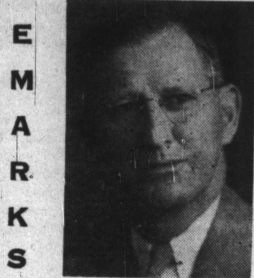


## RAMBLING



By DICK O'BRIEN

To guard against my ten readers getting an overdose of fattening vitamins in their literary diet I have deliberately neglected to send in the column for two whole weeks. My advice to all of you is to mix a good deal of Shakespeare, Milton, Victor Hugo, and others of the lighter writers, with the column to avoid literary indigestion. . . . I was in Fort Worth last week to speak to a group of men in College Avenue Church, where Dr. Harry Lee Spencer is pastor and Dr. Jeff D. Ray teaches a Bible class. The pastor called Dr. Ray and asked him if he could attend the banquet. He said a previous engagement hindered his coming but he would like to know who was to speak. When Dr. Spencer told him he said, "Tell Dick to try to say something sensible." While a student in the Seminary I learned that it paid to try to do what he and other teachers requested, and I give you my word of honor I never tried harder to do anything than I did to say something sensible to that group of men, but I utterly failed. I must have gone to the wrong school. . . . I should like to join the hundreds and thousands who wish Dr. Ray happiness and many pleasant returns on the occasion of his 80th birthday. Dr. Ray is a perfect proof of the statement that it is not years that make men old. If it were, he would be an old man, and those who know him best know that this is not so. If he were a pastor in our association I think I should be greatly tempted to call him

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## LET US GO FORWARD IN SUNDAY SCHOOL INTEREST

By G. S. Hopkins  
State Sunday School Missionary

Covering the state in the interest of the Sunday School work in one week's time with 22 teams, with as many cars and four to the car, is one of the most staggering tasks that has been undertaken. It has possibilities that are unlimited. Our leaders over all the entire Southland give their full endorsement to such methods of promotion and the usual cooperative spirit is being shown by the leaders in every one of the 110 associations—not a one of them but what is willing to enter into this campaign wholeheartedly. This is nothing more than was expected.

It is hoped that each association will have its organization completed and then give due publicity to the program that is to be rendered to that extent that there will be the largest attendance possible from every church in the association. You will not allow any conflicting dates. Remember the week referred to is December 9 to 13, 1940. The corrected list as to those composing the teams as well as the dates and places of meeting is given in this issue of the Baptist Standard.

Our appeal to our leaders to help in putting on this campaign has received unusual response. Twenty-two of our leading pastors, as well as team leaders and other workers, have agreed to go afield without one cent of remuneration. Because of this sacrificial spirit and the attitude of our associational leaders, we look for rich returns for this week of labor. Let's do it in the usual Texas manner.

These conferences are promoted jointly by the associational Sunday School organization in each association, the Sunday School Department of the State Mission Board, and the Baptist Sunday School Board. Similar meetings are being planned in all of the eighteen states where Southern Baptists work.

### Objectives

1. To encourage and assist in completing the organization of the association for the promotion of Sunday School work.
2. To help the associational officers set up some essential, practical, attainable goals for the year.
3. To present, study, and assist the Sunday School leaders from each church in setting up some reasonable goals for the year.
4. To give to each and every Sunday School officer and teacher who will take it the best and most helpful free literature that can be prepared covering each phase of Sunday School work.
5. To recognize and use the associational Sunday School officers.
6. To emphasize the indispensable place of the pastor and to magnify the work of the whole church.

### Invitations

"We consider these special associational meetings of great significance in the promotion and improvement of Southern Baptist Sunday School work."—T. L. Holcomb, Executive Secretary, Baptist Sunday School Board; P. E. Burroughs, Secretary, Division of Education and Promotion, Baptist Sunday School Board.

"I hope every Sunday School worker in our State will attend one of these associational meetings."—R. C. Campbell, Executive Secretary of the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

"The associational officers are urged to work for the attendance of every Sunday School worker from every church in their association."—G. S. Hopkins, State Sunday School Missionary.

