person can be in charge of the pre-session work and use it for learning new songs, telling stories or any of the things mentioned above. Work of this kind is invaluable for active boys and girls.

Following is a suggested program for a Junior Department:

- I Pre-session work—9:30 to 9:45 at class tables.
- II Season of Worship—(preferably 10 minutes) in center with children assembling as music is played.
 1. Praise Service—songs which appeal especially to boys and girls.
 2. Scripture lesson—read by supt. teacher or pupils, or recited by classes.
 3. Prayer.
 4. Offering, if not taken by secretaries at door.
- III Surprise Period (preferably 10 minutes).

This may include many of the following: Drills on memory work, or sword drills, geography drills, Bible drills, any kind of drills which will help Juniors in their work.

Missionary story.

Temperance Lesson.

Fellowship services, birthdays and so on.

Evangelistic service.

New songs. (Never use a new song in the worship period).

Instruction Period. (30 minutes). Classes returning to tables while music is played.

First ten minutes given to memory work, review and new work. Twenty minutes given to earnest presentation of lesson for the day.
- V Closing Period. (10 minutes).

Classes re-assembled to music.

Record of classes and department noted.

Banner classes recognized.

Recitation of lesson memory verses.

Junior Benediction. Numbers 6:24-26.

Marching into the preaching service.

HOLDS FINE MEETING IN BELL COUNTY

W. G. Tankersley has just closed a fine meeting with the Dyess Grove Baptist Church in Bell County. There were twenty-seven additions to the church, nineteen by baptism. The spiritual life of the church was deepened and all Christians felt the power of a real revival. Brother Tankersley is a man with a strong evangelistic fervor and knows how to tie the church and pastor together. Much of the inspiration and good fellowship in the meeting came as a result of the good singing led by Brother Tankersley. The "Booster Band" was especially good and to show an appreciation of their singing, fourteen cars and one truck carried them to Little River on a Fourth of July picnic. The Boosters along with the others shall never forget the great work done by Brother Tankersley.

Lonnie H. Webb, Pastor.

INTERESTING AND SIGNIFICANT FACTS CONCERNING THE VALUATION, GROWTH, AND DEVELOPMENT OF OUR TEXAS INSTITUTIONS

(This article is the third of a series in which we have given a discussion of our general denominational situation in Texas.)

F. S. Groner

The closer we study our denominational growth and progress in Texas during the last twenty-five year, and more especially during the last half dozen years, the more occasion we have for gratitude and thanksgiving to our God. It is nothing short of a sin, a grievous sin, for any Texas Baptist to give forth a wail in regard to our denominational affairs. It is doubtful if any people in the world have been so prospered and so blessed of God within a single generation as have our own people.

The explanation of any discontent that may prevail with some of our brethren is traceable to two causes. The first is that we have had in our midst a religious annihilist who has made it his principle employment, and in fact almost his sole business, for nearly a decade to disseminate suspicion and circulate untruthful statements about our work with the evident design of destroying the confidence of the brotherhood in our great kingdom affairs and our God honoring and humanity serving institutions. The inevitable result of a sustained and malignant warfare upon any good cause is to poison the minds of some people and raise questions about the work and those who are entrusted with the leadership. While those who are influenced are few compared with the great body of our Baptist constituency in Texas yet it is our duty to give the general public such information as will save even these few from deflection because of an erroneous information that they may have received from an irresponsible source.

Another cause of any possible discontent is the fact that for the first two years of our 75 Million Campaign we had vastly larger receipts than ever before and more than at any time since, and receipts wholly disproportionate to our normal achievements, and we had had our hopes raised to a point which it was impossible actually to attain and when we failed to realize these hopes the inevitable reaction came with the concurrent disappointment. A careful and logical study of our progress and increment in receipts and property values during the last decade, or better still during the last twenty-five years, is enough to hearten our people and inspire the confidence in a great and glorious future.

In 1900 we had six schools in Texas with a total enrollment of 1200 students and \$500,000.00 worth of property. In 1925 we have twelve schools, plus the four Dallas professional schools, with a total enrollment of nearly 11,000 students and a total property valuation of \$8,017,000.00. In this property valuation we do not include the endowment that some of our institutions have, which institutions had no endowment in 1900. We had 190,849 Baptists in Texas in 1900 as compared with 484,611 in 1925. Thus, during the time in which our Baptist population increased two and one half times our number of schools was multiplied by two, their enrollment was multiplied by eight, and their property valuation was multiplied by eighteen, and their total endowment increased from nothing to about \$1,750,000.00, which is a conservative estimate of the total endowment of our Baptist schools in Texas at the present time.

One will get a fair idea of the wonderful growth of our schools by the mention here of a few facts relating to one or two of them. Baylor College had 125 graduates this year, more than the total number of students in the college department when Dr. Hardy became president fourteen years ago. Baylor University had 411 graduates this year as compared with 25 in 1903, the first year of Dr. Brooks' administration as president.

