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## LUEDERS BAPTIST ENCAMPMENT, JUNE 19-25

### RAMBLING

EMARKS



By DICK O'BRIEN

Among the twelve or fifteen hundred preachers attending the evangelistic conference I have found another reader. This is very encouraging for I usually lose weight and readers both in the summertime. Maybe my luck has changed. Brother Poe, of Cross Plains, volunteered to tell me this morning that he was a regular reader of the column. I have been trying desperately to break in on that peanut section for some time. Most of the people in West Texas have never gotten further in their literary pursuits than the column which the Semi-Weekly Farm News published for several years entitled "Uncle Jears and Aunt Lucindy Rainwater." Most of us kids learned to read using this column as a text. Since it was discontinued some twenty-five years ago literary activities have been practically at a standstill in West Texas. This probably accounts for the gross and mass ignorance of the younger generation of our section. I honestly believe many of them would read this column if they could read at all. . . . Mention of my first and last experience in attending a dance with a certain friend, reminds me of another scrape he got me into. (Isn't it distressing how other people's children lead our children into mischief?) This same friend and I had attended a service in a protracted meeting in his community. On our way back to his home, riding leisurely along in his buggy, he suggested that we stop at a certain field and get a watermelon. I told him positively that if he meant to steal it that I would not go with him. "Oh! no," he assured me, "this old man told me to go into his melon patch and get melons any time I wanted to." So, with this assurance I agreed. We tied the horse to a fence post and wiggled our way through a wire fence walking across several acres of tall cotton stalks to the watermelon row. We soon found a nice ripe juicy melon, opened it with due ceremony and were thoroughly enjoying its luscious flavor. I have always had a habit of talking too loud. (And too much.) He kept telling me not to talk so loud and he himself was almost whispering. Between each bite he would raise his head, cock his left ear and look in the direction of the farmhouse nearby. Becoming suspicious I asked why all the silence and secrecy if the old man had invited him to eat watermelons anytime he wanted to. "Well," he said, "there is no use waking people up at this time of night." When we

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### EVENTS TO COME

- June 5-10—Preachers Evangelistic Conference, Fort Worth.
- June 7-15—Student Week, Ridgecrest.
- June 19-25—General Assembly, Camp Lueders.
- June 20-30—Southwide Y. W. A. Camp, Lueders.
- June 27-July 7—Texas Baptist Encampment, Palacios.
- July 9-14—Southwide Training Union Assembly, Ridgecrest.
- July 9-14—Ruidoso Assembly, Ruidoso, N. M.
- July 10-12—Girls' Camp, Lueders.
- July 12-14—Boys' Camp, Lueders.
- July 16-21—Sunday School Week, Ridgecrest.
- July 22-28—Baptist World Alliance, Atlanta, Georgia.
- July 30-August 4—Foreign Mission Week at Ridgecrest.
- July 31-August 7—Paisano Encampment, Paisano Pass.
- August 24-25—Association Training Union Officers' conference for Districts 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 16, and 17, at Abilene.

### CAMP LUEDERS FEATURES RECREATION AND REST

Added emphasis will be placed upon the recreational side of the West Texas Encampment this year states Rev. J. S. Tierce, Clyde, who in addition to being chairman of the program committee, is general director of recreational activities. For the first time golf may be played on the encampment grounds in addition to the attractions of swimming, fishing, soft ball and various other games and activities. Afternoons from the end of the lunch period till 5:30 will be devoted to whatever form of rest, relaxation or recreation may suit the camper's whim. From 4 to 5:20 is set aside as the swim period for those who enjoy



REV. J. S. TIERCE  
Director of Recreation  
Camp Lueders



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

aquatic sports. There are separate swimming places in the Clear Fork of the Brazos for men and women, with showers and dressing rooms on the river bank. Thirty minutes are also allotted for swimming before breakfast. Hiking and various games including a play period after the evening services will be under the direction of Miss Verna Carson, young people's leader at First Church, Abilene. Soft ball will be under the direction of Ewell Bone of Graham and Rev. J. J. Alexander, Abilene city missionary will assist in other contests.

### LETTER FROM J. T. KING

Just to say I truly miss the presence and fellowship of my West Texas brethren, expresses it lightly. But that vacancy is being filled by the great host of noble, consecrated preachers of Austin association and District Fifteen. Our new district missionary, Brother McIver, has won all of our hearts and has proven a great missionary leader. I have been received in a most gracious manner by the Baptist pastor's conference of Austin and I am justified in saying they are men of God. The Lord is greatly blessing the work in our church. We have in recent months, broken all records in church, Sunday School and B. T. U. attendance. We have eight awaiting baptism. I do sincerely appreciate the West Texas Baptist. It is right in doctrine. It is true and heroic in faith. Its passion for the lost is inspiring. Prayerfully yours,  
J. T. KING.

### DAILY LAYMEN'S HOUR AT LUEDERS ASSEMBLY



HUGH F. LATIMER  
Laymen's Field Secretary  
Memphis, Tennessee

A laymen's hour on the daily program and a Southwide Brotherhood leader in attendance during the entire week will be new features in the Lueders Encampment this year. Hugh F. Latimer of Memphis, Tennessee, Southwide field secretary for the Brotherhood movement and formerly executive secretary for the laymen's work in Florida, will lead in a laymen's session each morning between 9 and 9:45 and also have a prominent part in the program at the Brotherhood rally and barbecue, beginning at 6 Friday evening.

est praise from the Southeastern states where he has long been prominent in Baptist activities. Before giving his entire time to religious work he was a Christian business leader of the viewpoint of the layman who loves the Lord but finds it necessary to work for a living in a secular occupation.

Judge E. S. Cummings, laymen's leader in District Seventeen and director of the men's activities at the camp, is arranging his court dockets with a view to having the week of the assembly free from other obligations. Interviewed Wednesday, he expressed sincere appreciation for the cordial cooperation of the courts and bar of the area in assisting him in making such arrangements.

Judge Cummings urges the Baptist men of Central West Texas to spend the week at Lueders with their families and he especially stresses the importance of a large attendance at the rally Friday evening, June 23. He calls attention to the fact that all pastors and laymen who can attend will be welcomed and made a part of the meeting.