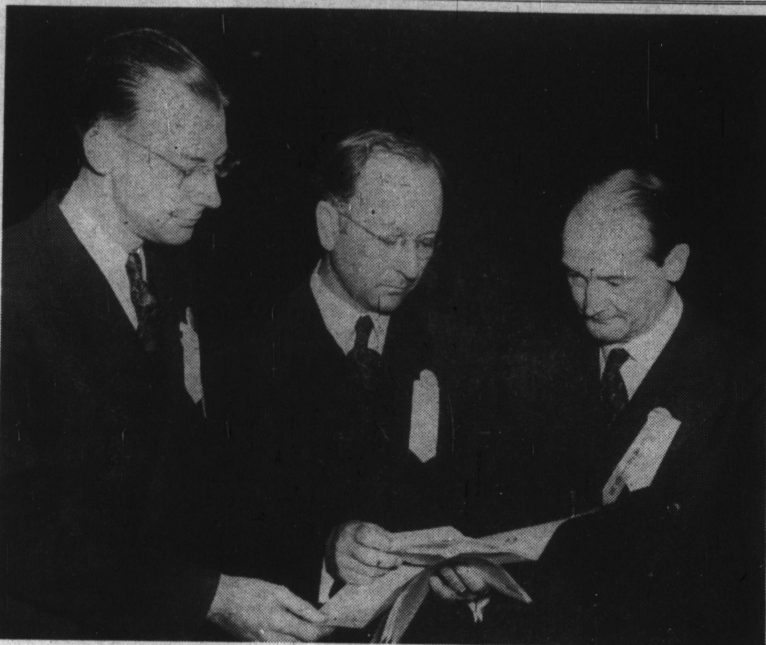
"The associational officers in our association will do all they can to have every officer and teacher from every church in attendance."—Oscar Perkins, Superintendent of Southeast Texas Association.

"It is a privilege to have one of the special Sunday School conferences in our church. It is my deep concern that every Baptist Sunday School officer and teacher in the state shall attend one of these special meetings."—Geo. W. Truett, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Dallas.

### SWEETWATER SERVICES ON STATION KXOX

The morning services of First Church, Sweetwater, where Rev. J. M. Sibley is pastor, will be broadcast over Station KXOX during the five Sundays of December. Shut-ins in the range of that station will have the opportunity of participating in those services.

## Golden Jubilee Convention Draws Record Attendance in Spite of Unusual Weather



Training Union Convention president, with one of the 1940 host pastors and a 1941 host education director. Dr. W. L. Howse, education director Broadway, Fort Worth, left; J. D. Riddle, Abilene, State president, center; Dr. W. Marshall Craig, pastor, Gaston Avenue, Dallas, right.—Photo Courtesy Dallas Times-Herald.

### THE ENLARGED PROGRAM FOR TEXAS BAPTISTS

By R. C. Campbell

The Enlarged Program for Texas Baptists adopted by the General Convention in Houston at its recent session, has been received with great unanimity and the spirit of deep concern to make it a success. Plans are being laid to get it out to the last church. It is earnestly hoped that pastors and churches will get the necessary increase into their budgets now.

The percentage of increase necessary is 27 1/2 per cent over last year. If the church budget is already made up, it should not be a difficult thing to re-open it and get the increase necessary underwritten. Because of the Enlarged Program, we have \$35,000 more for State Missions, for the aid of struggling churches and new churches, work among the Mexicans, Negroes and the European speaking people and a sufficient budget to take care of our bonnie lads who are now being concentrated in training camps. If the budget has been made up and cannot be re-opened, then the pastor and church can lay their own plans to guarantee this increase.

Dr. Truett's report to the Convention on the Enlargement campaign is being put in tract form. Fifty thousand of these are now available. Pastors and churches can get them in sufficient quantities for their people by dropping a card to Baptist headquarters. This report should be in the hands of every Texas Baptist. One of the happiest reactions to this Enlargement Program is the fact that pastors are going into it with a winning earnestness.

Brother J. J. Strickland of Beaumont and his church have increased their receipts to the Cooperative Program 66% per cent. The First Baptist Church, San Antonio, has added \$1,800 to their undesignated Cooperative gifts. Pastors, district missionaries and association organizers together with our laymen and women are putting themselves right into it. Now it is the time to do it!

The district missionaries, the 110 association organizers together with a large number of Board members, are gathering at the First Baptist Church in Dallas, December 2, 5:30 p.m. for the purpose of studying definitely, and laying plans to reach, so far as possible, every church in Texas for this Enlarged Program. \$1,100,000 is but earnest of what we should be doing. There are a half million Seventh Day Adventists in the world. They gave \$12,000,000 last year to Missions. If Texas Baptists would give as much proportionately to their number as the Seventh Day Adventists gave last year, they would give \$18,000,000 in one year. If Southern

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### MITCHELL ZONE TO HAVE ALL-DAY STUDY COURSE

An all-day training school for Sunday School workers is being planned by Zone Leader Scott W. Hickey for the West Mitchell zone to be held at the Second Baptist Church in Colorado City, Sunday, December 9, beginning at 9 a.m. Two courses are to be offered, "Building a Standard Sunday School," led by J. M. Cook, and "When Do Teachers Teach," led by R. E. Dudley, both of Abilene.