The increase in the student body of Baylor University within one year is amazing. The total enrollment of Baylor University in Waco from April 30, 1924 to April 30, 1925 was 2,845, or a gain of Baylor University in Waco over the previous year of 461. The total enrollment of Baylor University in all departments from April 30, 1924 to April 30, 1925 was 3,529, or a gain over the previous year of 492.

To draw the comparison from another angle, the total enrollment in Baylor University in all departments for the year just closed is three times as many as were enrolled in all our Baptist schools in 1900. Or, to make still another interesting comparison, the increase in the enrollment of Baylor University for the year just closed over the previous year was nearly half of the total enrollment of all our schools in 1900.

I wish I had the figures for all our schools such as Simmons, Howard Payne, San Marcos Academy, and the

others. But I am writing this article off hand, having just assembled within a few minutes the figures that I am giving. But I remember quite well when I began preaching and entered my first pastorate at Stamford in 1905 Simmons College was a rather miniature proposition. As I recall now there were only two buildings on the campus and they were quite unrepresentative as compared with the most modest building that Simmons has now. But today instead of Simmons College, we have Simmons University, with a great student body of probably more than 1000 in all departments. Simmons University today has a larger student body than the University of Texas had when I was a student there in 1900. And Simmons probably has more buildings and a better type of buildings than the University of Texas had at the time to which I refer.

A few years ago Howard Payne was a junior college, and it was a guess each year as to whether or not it would be able to open the next year. But today Howard Payne College is a senior college with many spacious buildings, a student body of 1000 or more, a splendid nucleus of endowment with a program on for increasing that endowment, and with and ever brightening and hopeful future. There is no doubt that the Baptists of Texas are building at Brownwood one of the great colleges of the country, an institution that has already given Texas and the Baptist denomination some of its noblest men and women and most worthy leaders.

I remember quite well that I began my pastorate at Columbus Street Waco, and became a member of the Educational Board, which was later merged with our Convention Executive Board, one of the first questions considered was whether or not we would be able to save San Marcos Academy. It was under a crushing debt, and its future then looked dark and gloomy. But today we have in San Marcos Academy probably the greatest school of its grade in all the Southland. In fact, in my humble judgment, if we consider the class of work done and the superb administration under the leadership of President J. V. Brown I seriously doubt if it has an equal anywhere within the confines of our nation.

If I had the time and space I could show a similar growth and equally bright and luminous future for everyone of our other institutions. It is impossible to take them up in detailed consideration in this article.

However, before I leave this feature of this discussion just a word ought to be said concerning the contribution that Baylor University has made to Texas and to the world. Baylor has given Texas one governor, one chief justice of her Supreme Court, one associate justice of our present Supreme Court, and one associate justice of our present court of Criminal Appeals. It has furnished many judges for our various courts of civil appeals. It probably today furnishes the state more superintendents of public schools than any other school. It supplies the state one teacher out of every nine in her public schools, it has given A. & M. College one president, the present president of the University of Texas was educated in Decatur College and Baylor University, Judge John C. Townes who was dean of the law department of the University of Texas longer than any other man was a product of Baylor University. Baylor has furnished the state and at least one other state a number of representatives in Congress, one member of President Wilson's cabinet was a Baylor man, and Major-General William S. Graves who commanded the American army in Siberia is a Baylor man. One out of every eight of our foreign missionaries is a Baylor man, and Baylor University has given Texas, the Southland, and the nation more Baptist pastors than any other institution. And it is interesting to note in this time of gain saying and reckless criticism that not a single preacher who ever came forth from the walls of Baylor University has proven unfaithful to the Old Book, or is the remotest sense a modernist. I hard one of our Baylor preachers say at the Mexia Encampment a few days ago that, "Every time any Baylor preacher opens his chops he is fighting evolution and modernism, and I as one who was educated in the old school resent the intimation that they either teach or believe evolution at Baylor." "By their fruits ye shall know them."

(Continued Next Issue.)



Y. W. A. HUT, CHRISTOVAL

SWEETWATER ASSOCIATION

JNO. W. NEWSOM

Brother U. Collins, Treasurer of the Association, reports that the work of the Sweetwater Association is in better condition financially than it has been in fifteen years.

The missionary has held two meetings within the last two weeks, one at Eskota with fifteen conversions and five additions to the church by baptism and one at New Hope with sixteen conversions and ten additions, six for baptism.

Lester Kilpatrick has just closed a good meeting at the Samper school house in which there were seven conversions and three additions to the Eskota church. It is very commendable in any preacher to go to the school houses and lead people to Christ.

Sam Morris is with Brother Gilbert and his church at Santo this week in a meeting. Windell Foreman is doing the singing for the meeting.