Groups planning to come out for the barbecue are requested, where possible to send estimates of attendance to Camp Manager Henry Littleton at Lueders, Texas. But if that is not possible all are invited to come anyway with the assurance that there will be provision for all.

### MISS WALKER IN DALLAS FOR SUMMER MONTHS

Dear Mr. Dudley:  
My address for this summer will be 712 South Beckley Road, Dallas. May I please have the West Texas Baptist sent to this address?  
My promise to help with the Chinese in Phoenix until Convention time was fulfilled, but it wasn't easy to leave them.  
Dr. Shan Yan Lee came at the last—a direct answer to prayer, it seemed—for we had earnestly looked to the Lord to send a Cantonese evangelist. He did much to help those excellent Cantonese people.  
Bro. C. G. Sewell baptised seven into his church and one came by letter. That gave a promising group for Brother Sewell's church to bring along. They are very warm hearted and efficient in training these new converts.  
It is my plan to be "in and out" of Dallas until September and "in and out" of Abilene from that time on. The Foreign Mission Board does not consider it best to return me to China. "Our times are in God's hands" and we must not fret and cry.  
BLANCHE ROSE WALKER.

### TOP PROGRAM AT LUEDERS BAPTIST ENCAMPMENT

By Dick O'Brien  
I feel that I am conservative in saying that we have every reason to expect this to be the best encampment ever held on the Lueders grounds. In the first place we feel greatly relieved because of the payment of the camp debts. Not that we will be free from financial problems but there will be no more sweating blood over interest and principles on cumbersome debts. In the second place we feel that the date of the main camp will be conducive to a good attendance on account of the pleasant weather we usually experience this early in the summer. Of course you know the date is June 19 to 25, which will be week after next. But our main hope of success lies in the fact that the strongest faculty has been secured and the best balanced program has been outlined that the camp has ever had. Think of a week under such men as Dr. John Hill, book editor of the Sunday school board and one of the most charming personalities in the South, along with Dr. Porter Bailes, of Tyler, who preaches twice daily, along with Dr. T. C. Gardner, Brother Bill Marshall, Mr. W. J. Lites, Mrs. J. B. Buckley, Mrs. E. F. Lyons, Brother Charles Talley, Jr., Pastor J. I. Cartledge, of Eastland, Miss Verna Lee Carson, of Abilene and many others too numerous to mention. Besides these towering preachers and teachers and leaders, we are to have Professor and Mrs. I. E. Reynolds of the seminary to conduct the music along with Mrs. J. D. Riddle offer a number of helpful musical courses. The music lovers of this section can get instruction during this week free, which would be a splendid treat. The grounds will be in good shape, splendid meals will be served reasonably, cots and beds can be had, so bring the whole family and stay the whole week.

### WOODIE SMITH ASSISTS IN BAIRD REVIVAL



WOODIE W. SMITH  
Pastor, Baird Baptist Church

Baird Baptist Church announces their meeting which begins Sunday morning, June 11. Pastor A. A. Davis will do the preaching while Rev. Woodie W. Smith will have charge of the music in this meeting.  
Pastor Davis came to Baird Church last December 1 from Carbon Church where he served as pastor for past seven years. During the first six months at Baird the Sunday school has increased more than 100 per cent in attendance and preaching services in proportion. There have been more than 25 additions to the church at the regular services, many of them by baptism. Interest is good and the church is anticipating a great revival.  
Rev. Woodie W. Smith is no new character to the Baptists of West Texas. He has held pastorates in several West Texas towns, and has for years been known as an evangelistic singer of note. He is a song composer, compiler and publisher. Some of his songs will live on and on through the years. Among his songs will be found "His Seal is On My Soul," "I Am Satisfied With Jesus," "What Are They Doing in Heaven," "Just to Know Him," "My Prayer," "Christ Liveth in Me." He has been associated with some of America's outstanding evangelists, among them: T. T. Martin, Joe English, George W. Truett, T. O. Reese, and others.

### BOOKS JUST OFF PRESS FEATURED BY W. M. U.

By Mrs. J. B. Buckley  
We remember that Miss Lucile Reagan, who served so faithfully in Africa for many years, attributed her desire to be a missionary to a vision she received when as a little sunbeam she sat in a mission study class. Keeping this fact in mind, the Women's Missionary Union seeks every available opportunity to teach missions to all ages. The W. M. U. hour at the Lueders encampment is featuring study classes. We are doing this because we want you to study and know about present day missions. We have a course of new books just off the press which we feel you will thor-



MRS. P. D. O'BRIEN  
Teacher Intermediate Girls



BROUGHTON HARDEN  
Leader Intermediate Boys

oughly enjoy. We hope these classes will prove an inspiration to all and that they will imprint deeply on each of our hearts the desire to have a part in fulfilling Christ's Great Commission. "Day Dawn in Yoruba Land," written by Dr. Charles E. Maddy, will be taught the W. M. S. and Y. W. A. classes. While visiting Southern Baptist mission fields in Africa, Dr. Maddy was so impressed with the (Continued on Page 3)

### RECORD ATTENDANCE AT WEINERT CHURCH

The Weinert Baptist Church had a record attendance at Sunday School on last Sunday, June 4. It was the regular preaching day with no special occasion. There were 133 present, which is more than double the average a few months ago. Our services are attended each Sunday by some from adjoining communities who do not have church services. We gladly welcome these and anyone else who will come and join us in making our Sunday School bigger and better. Under the good leadership of our pastor, Brother S. L. Tidwell, and our superintendent, Brother J. W. Liles, we can do a great business for our Master, especially if each member would adopt this thought for a motto:  
"I am but one,  
But I am one.  
I cannot do everything,  
But I can do something.  
What I can do I ought to do.  
What I ought to do,  
By the Grace of God, I will do."

### MISSIONARIES



By B. N. Shepherd  
Missionary, District 17

While here at this outstanding Preachers' Conference on Soul-winning, it is almost impossible to find time to write. At the first session Monday night, the auditorium over. Whoever heard such preaching. The Cross, The Risen Christ—such themes stir us to action. I can never be the same after this. Condemned that we should be complacent and indifferent with the lost people. Christians, let us go and tell the ruined people the only story that will save and keep them.