The pastors of the zone from the ten churches have been asked to help and will alternate with the guest teachers in the two courses. Classes are being arranged for those under 16 in Training Union work under the direction of Mrs. D. V. Merritt of Snyder, who will be assisted by Mrs. W. E. Montgomery and Miss Marva Nell Curtis, also of Snyder.

A paper sack lunch will be brought by the pupils, "deestrick school" fashion, and spread at the church during the noon hour.

This meeting is planned to emphasize the one to be held the next day for the association at the First Baptist Church, under the direction of Texas and Southern Baptist Sunday School leaders.

### DR. WHITE VISIONS GREAT UNIVERSITY IN THE WEST

Speaking Saturday to the Golden Jubilee homecoming of Hardin-Simmons University, President W. R. White told alumni of his ambition to see H-SU become one of the great universities of the West.

In spite of drizzling rain and slippery pavements, a large concourse of ex-students and friends of the university re-visited the Forty Acres to hear the first homecoming address of their new president; to honor veteran faculty members, including Dean Julius Olsen who has 38 years of service to his credit; to attend class and group reunions; and to watch the undefeated Cowboy football team plow through mud to another victory.

Important features of the occasion were plans for the continuation of the Golden Jubilee pilgrimages, outlined by Dr. C. E. Adams, chairman of the commission for the half-century celebrations, and a report on the Sanderfer memorial building program.

Dr. White addressed a large group of pastors and religious workers on future plans and policies for cooperation with the churches and the denomination.

The Mexican mission church at San Angelo, Texas, is open every day for prayer, according to Home Board Missionary D. Ruiz.

### DISTRICT NINE SETS CHALLENGING GOALS

J. Lowell Ponder, Plainview

The District Board met last Tuesday at Levelland. They set up some worthy objectives for the coming year. They gave enthusiastic approval for the goal of \$50,000 for the Cooperative Program for the coming year. They authorized the missionary to work out goals for each association. He has already done so.

They also gave approval to the effort of having a school of missions in every association the coming year. Three associations have already committed themselves to it. Others are discussing it. Brownfield Association holds a school of missions next week. It is the only association in the South that has such a program as a part of its plan of work each year.

We hope to report before the year is out that one has been held in all the district. You who read who do not have it in your association, begin talking the matter, and let's do it. When you see us, ask us about it.

The goal for \$50,000 is only \$1.40 for each Baptist reported to the association this year. There isn't a Baptist in the district but that can, over a year's time, make such an offering. The thing for us to do is keep this matter paid up each month. Or at least a round-up each quarter. Brethren, we CAN do it. You know there isn't a member of your church, no matter how poor, but that will do that if it is presented to them. Less than 3c per week. But we can't wait until next October to do it. We must keep at the matter.

Be sure and see that your superintendent and all Sunday School officers attend the all-day conference in your association the week of December 9-13. Stress it in every way possible. Make ways for all of them to attend. This is an important meeting. It will mean much to your own work for them to attend. Do it without fail. Check the date and place

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### STATEWIDE WORKERS TO MEET AT DALLAS DEC. 2

At the call of Dr. R. C. Campbell, executive secretary for Texas Baptists, the 17 district missionaries, the 110 associational organizers and members of the state board are invited to meet in Dallas at 5:30 Monday afternoon, in connection with the meeting of the State board.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss and formulate plans for the enlarged program for Texas Baptists which was outlined at the General convention, meeting at Houston week before last.

### FORT WORTH TO BE HOST FOR TRAINING U. IN 1941

After having drawn record attendance at every session in spite of steady rainfall on three of the four days, the Golden Jubilee session of the Texas Baptist Training Union Convention adjourned Saturday morning to meet in 1941 at Fort Worth, the city where the organization was founded in 1888 and where the first state convention was held just 50 years ago.

The date of the 1941 meeting was set as Thanksgiving Day and the two days following, whenever that may be.

J. D. Riddle of Abilene was re-elected convention president; Dr. T. C. Gardner was elected director and treasurer for the 26th time. Mrs. Jessie Belle Vinson of Dallas and Miss Frances Lee of Fort Worth were elected secretaries. Vice-presidents are the 17 district directors in the state.

The banner for mileage travelled in attending the convention went to Del Rio, the attendance banner to LeFors.

The historic pageant-parade which was scheduled to march through downtown Dallas on Friday afternoon was rained out. After two postponements in hope of clearing weather, portions of the parade moved a few blocks through the drizzle to permit pictures being taken for a record of the 50th anniversary of the Training Union Convention.