Brother R. M. McGinnis has been called to the Trent church and has accepted the call. Brother McGinnis says that he thinks that there is one of the best opportunities for constructive work at Trent than any other place in the Association.

Brother W. H. Albertson, of Merkle, Texas, has been called to the care of the Haskell church and is now on the field. The same week he left for Haskell the church at Merkle called their former pastor Ira L. Parrack, but at this writing it is unknown as to whether he will accept.

Brother L. G. Moroney has resigned the care of the Sweetwater First Church to become effective August first. He did a great and constructive work while with the church.

At the last meeting of the Board of the Sweetwater Association which met with the workers meeting at Lamar Street Church, Sweetwater, Rev. R. M. McGinnis was elected chairman of the Board to take the place of Rev. W. H. Albertson who has gone to Haskell as pastor.

The next Workers Meeting of the Sweetwater Association will meet with the church at Live Oak. It is urged that all who can possibly do so attend. This meeting is always held the first Monday in each month.

HASKELL COUNTY ASSOCIATION

The Workers' Council met with Pastor Tatum and the Weinert Church Monday, June 29th in a fine session.

Every speech and address sounded the note of optimism. Some of the Brethren were absent on account of being engaged in revival meetings but their places were amply filled by others present.

Brother Claud Stovall made a fine address on Evangelism, followed by ye scribe with a few feeble remarks. Stovall gave the great report of the great work of one of his churches in which they had over twenty additions during one service. This was not in the midst of a special revival effort, but at regular service. Stovall is growing and doing a splendid work.

Brother Luther Jenkins moderated the meeting in a very tactful manner. He is pastor of two of our best half-time churches and is to entertain our association this fall at Galliepie Church. He is doing a good work in these two fields. Brother L. N. Alvis, the tried and true yokefellow of the west made a wonderful address on Baptists and their progress. No man is better prepared to do this than this Prophet in Israel.

Brother J. O. Heath, the good undershepherd at Munday, in his usual oratorical way, charmed us with his true note of Baptist Doctrines. Heath has been pastor at Munday for five years. He is a real asset to our association and is the raciest writer in Texas. Brother Tatum made several interesting talks during the day. Mrs. Reynolds charmed us with a splendid talk on the women's work. Mrs. Whitaker, our district president was on the job and with a grace peculiar to women, moderated the women's meeting to the delight of all. Brother Scott was with us from Simmons. Mrs. Jones spoke on our denominational schools, she said some fine things.

The work in general over our association is building and we are praying and desirously hoping for a great Spirit of Evangelism to sweep our needy field.

The West Texas Baptist is proving to be a great factor in the realm of Kingdom building in this section. May the good work go on.

Woodie W. Smith, Pastor
Knox City, Texas

We closed our meeting with the Escota church last Sunday night. Missionary John W. Newsom did the preaching. We had ten conversions, four additions by baptism. There is a great spiritual influence going out from this meeting. We feel that the work is in much better condition as a result of the meeting—Houston Scott, Pastor.



CHARLIE TAYLOR

The noted boy evangelist, enjoying an hour's outing at the Christoval Encampment.



MISS GERALDYNE WRIGHT

of Stamford, Texas, reader and impersonator, who delighted the great audiences at the Lueders encampment with her readings.



MISS ALMA STACK

Traveling Secretary for the Baptist Students Union, who taught a great class at the Lueders encampment.



MISS KATE MAYERS

of Dallas, state young people's leader, who led in the Y. W. A. work at the Lueders encampment.

NEW HOPE CHURCH HAS MORE ADDITIONS

Fourth Sunday in June was another great day with us. Our pastor Brother Stovall brought us a great message at the eleven o'clock hour. Sunday and Sunday night there were three joined on statement, one backslider renewed his life back to Christ, and several asked the prayers of the Christian people.

Baptism services were held in the afternoon, three were baptized. How great it is that we have had an opportunity of gazing upon this beautiful scene of baptism twice a month for the last few months. How we feel that the Lord has greatly blessed us. It makes our hearts rejoice to see them go down and be buried with Christ in beautiful baptism and to rise up and walk in newness of life. Sunday School gained five new members from second to fourth Sunday. We are trying to make it more the next few weeks.

We more than welcome visitors. We ask them to come and work with us every opportunity they have.



MISS FLORA BROOKS

of Kosse, pianist for the Lueders encampment.



MISS MARY VIRGINIA LEE
of Nashville, Tenn., Intermediate Department teacher at the Lueders encampment.

tering her walls.

The people are of one mind; that is, that we have the last word in modern church building. It is fully equipped for all the services of the church and at the sacrifice of none of its departments. The auditorium is superb. This is a great day for Knox City Baptists.