At 7:30 a. m. Monday, Dr. R. Campbell called the District Missionaries to order in the Texas Hotel for their annual meeting. It was the outstanding one of them all. We took the plans for completing our year work. We soon found from our reports that the Lord is blessing marvelously. Souls are being saved and lives are being trained and developed. God is doing a new work. We are praying that the Lord will help us to follow Him to the gathering of the \$1,000,000 we set out to raise this year.

The nurses of Hendrick Hospital recently challenged us by giving week's wages for suffering, broodies of the underprivileged. Our God-giving mission secretary, Campbell, asked us what we thought of asking our fellow Christians give one day's wages during the year. After thought and prayer we joined him in agreeing to do that by offering our gift. Other plans will be presented a little later. Think above plan over prayerfully!

The Executive Board accepted plan, offering their support. They thought of the new year's program, 1939-1940.

The executive board set December 1, 1939 as the limit for the preachers to get into the Preacher's Retirement Plan without cutting their retirement income. Ask about it.

We have dozens of our own pastors and preachers at the Evangelistic Conference.

Our hearts were thrilled as we saw the large and outstanding graduation class at H-SU last Thursday. I pray for them.

OF COURSE YOU ARE PLANNING AND PLANNING FOR THE WEST TEXAS ENCAMPMENT CAMP LUEDERS. WHAT A PROGRAM!

### BIENNIAL CONVENTION OF UNITED TEXAS DRYS

The third biennial Convention of United Texas Drys will be held at First Baptist Church, Abilene, Texas, June 30, 1939.

Bishop H. A. Boaz, Fort Worth, the state president, and will preside at the Convention. Jeff. Davis, executive secretary in charge of the work. Dr. Eugene B. Hawk, president and Dean of the School of Theology, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, is chairman of executive committee.

The convention will last for one day and night. Some of the outstanding speakers of the state will be on the program. A full outline of the convention with names of speakers will appear later. Watch papers.

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## AFTER THE EVANGELISTIC CONFERENCE

When your pastor returns to the pulpit burning with the evangelistic fires kindled at the Fort Worth meeting this week, do not quench that holy flame with the ice water of indifference and self interest. Rather pray that you may be worthy to catch that spiritual fire in your own soul. Pray for the power to assist him in carrying the good tidings to some portion of the lost world.

Revivals are the result of teamwork. Not only must we become partners with God in bearing the story of a saving Christ to an unbelieving generation; we must also be partners of each other, which is to say, the church.

We who remain at home will not have that mighty inspiration of those who meet at the Seminary to hear, to pray and to testify together. Neither could Aaron and Hur wield the rod of Moses. But they could and did hold up his hands and so help in a victory for the people of God.

We can hold up our pastors' hands in love, in sympathy and in prayer. And in so doing we will hasten the day of blessing which is ours if we meet God's conditions.

## ALL NEEDED IS YOU

New spirit and new life appears to have possessed the West Texas Assembly at Camp Lueders this year. The primary reason is probably the fact that the camp grounds have been cleared of a burden of debt. This has given an impetus to everything connected with the encampment. Assured of the future, forward steps are being taken with confidence.

The debt raising campaign last fall aroused wide and deep interest in the camp. Not only was the debt lifted from the grounds, but the assembly was advertised more thoroughly than has been possible in recent years. People, having contributed to the enterprise, are interested in its progress. Which is but saying poorly what the Master said to the disciples: "Wherever you go, there will your heart be also."

Not in recent years, at least, has there been assembly such an outstanding faculty. There are Southwide leaders in Dr. John L. Hill, Mr. Hugh F. Latimer and Prof. L. E. Reynolds. The galaxy of state leaders includes Mrs. Lyons, Mrs. Leigh, Dr. Gardner, Mr. Lites and Rev. Bill Marshall. Many of the leaders from territory tributary to the encampment are men and women of statewide and interstate recognition. Others will be as widely known tomorrow.

Dr. Porter Bailes, camp evangelist, is one of our greatest preachers. Camp pastor B. N. Shepherd is one of the most lovable and helpful of men. Camp President Dick O'Brien, Camp Manager Henry Littleton, Program Chairman J. S. Tierce and a host of cooperating helpers have contributed a great deal of time and energy toward the success of the 1939 encampment.

All that is needed now is your cooperation, your presence and your prayers to make this a meeting of mighty import in the Kingdom of God.

## CHARACTER FIRST

Character is the prime requisite in getting a job these days, reports Mr. King Merritt of the Investors' Syndicate of Minneapolis, who recently concluded the public service of a survey of 186 American colleges and universities to discover what employers are demanding of graduates seeking positions.

In many of the returns, he states, where other qualifications are emphasized it was added that "character is always taken for granted." From a non-sectarian school came a report of a "pronounced trend toward more emphasis on character, including a preference toward a religious background."

These are not half-baked conclusions of someone guessing the trend of the times but a scientific survey of the demands made by hard-headed business men who look to the colleges for the youth out of whom they must fashion the executives of tomorrow.

After character, greatest emphasis is upon scholarship with better opportunities for all round students than for the "grind." Athletic ability had little call except for coaching. The market for college beauties also seemed to be very dull.

It is a hopeful portent of the years ahead to find that character is understood to be grounded in religion. Looking back over the depression decade and the hectic era which preceded it, no great wisdom is required to discern that much of the woe which has weighted the world these ten years and more is due to failure of character in high places.

In finance, in industry, in politics both local and international, with appalling frequency there have been Muscas, Pendergasts and their ilk. Before the breakdown of economic practices and international confidence came breakdowns of character among the leaders of men.

Business thrives only in an atmosphere of confidence and confidence is the daughter of faith, the enemy of doubt and scepticism. Honest employees and honorable employers are not developed from a philosophy which would remove sin from the dictionary without removing it from the hearts of men. A world where each man is his own god becomes an anarchy where every man is his own law, resulting in the total destruction of all law. Such an existence is fatal to business, hence business exalts character. And character is the fruit of righteousness.

When the world begin to employ character in preference to smartness and craftiness there arises hope of better days ahead, days which may produce giants who can match the Washingtons and Lees who lifted our nation to greatness.