Approximately 14,000 people paid registrations for the meeting and other thousands, who did not register, attended one or more assemblies. For four sessions of the convention there were ten divisions meeting at the same time, most of which filled their auditoriums. An estimated 10,000 were out in a downpour of rain Friday evening to attend the three general assemblies, meeting in three of the largest churches in Texas. The closing hours Saturday morning drew one of the largest crowds for that period in the history of the convention.

The first Better Music contest was held at First Church, Dallas, on Wednesday evening before a large audience. Both contests and contestants drew wide attention.

Most colorful feature of the convention was the appearance of the Hardin-Simmons Cowboy band and the University Cowgirls. A concert of sacred and classical music, concluded with the H-SU anthem packed the vast auditorium of the First Church and received the enthusiastic approval of the audience.

Among the great addresses of the convention were those of Drs. R. G. Lee, W. R. White, John L. Hill, Perry F. Webb, George W. Truett, John L. Whorton, M. E. Dodd, I. L. Yearby, R. C. Campbell, T. C. Gardner, W. Douglass Hudgins, J. E. Lambdin, F. B. Thorn, W. L. Howse and S. G. Posey, speaking at the general meetings. Most of these and many others equally as good were heard in the departmental assemblies.

### EVENTS TO COME

- December 9-13—Sunday School meetings in all associations in Texas.
- December 19—Christmas holidays begin, H-SU.
- December 31-January 3—Southwide Training Union Conference, Memphis, Tennessee.
- January 2—Classes resumed, H-SU.
- January 13-17—Training Union Emphasis Week. Meetings in all 110 associations.
- February 24-25—District 16 Convention, Brownwood.
- February 28-March 1—District 7 Convention, Van Horn.
- March 4-5—District 8 Convention, Colorado City.
- March 6-7—District 17 Convention, Stamford.
- March 17-18 — State Laymen's Rally, Dallas.
- April 15-17—Texas Baptist Sunday School convention, Dallas.
- March 25-26—District 9 Convention, Brownfield.
- March 27-28—District 10 Convention, Pampa.
- March 27-28—District 11 Convention, Paducah.

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### SEVENTEEN MEN

In our enthusiasm and gratification over the happy development of all phases of Baptist work in Texas, we must not overlook the untiring and sacrificial efforts of the seventeen men who are our district missionaries. This is not an idea which the editor has thought up all by himself, but is the measured opinion of some of the keenest observers among our Baptist statesmen.

These seventeen men have become the pack-horses of the denomination. Upon their shoulders falls the brunt of whatever promotional and forward movement there is being called to the attention of Texas Baptists. The executive secretary of our state is doing a matchless work and we glory in his far-seeing leadership. But without the ability to multiply his efforts by seventeen, he would be greatly handicapped in reaching three-quarters of a million people.

No small part of the evangelistic results in the state is traceable to their activities, both in the meetings which they have personally conducted and more in the far greater number which they have helped arrange for other evangelists.

We are greatly encouraged over the success of the Five-Year plan of the Sunday School Board for enlargement in the Sunday Schools and the Training Unions, yet few realize the vast amount of time which the district missionaries give to promotional efforts for these auxiliaries. Only full-time field workers conduct as many study courses and do as much enlargement work.

The missionaries are a great asset to the W. M. U. They have done much to assist the spread of the Brotherhood movement. They have been a vital factor in organizing Vacation Bible Schools. They have given vigorous and effective work for Christian education, for hospitals, for publications. Without their distinct and untiring co-operation, most of the regional encampments would fail.

It is no wonder that several of our district missionaries have been suddenly overtaken by death and that a number of others have returned to the pastorate after a time. Only a man with a vigorous constitution, with an ability to endure criticism and an inordinate appetite for hard work can continue at this task.

The district mission plan is still new with us. As we come to appreciate more the value of the services of our missionaries and the difficulties which beset the position, we will iron out many of the inequities and will more definitely understand the broad reach and the limitations of their field of endeavor.

And in rejoicing over the progress of our denomination we will not forget the indispensable contribution of these seventeen men.

### ARMY CAMPS

Most of us have not yet begun to realize the immensity and the import of the defense preparations no wonder way in our country. With an army camp in the offing for Abilene, in addition to the new Camp Bowie already under construction at Brownwood, an air corps establishment at San Angelo, and perhaps others to come, we will soon become uniform-minded.

If the Baptists and others of similar beliefs do not make the spiritual needs of these mobilized men a major matter in our programs no others will. On the other hand there will be plenty who for the profits involved are already preparing to exploit the soldier's hunger for amusement and pander to his baser instincts.

While legitimate business men are hurrying to gain concessions for supplying the mobilized men with every device to share in the soldier's pay-day, we should be no less alert in securing convenient locations which will not only serve as preaching places, but which will also provide the environment for wholesome diversion from the routine of army life.