DR. SCARBOROUGH TO PREACH IN ABILENE

Dr. L. R. Scarborough, President of the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, will fill the pulpit at the First Baptist, Abilene at both hours Sunday. Dr. Millard A. Jenkins, pastor of the First Church, is improving nicely from an operation recently in Dallas, and it is expected he will soon be able to return home.

Rev. W. H. Albertson, who for the past eighteen months has been pastor at Merkle, has accepted the call of the First Church, Haskell, and is now located on the new field. This is another instance in which a good pastor and a fine, progressive church have joined hands and we predict a great future for the kingdom work in that section.

Rev. Ira L. Parrack has accepted the call of the Merkle church and will move on the field about the first of August. Brother Parrack is a former pastor of the Merkle church. He led that good church in the building of its present church building. The brethren there are glad to have him return to them and this entire section extends a hearty welcome back.

During the rush of the past two weeks the editor has lost some good field notes sent in by some of the brethren. If the notes you sent failed to appear in this issue, you may account for the fact in this manner. We appreciate very much the cooperation of some of the brethren in helping make the West Texas Baptist a real West Texas Baptist newspaper.

Blessed shall be thy basket and thy store.—Deut. 28:5.

BAPTISTS SEND NEW WORKERS TO CHINA

FOREIGN MISSION BOARD STILL HAS FAITH IN ITS OLDEST AND LARGEST FIELD

That the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention is confident that the present unrest in China will not seriously interrupt the work of missions there for any considerable period of time is indicated in its action in designating eight of the seventeen new appointees going out this summer to posts in that field. While the new missionaries to China will go out late this summer, they will spend a year in the language schools before assuming regular work. Other fields to which workers were assigned are Japan 1, Africa 2, Argentina 2, Chile 3 and Mexico 1. All of these new workers will have their traveling and equipment expenses, as well as their salaries provided for by churches and individuals without expense to the Foreign Mis-

sion Board, which will not send out any more workers on its own account until its resources are increased by contributions from the churches.

In its session the Foreign Mission Board issued a call to southern Baptists for more earnest prayer in behalf of the mission causes, urged pastors to help in a wider dissemination of information on foreign mission, reiterated its loyalty to the Co-operative Program of Southern Baptists, admonished the whole brotherhood to start no more campaigns for funds for the present, pledged its co-operation with the Laymen's Missionary Movement in a larger enlistment of Baptist men of the South, urged that Baptist people launch no more new institutions or enterprises until those already in existence are better provided for, and implored every Southern Baptist to follow the Bible plan of giving as embraced in bringing in offerings on the first day of the week, based on the tithe as a minimum.

And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament.—Dan. 12:3.

90,000 BAPTISTS ARE STUDYING IN SCHOOLS

More than 90,000 Baptist young men and women are studying in the denominational, private and state educational institutions of the South, other than the public schools, and among many of these there is an abiding interest in spiritual matters and an earnest desire to make their lives count for the most in Christian service, according to the annual report of the Inter-Board Commission on Student Religious Activities, presented in its recent session at Memphis, by Frank H. Leavell, secretary.

To minister to the spiritual needs of these young people the Commission is setting up on the local campuses the Southern Baptist Student Union, a plan of work rather than an organization; holding state and regional conferences looking to the development of the religious life of the students and enlisting them in definite Christian work through regular denominational channels; and visitation of the colleges where personal conferences are held with as many

of the students as possible. A total of 92 schools were thus visited during the past year.

Under the auspices of the Education Board there was held in all the Baptist schools recently a special evangelistic hour in which 25,000 students and instructors volunteered to engage in personal soul winning, especially during their vacation periods.

THE GOVERNOR AND PARDONS

The Southwestern Central District Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. convention, in session at Conroe recently sent congratulatory greetings to Governor Ferguson on her pardoning policies. In reply to many inquiries coming from over the State, I want to set the record straight. The above organization is a Negro organization. Our colored friends are entirely responsible for the congratulations sent Governor Ferguson and they, in return, are the sole recipients of the felicitations returned by the Governor.

The Conroe White Baptists and the

Baptists of this section of the State deeply deplore the pardoning program of our Governor. That some pardons are deserving no one will deny, but the wholesale process of turning criminals out of the penitentiaries if this State is nauseating in the extreme and an open defiance to the courts of the land.

This statement is made in justice to the White Baptists Sunday School and B. Y. P. U.'s of this section of the State. We are willing for the Negroes to have the felicitations of Governor Ferguson, but we do want the press to get it straight and give them credit for the endorsement and not the White Baptists of this part of the State.—C. G. Howard in Baptist Standard.

Brother V. W. Tatum did the preaching in a meeting with pastor C. B. Stovall and the Friendship church. In regard to the meeting Brother Stovall writes: Brother Tatum did some fine preaching and the church was greatly built up. I go from here to begin a meeting three miles west of Knox City.



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