## News Notes

Workers of Jones association will meet in conference at Camp Lueders Tuesday, June 13. Each one is asked to bring lunch.

J. Lynn Jeagan, pianist of First Church, Abilene, and Rev. J. Gordon Dandignac of H-SU will be in a revival at Fort Bliss, Shackelford county, June 9 through 18. They are open for other engagements during the summer, either together or separately.

Dr. M. A. Jenkins, Texas representative on the Baptist Sunday School Board, is in Nashville this week at the annual meeting of that body.

Curtis D. Owen, Abilene High School teacher, who sings in revivals in the summer, has returned from a fine meeting with Pastor J. V. Garrison and the church at Hondo. District Missionary Willis J. Ray did the preaching. There were 13 additions. Mr. Owen has open dates from June 25 to July 16.

All single subscriptions expiring in 1938 will be removed from the mailing list July 1 unless we hear from the subscriber by that time. We want to send the paper to everyone who wants it, but if your subscription has expired and you do not let us hear from you, we will think you don't want it. Look at your yellow address label for the date.

Laymen of Stith Church have organized a Brotherhood with H. B. Finch as president. Superintendent Thos. E. Roberts of Hendrick Home for Children has been invited to address them at a meeting next Tuesday.

Miss Frances Osborne of H-SU is principal of the Vacation Bible School at Temple church, Abilene, which opened with an enrollment of 75.

Dr. N. A. Moore of H-SU will deliver the Bible lectures at the Ruidoso Assembly, July 9 to 14.

Rev. Weaver Lovelace of Calvary Church, Abilene, is in a revival with Pastor Lisenbee and the Rock Crossing Church in Wilbarger county.

First Church, Lubbock will hold its vacation Bible school the last two weeks in August this year.

J. Edgar Hoover, director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the famous G-man, will be among the speakers at the Texas B. T. U. convention at Austin, Thanksgiving.

Evangelist Hyman Appelman will be with First Church, Sweetwater in a meeting from June 26 to July 12. J. D. Riddle, Abilene, will conduct the song services. The Sweetwater church is holding evening services in the open air for the summer.

C. T. Hodges, associate to Pastor B. M. Jackson of Enid, Oklahoma, has resigned effective in July.

Rev. H. Virgil Reynolds, gospel pianist, singer and evangelist, who has been in Abilene for the past several weeks having some dental work done, is making engagements for the summer and fall season. He will not likely be able to preach before late summer but will serve as musical director anywhere the Lord leads. He is to assist the Robert Lee and Plains churches in August. His address is Box 416, Abilene, Texas.

## FIVE MILE CHURCH

Our church at Five Mile continues to grow. Our Sunday School attendance averaged 103 in April and 101 in May. The B. T. U. attendance is about the same. The church has been on the budget system of finance for about six months, and has been using the individual envelopes for a little over two months; the average collections in April was \$30.57 and for May \$18.10 to the budget. And above this was \$130.00 for painting the church and parsonage. During these six months there have been eleven additions to the church, three of which were by baptism.

J. WILLIAM ARNETT.

## FROM HIGHLAND HOME

The Highland Home Baptist Church had a most inspiring and uplifting homecoming on May 21. There were three charter members present. In the afternoon of June 4 we had a beautiful baptismal service. There were four candidates. Our meeting will include the second Sunday in August. Rev. J. B. Rowan of Aspermont will do the preaching.  
 W. C. TAGGART, Pastor.

## AN INTERPRETATION OF THE CONVENTION

By L. R. SCARBOROUGH

The Oklahoma City meeting of the Convention in many ways was good and great. The attendance was up to a high mark. The entertainment by the city, on the part of the citizens generally and the Baptists especially, and the cooperative spirit shown by the Baptists and people of the state of Oklahoma, could hardly be improved on. The auditorium was probably the best the Convention has ever met in. It was centrally located, near the hotels, it was large and commodious, with 6,500 seating capacity. The order was most excellent, and the auditorium was almost perfectly ushered. The acoustics, so far as I was able to tell, was perfect. More people heard all that went on on the platform, and saw all that could be seen, clearly and quietly, than ever did that before in a Convention of Baptists, so far as I know.

The exhibit space and conference rooms were all up to the top. The parking facilities, near and capacious, were great. The publicity by the secular press was splendid. We all went away with a very high opinion of Oklahoma City.

The music was as fine as, if not finer than, we have ever had. Mr. Reynolds and his accompanists and co-workers gave the Convention a very fine exhibition of high standard gospel music. The reports from the various agencies were excellent, well-timed, effectively presented. All the agencies rounded out a year of triumph and reported it to the Convention. The sermons preached were of a high order, and brought a great spiritual impact and generated an inspiring atmosphere. The addresses were of excellent order and high standard. Airing of loyalty and love of truth and courage of conviction sounded like the music of the angels as the speakers went down the line along all the fundamentals of our faith.

There was great emphasis on what Baptists should do in conviction and courageous fellowship. There was a high note of going on. We heard again the voice of J. B. Gambrell saying to us, "Do right and go forward." The Convention was decidedly convictional. There was great rejoicing over the triumphs in all lines of the last year. The Convention stands on the peak of its achievements in some lines of all its history, facing a needy, lost world with the message of the gospel in their hearts, a militancy of spirit in their nerves, and a great unity of purpose. The front lines and the back lines of unity, constructive, concreted unity, are long, and are stepping onward in a holy warfare.

The Convention began well, with a great attendance of probably 7,000 listening. It closed Sunday night on a high tide, with probably 5,000, made up mainly of Oklahoma City and Oklahoma state messengers and visitors. Many had gone home.

The Convention decided without a down note to go on with the evangelistic emphasis. The leaders of last year, the President and Doctor Leavelle, were asked to continue another year to set out and set forward the business of soul winning. There seems to have been formed a definite, deep, perpetual purpose to make a crusade for souls, and turn the campaigning into a siege of the lost everywhere.

As president of the convention, I point out to the Baptists throughout the land that Southern Baptists are together, and know why, and are purposeful and have convictions, and have a determination to go on proclaiming Christ, enthroning Him, crowning Him, and making His Kingdom a militant, conquering Kingdom. I trust that nothing shall side track us, or divide us, or halt us, or prevent our going on the gospel highway to carry out Christ's worldwide commission in the power of His bloodwashed gospel through His churches everywhere.

The world needs our Christ, and we are among His chosen to carry Him to this world. Let's do it speedily, and in the power chosen and left to us by Him—the Divine Spirit.

## A GOOD FRIEND GONE

Concerning Deacon W. H. Stapleton of Petersburg, who recently went home to glory, Pastor W. R. Derr of Ralls writes:

Surely W. H. Stapleton was one of the best citizens and one of the most faithful Christians we have ever been associated with. He was a deacon in the First Baptist Church of Petersburg, for many years had served as Superintendent of the Sunday School and at the time of his death was serving as Superintendent of the Sunday School Department of his Association.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

June 11, 1939

By Hight C. Moore

### PAUL SOLVES CHURCH PROBLEMS

Read 1 Corinthians 1:1-3, 10, 11; 4:14-21; Galatians 1:1-7; 3:1-29; 1 Thessalonians 1:1; 4:9 to 5:22. Study 1 Corinthians 1:1-3, 10, 11; 4:14-21; 1 Thessalonians 5:12-15.

In several of the early churches various problems arose, and some of them, founded by Paul, looked to him for their solution. The church at Corinth was rent with contentions which must be corrected by the apostle whose authority in person as well as by letter would be available. The churches in Galatia had been bewitched by teachers of false doctrines and were drifting from the moorings where Paul had securely anchored them. The church at Thessalonica needed a closer co-operation in the worship and work of the Lord to make them more effective. So it was that Paul wrote to these churches letters that still live and are pertinent at the present time. It should therefore help us to study and see how knotty problems were solved by Paul for the churches at Corinth and Thessalonica.

### 1. Contentions (1 Corinthians 1)

#### THE PLEA FOR FELLOWSHIP

was made as the one cure for contentions in the church at Corinth. From the opening verses of the Epistle we have before us two paragraphs. (1) **Salutation to the Church.** Paul was writing. He was the founder of the church. He had been called as an apostle (or missionary) of Jesus Christ. His call and his work were extended and exerted by the will of God. He was associated with Sosthenes, perhaps the former ruler of the synagogue at Corinth, but now a brother in suffering and service. The letter was addressed to "the church of God which is at Corinth." Its members are "sanctified in Christ Jesus" and also "called to the saints." Everybody everywhere who calls upon the Name is included in the salutation and the benediction of grace and peace from God the Father and Christ the Lord. Was not such a greeting a breath of vigor from off the everlasting Hills? (2) **Schisms in the Church.** Some time after Paul had concluded his eighteen months' ministry at Corinth partisan teachers came and rent the church into four factions: A Pauline party, over-zealous for the founder of the church; an Apollonian party bewitched by the oratory of Apollos; a Petrine party, which claiming Peter as authority; was bent on mixing up Jewish ideas with Christianity; and a Christ party, which, in antagonizing other elements, became itself a faction. The natural outcome of these dissensions was a loose discipline, abundant irregularities, and rapid decline from original purity. Listen now to Paul's plea for fellowship: (a) The ground of the plea for fellowship was personal. He appealed to them having had the same Christian experience and being united in the same cause. He appealed as the apostle who had founded the church and was therefore entitled to a hearing. But he besought rather than commanded, for religion is not forced but voluntary.

Chief of all, he appealed to them in the name of the Lord Jesus. (b) The features of the plea involved more than controversial courtesy and intelligent tolerance. He besought them to speak the same thing, not arguing themselves apart, but together in proper spirit and in unifying discussion. He wished that they could be joined together in their minds like a great structure with each part fitted into its place. He would not have them sacrifice independence of view, but reach through love the same judgment. (c) The cause for the plea was found in the report of existing contentions which reached the apostle from the household of Chloe who evidently was a devout Christian woman living at Corinth.

### 2. Correction (1 Corinthians 4)

#### THE POWER FOR SERVICE MUST

be secured by whatever chastening and at whatever cost. The apostle, inspired by God, and not divisive and deluding leaders, seeking their own fame and fortune, can lead the confused congregations out of the bog and fog. Hear him: (1) **Admonition.** Had the Corinthians done some things of which they ought to have been heartily ashamed? Yet Paul wishes first to admonish them with no thought of threat and no sting of lifted lash. As a father advises his children in tender tone and yet more tender countenance, so the apostle

would correct the Corinthians. Indeed, they were his beloved children, for he had begotten them in the gospel; and was he not more to them than ten thousand tutors in Christ? To them his advice given should mean advice taken. (2) **Appeal.** Here Paul bears down harder on his pen and puts more urge in his voice. He begs, beseeches, entreats the Corinthians to imitate him, do like him, become like him. He sends Timothy, also one of his spiritual children, beloved and faithful, his associate and fellow-helper, who could speak personally for the apostle and reminded them of his conduct as a Christian and his manner as a missionary teaching gospel truth in every church everywhere he went. Could they resist the appeal to follow him as he followed Christ? (3) **Authority.** As a matter of fact, some in the Corinthian membership had become arrogant in their attitude toward the apostle. Assuming and saying that he was not returning to Corinth they sought the reins of favor in order to have their willful way. Paul therefore asserts his authority and aim. He expects to come to them shortly, Providence permitting. Then, he says, "I shall discover not the fine speeches of these arrogant people, but their power" ((Weymouth). He goes on to declare that the Kingdom of God is not a matter of words, which may be limp and lifeless, but of power which throbs with energy and thrills to achievement. Let the Corinthians tell Paul whether he shall come to them with a rod for their chastening and correction or in a gentle and loving spirit to sweeten and soothe and strengthen them. Which will better qualify them with power for service?

#### Gold in the Golden Text

Let your conversation be as it becometh the gospel of Christ. Phillipians 1:27.

The gospel produces a good life. Put into the human heart "the truth as it is in Jesus," and character will be changed and nature transformed and life fruited for God and the good.

The gospel demands a good life. It gives no license to sin. It builds no toboggan for a moral slide downward. It requires purity of heart and conduct. The gospel directs a good life. It throws light on the track ahead. It girds the willing soul for the struggle. Who could find his way upward without the gospel?

#### DAILY BIBLE READINGS

- June 8—Obedience. Galatians 3:20-28.
- June 9—Love. 1 Thessalonians 4:9-12.
- June 10—Hope. 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18.
- June 11—Watchfulness. 1 Thessalonians 5:4-11.
- June 12—A Letter of Instruction. 1 Timothy 1:1-4.
- June 13—A Word of Exhortation. 1 Timothy 6:11-16.
- June 14—A Message of Encouragement. 2 Timothy 1:3-14.
- June 15—Fatherly Counsel. Titus 1:1-6.

## Ministerial Council Name '39-'40 Officers

In a last meeting of the year on Friday night, May 19, the Ministerial Council chose officers for '39-'40. Charles Terrance was elected to serve as president; Byron Bryant as vice-president; James Howell as secretary; Howard Martin, treasurer; Arlie McDaniel as reporter; Omer Hyde as B. S. U. representative; Harold Russ as chorister, and Douglass Crow as pianist.

## SENTENCE SERMONS

O. D. HENLEY

God has no unwanted children. If you don't co-operate with God, you operate with the devil. God is never idle. Real living is by faith and not by formula. Self-confidence tends to impudence. Only a nobody apes everybody. That which respects investigation needs it. A few have enlarged visions; many have enlarged vanities. Keep pace or lose the race. We preach predestination, but procrastination. A world revival is preferable to a world war. The mind develops or dwarfs. The past is never passed.

**BOOKS JUST OFF PRESS  
FEATURED BY W. M. U.**

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need there that he made the statement that if he were a young man he would give his life to work for Christ in Africa. This is a story of Nigeria as seen by Dr. Maddry. It is full of matchless human interest stories as well as information concerning the work done by Baptists in Nigeria. It is a work that will hold your interest from the first to the last page.

Mrs. E. F. Lyon will teach the W. M. S. class. She is the new executive secretary of Texas. She will teach the book in her clever manner and will present it in such a way that it will make a lasting impression on all who hear her. Since this is her first trip to Lueders, I hope we will give her a big class.

Miss Verma Lee Carson will teach the Y. W. A. class. She is an outstanding worker for Christ, devoting her time especially to young people. With one as talented and as consecrated as Miss Carson for a teacher, the Y. W. A. girls will benefit much by sitting in her class. One cannot be associated with Miss Carson and not be drawn to Christ. Every girl in our district should attend this class to hear "Day Dawn in Yoruba Land."

"Believers and Builders in Europe," by Emma Parker Maddry will be taught to the Intermediate G. A. and R. A. The Commission says concerning the book and its author: "From her experiences and observations as she has traveled through Europe with her husband, who is executive secretary of the Foreign Mission board, Mrs. Maddry has written a book especially for Intermediates. Young people and adults will also find pleasure and profit by sharing her missionary adventures. Let's make it possible for all our Intermediate boys and girls to attend this class."

Mrs. Dick O'Brien will teach the Intermediate G. A. She is our District Young People's Leader and is loved by all. The Intermediates are fortunate to hear her teach this book and they will benefit much from being closely associated with her for this work.

Mr. Broughton Harden will teach the Intermediate R. A. He is a young man giving his life in service to Christ. All boys love Mr. Harden and the example he will give the boys will mean much to every boy who attends his class.

"Petrica of Rumania" by Emma Williams will be taught to the Junior G. A. and R. A. "This story of the everyday life of a Junior boy of Rumania gives a vivid and attractive picture of peasant life. Tracing Petrica's advancement from the rank of a shepherd to that of a ministerial student entering the Baptist Seminary at Bucharest, the story introduces the missionary activities and possibilities of Rumania."—Commission.

Miss Mildred Smith will teach the Junior G. A. and R. A. She is a volunteer for Africa and every boy and girl who sits in her class will receive a new vision of missions and a deep desire to promote missions in some way. Surely our Juniors cannot miss the rare privilege of attending this class.

"Traveling Story Hour" by M. Katherine Harris will be taught to the Sunbeams. This book is full of splendid missionary stories with an appeal to all Sunbeams. This is the impressionable age. Be sure to have your children of Sunbeam age attend this class. It will be an experience they will never forget.

Mrs. Lucy Beckham will teach this book. She is a mother of two boys and she has had experience in dealing with children. She is a consecrated Christian who loves children and who is loved by them.

In addition to the above mentioned books, we have Mrs. J. E. Leigh, former executive secretary of Texas W. M. U., to teach "Living of the Gospel" by J. Wash Watts. This class is for adults, both men and women, and will be held during the B. S. U. hour in the afternoon. Mrs. Leigh writes that the book was written for the Relief and Annuity Board and that it will interest men and women alike. We are very fortunate in securing Mrs. Leigh to teach this book. She has attended many of our encampments and it is always an inspiration to have her with us.

We feel that we have selected the best books and the best teachers available—it is up to each individual to make the classes the best we have ever had. We are expecting to see you in our W. M. U. classes.

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For some ten years was a director in the M. K. & T. Railway Company of Texas, and for some fifteen years a director of the Texas Power & Light Company, having become interested with the late Col. J. F. Strickland in utilities.

Former president and large stockholder in banks in Dallas and elsewhere and was one of the committee of five that secured for Dallas the location for the Federal Reserve Bank.

Former president of the Dallas Cotton Exchange and for many years a director in the Dallas Chamber of Commerce and made large contributions to help build public enterprises in Dallas.

Former chairman of the State Democratic Executive Committee of Texas, and chairman of the Statewide prohibition forces that made Dallas and Texas dry before the adoption of the 18th Amendment.

Now president of the Utility Rate Reduction League, Inc., and fighting to secure reasonable, fair and just utility rates for the people of Texas.

Former president of the Baptist General Convention of Texas and vice-president of the Southern Baptist Convention, and for seven years president of the Texas Sunday School Association, composed of all the Protestant denominations.

For some eighteen years chairman of the Board of Deacons of the First Baptist Church, Dallas, and president of the Dallas Council of Churches during the Men and Religion Forward Movement.

Has given large sums of money and about half his time for forty years to promote the cause of Christianity, to build churches, schools, hospitals, orphan homes and missionary enterprises around the world.

After the World War and during the depression he lost his fortune, but he now says, "The banker may say that Wolfe is broke, he does not know, but I know that the large sum of money and the large amount of time I have invested in the cause of Jesus Christ is safe, and the 'gates of hell shall not prevail against it.' These investments make me one of the richest men in Texas today, and the moneyless millionaire that cannot go broke. Banks may break and great mercantile establishments may break but God's promises do not break. Furthermore, if Jesus Christ fails nothing else matters, and wise men will stake all on Him and follow where He leads."

Note: The above was prepared at the request of the Institute for Research in Biography, New York, for 1939 Edition. Reference: "Who's Who in America."

**HOW THE CHURCHES MAY  
GROW A STRONGER MINISTRY**

By E. S. James  
(Editor's Note: This excerpt is taken from a sermon bearing this title.)

The church may help develop a stronger ministry by knowing that he (the minister) needs assistance instead of advice, bolstering instead of booing, cooperation instead of criticism, doers instead of deadheads, encouraging instead of encumbering, faithfulness instead of fault-finding, greeting instead of gossip, helpers instead of hinderers, influence instead of information, justification instead of judgment, kindness instead of knocking, listeners instead of lauders, money instead of mush, neighborliness instead of negligence, ongoers instead of onlookers, power instead of poise, quieting instead of quitting, reputation instead of revelation, sincerity instead of sentimentality, time instead of task, understanding instead of undoing, valor instead of vanity, worship instead of worry, you instead of yours, zealots instead of zeros.

Oklahoma pastors held an evangelistic conference at Shawnee, May 29 to 31.

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**BIBLE SCHOOL COMPLETED  
IN CHURCH AT BAIRD**

Our Church at Baird just recently completed a 9 week Bible School. The school began March 6 and closed May 12. Sessions were held 5 nights each week. The course of study embraced a thorough study beginning with the prophecies pointing to the coming of Christ—the setting up of the Church—his earthly Ministry, the Pentecostal revival—the Acts of the Apostles, journeys of the missionaries—setting up of the Churches of the New Testament period—where they were located and what they believed and practiced.

The writing of Paul in the 14 Epistles, an examination of each Epistle, formed the background of Christianity in the first Century. Then the history of these Churches through the centuries from that first Century down to the present day provided a very delightful study which took the last 2 week of the School. This Trail of Blood, pictured on a large chart, 20x40, prepared by the pastor for the purpose, beautifully illustrated the facts of history regarding the people first called Christians at Antioch. This chart was patterned after that of the late Dr. J. M. Carroll who gave to Texas Baptist the fine volume of history of Texas Baptists and also the volume on the Trail of Blood, or tracing the Christians through the centuries from the days of Christ to the present day.

This Bible school proved an inspiration to our church and was very instructive in doctrine, practice and history. Attendance was fine throughout the school. From testimonies given the last night, which was a social hour in connection with an oral review, great and lasting good was accomplished. The pastor, A. A. Davis, taught the school and we are looking forward to the fall months when he has promised to teach us another Bible school.

Our pastor came to us last December 1, after a 7 year pastorate with the Carbon Church in Eastland county. He has been with us now in the sixth month, and our Church attendance has greatly increased. The Sunday School has increased in attendance more than 100 per cent. Fine fellowship prevails. We have had more than 25 additions to the church. Our meeting begins June 11 with the pastor doing the preaching and Rev. Woodie W. Smith doing the singing in that meeting.

MRS. ELVA SMITH,  
W. D. BOYDSTUN,  
Committee.

**RESOLUTIONS OF THE LAMESA  
ASSOCIATION TO BROTHER  
AND SISTER J. J. STRICKLAND**

Whereas: Since Brother J. J. Strickland has resigned as Missionary of District No. 8, the Executive Board and Baptists in regular monthly Workers' Conference of the Lamesa Association pass on to him our love for his services.

We heartily express our appreciation to Brother Strickland for his tireless efforts in preaching, leading and working among the churches and people of our association.

Also to Sister Strickland, who worked so faithfully with Brother Strickland and as District W. M. U. president, we express our love and appreciation.

We commend them to the South South Park Baptist Church, Beaumont, to which he was called as pastor; to the fellowship of their brethren of the association and district to which they have gone.

Respectively submitted,  
J. WILLIAM ARNETT,  
O. C. CURTIS,  
ERNEST PHILLIPS,  
Committee.

**REVIVAL SPIRIT GROWING  
IN LAMESA ASSOCIATION**

The Workers Conference of the Lamesa association met June 1 with Bro. Guest and the church at Munger and to say that we had a good day is to put it mildly. We had good crowds all day and a fine spirit prevailed. The ladies did their part in a noble way at the noon hour. The associational board and workers conference combined passed strong resolutions commending the work of Missionary J. J. Strickland and wife in our association. Our brethren feel that Strickland had a part in leading the churches of this association to a greater cooperation with our denominational work than ever before. The next workers conference will meet with this writer and the church at Patricia. It appears that the revival spirit is growing in this part of the land.

Bro. E. F. Cole of Lamesa is in a revival meeting with one of the churches in Eldorado, Arkansas. This is his fourth meeting there. This good preacher is in great demand for meetings. He just can't respond to every call for they are too many.

The majority of the pastors in this association are planning to attend the Evangelistic conference at Fort Worth this week, a meeting no preacher can afford to miss if he can get there.

Another of our country churches is talking about buying a pastor's home. If they do, this will be four in this association. I feel there is a better day for our country churches when we can get a better understanding about it among some of our brethren. We have no better set of men anywhere than the country pastors of this association. They are loyal to the core and everyone that gets to Fort Worth this week will there at a financial sacrifice. This group of men are not asking for sympathy but for a better understanding of what we are trying to do.

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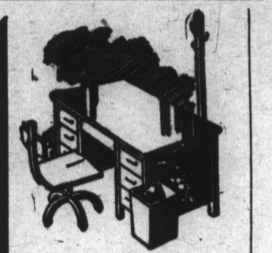
Workers' Conference of the Sweetwater Baptist Church with the View Baptist Church. Rev. Eugene Hall, Pastor, June 15, 1939.

Theme: Power for Service.  
Scripture: John 15:5 b. "Without Me you can do nothing."  
10:00 Song Service.  
10:05 Devotional—Rev. S. B. Hughes.  
10:15 "Prayer and Power"—Rev. Finis Williams.  
10:40 "Holy Spirit and Power"—Rev. Jones Weathers.  
11:05 Business.  
11:15 Special Music—Rev. Finis Williams.  
11:20 Sermon—Rev. Joe Self, Jr. Lunch.  
1:20 Associational and W. M. S. Board Meetings.  
1:50 Song and Praise Service.  
2:00 Associational S. S. Department Officers' Conference.  
2:10 Special Song.  
2:15 Personal Work and Power—Rev. W. C. Ashford.  
2:40 "Our Helplessness Without God"—Rev. Dean Elkins.

Texas students en route to Ridgecrest were entertained Sunday evening, June 4 by Gaston Avenue Church, Dallas.

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### Rambling Remarks

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were about half through with the feast, he suddenly stiffened, closed his knife quickly, jumped up and in a hoarse, frightened whisper, he said, "Great guns, he's coming." He took off across those cotton rows making as much noise as a whirlwind in a cane break. Well, I knew if the old man hadn't heard us before he would now. The moon was shining brightly and I did not want to offer myself as a target for the farmer's shotgun marksmanship, not even a moving target. So I moved over about ten or twelve rows and lay flat down in a cotton middle. I figured there was only one chance in several hundred that the farmer would come down that particular middle, and if he did I had in mind to scare him as much as I knew it would me when he arrived. I lay there until I was almost paralyzed, barely breathing and scared stiff that I would have to sneeze. After about a couple of eternities I ventured to raise up. No sound, and nobody in sight I tiptoed across the cotton to the buggy. He had the horse untied and was in the very act of leaving me to my fate. He had lied to me about the farmer's invitation to eat his melon, and I had lain in that cotton middle so long that neither of us felt like talking much on the way home. . . . This settled it. He got me into trouble when we went to the dance and when we went to church, so I sought other companionships.

### BIG SPRING CHURCH HAS HIGH ATTENDANCE

Sunday, June 4, was a real good day. There were 132 in Sunday School, 107 of whom were members of the church. At 3 o'clock the pastor baptized six happy persons; three men, two women and one girl. Our church roll call for the day showed 127 of our membership of 197 attended services.

I am happy to send you 80 names for the month of June. Brother C. L. Youngs, local member, made a donation making it possible for the paper to go into the 80 homes.

E. E. MASON, Pastor.

### SUMMER SCHOOL AT H-SU INDICATES MORE GROWTH

The summer session of Hardin-Simmons university got under way this week with indications of an enrollment exceeding the 373 last summer. The 1937 enrollment was 349, states Dr. R. A. Collins, dean of the summer school.

The summer school is divided into two terms of six weeks each and there are always a number who come for the latter half only.

Much interest centers in the laboratory school under the direction of Fanjane Stovall with the assistance of a strong corps of instructors. The enrollment of children had reached 23 by Tuesday and officials anticipate that it will reach 30.

Summer faculty members include: Assistant Superintendent H. S. Fatheree, Abilene Public Schools.

Mrs. Artie Mae Maloy, Haskell Public Schools.

Mrs. Bernice Durham, Eastland Public Schools.

Mrs. Rufus Walker, Andrews Public Schools.

Mrs. John Vernon, Brady Public Schools.

Mrs. Ledo Dowdy, Eula Public Schools.

Mrs. Ernestine Puryear, Abilene.

Miss Bee Agnew, Abilene.

Miss Helen Broadwell, Pecos.

Mr. J. F. Dickson, Principal Elementary School, Childress.

Miss Fanjane Stovall, Principal Oak Lawn Elementary School, Ft. Worth, Director.

### PROGRAM

CISCO ASSOCIATION WORKERS CONFERENCE

Meeting With

Olden Baptist Church

Tuesday, June 13, 1939

10:00 a. m.—Devotional, Rev. K. C. Edmonds.

10:25 — Know Your Bible, Rev. Chas. T. Tally.

10:45 — The Means of Salvation, Rev. N. A. Sanders.

11:05—The Blessings of Salvation, Rev. Herbert Christian.

11:25—Business.

11:40—Sermon, Rev. Henry Weldon.

Lunch.

1:30 p. m.—Board Meeting.

W. M. U. Program

"Youth's Christian Welfare."

Devotional, Miss Ruth Hanna, Breckenridge.

Business Session.

Inspirational Talks: Youth's Responsibility in the Home, Miss Mary-one Murphy; Youth's Responsibility in the Church, Miss Doris Langston;

On to Lueders, Mrs. Phil C. McGahey; Music Number, Olden G. A. and Y. W. A.

3:00 p. m.—Inspirational Address, Rev. Phil McGahey.

Rev. H. D. Bruce of Midland is assisting Pastor L. A. Doyle in a revival at Anson. Rev. Selby Aswell of the '39 class, H-SU, is directing the song service and assisting in personal work.

### CHURCH BULLETIN SECTION

#### WEST SIDE, BIG SPRING

10 a. m. Sunday School.

11 a. m. Worship Service.

7 p. m. B. T. U.

8 p. m. Worship Service.

Wednesday evening, 8 p. m. Brother C. L. Youngs continues his chart sermon.

E. E. MASON, Pastor.

#### GIRARD

Brother B. N. Shepherd will be back with us June 11 to begin a Sunday School study course. Let us come out and welcome him back to our church.

Let us be much in prayer for our

summer meeting which will begin July 14. Brother Woodson Armes will lead in this work.

W. R. CAMPBELL, Pastor.

#### BUFORD, MITCHELL COUNTY

Sunday, June 11, Sunday School 10 a. m., B. T. U. 8 p. m.

Let every member pray for the coming world revival.

We were happy to have Bro. H. B. Naylor, pastor at Lazbuddy and at Summerfield, as our guest preacher Sunday evening, June 4.

ALVIN SWEARENGEN, Pastor.

Superintendent Bryce Twitty of Baylor Hospital, Dallas, has resigned.

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