Each large camp must have, at as near a location as possible, a Baptist hut with an auditorium and room for reading and writing, together with such other facilities for wholesome relaxation as may seem advisable. These huts will call for our best leaders of young men, not sissy namby-pambys, but men's men with consecrated masculinity and virile faith. And there is no time to lose.

### STUDENT AID

The Foreign Mission Board has hit upon what appears to be a fair and equitable form of student aid. To encourage medical students who feel the call to become foreign missionaries, they are lending funds for assistance in this extended and expensive training.

According to a resolution adopted by the board at a recent session, reported in The Commission, "When the appointment (to medical mission work) is made, the obligation to the Board will cease, otherwise it is to be repaid with interest.

There is much to commend this plan. The reason assigned for high medical fees is that only large financial rewards will encourage students to expend the heavy sums of money and extended years of preparation which the high standards of the medical profession require. In the medical mission field the monetary inducement is not only lacking, but there is no opportunity for repayment of the cash investment. This makes the offer of the Foreign Mission Board most timely.

The idea might have possibilities for extension into the field of education of other missionaries and of ministerial education as a whole. It gives us something to consider as a means of solving some of the problems now arising in the education of these young people.

## News Notes

Rev. I. J. Lloyd has been called to be pastor at Potosi.

Rev. Guy Lewis, pastor at Necessity and Parks, has accepted the call of Sunset Church, Abilene.

Dr. E. W. Westmoreland of Oklahoma has become pastor at Field Street Church, Cleburne.

Rev. Bill Marshall is this week leading in the annual Youth Week services at Olivet Church, Oklahoma City.

Dr. W. R. White conducted the mid-week prayer service at University Church, Abilene, last week and also this.

A revival will begin at Friendship Mission, Abilene, November 29, with student preachers conducting the services.

Rev. B. N. Shepherd of Hobbs, N. M., and Rev. Carol Holtzclaw of Caddo are conducting a revival meeting at Goldsmith.

December 1 to 8 in the Lottie Moon Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions and will be observed by the W. M. U. of the South.

The Hylton Baptist Church in conference November 8 voted to entertain the Worker's Conference in June as of the request of the program committee.

The Salt Branch Baptist Church in conference November 13 voted to entertain the Worker's Conference in May, 1941, at the request of the program committee.

The J. O. Y. class of First Church, Abilene, invites women, not in Sunday School, to hear Dean L. Q. Campbell discuss the lesson at 9:45 Sunday.

Dr. Fred Eastham of First Church, Wichita Falls, is recovering from minor injuries received in an automobile accident.

Dr. L. R. Scarborough, president of Southwestern Seminary and past president of the Southern Baptist Convention, will preach at University Church, Abilene, on December 1.

The Alabama convention appointed a committee to consider the question of coordinating Howard College, co-educational, at Birmingham, and Judson College for Girls at Marion.

The Brotherhood of First Church, Sweetwater, held their annual Father and Son banquet on November 26 with Dr. Tom Taylor of Howard Payne as the principal speaker.

Dr. Wm. B. Irwin, H-SU alumnus and former summer faculty member, was elected president of the Texas Teachers' Association in the annual meeting at Fort Worth last week.

The Taylor County Training Union Federation will meet at First Church, Abilene, Sunday afternoon, December 1, at 3. J. M. Martin of Immanuel Church is president of the federation.

Dr. W. H. Knight, former professor at Southwestern Seminary and at present pastor at Pineville, La., home of Louisiana Baptist College, has been elected as secretary for the Baptists of that State.

The Baptist State Board in New Mexico has voted to enlarge the size of the Baptist New Mexican from eight pages to 16. This growing paper is receiving new church budget subscriptions every week.

Rev. J. P. McBeth, widely known as a Bible scholar and commentator, has completed his seventh year at Dumas. It was here under his leadership that revived interest in tithing was started in Texas churches.

A total of 130 members of First Church, Abilene, travelled 56,000 miles in the round trip to the Training Union Convention at Dallas. Because this number included a great many members of the Cowboy band and the Cowgirls the church did not ask for the mileage or attendance banner.

The West Zone of the Sweetwater Association met at Nolan Sunday at 2:30. There were 162 present from six churches. Messages were brought on the Sunday School by Fred Porter of Trent and the Training Union by Orval Hendon of Hylton. The next meeting will be the third Sunday in December with the Hylton Baptist Church.

## Rambling Remarks

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"Jeff." . . . The opening statement above is slightly evasive, and since we have never deceived our readers, we feel that we must tell the truth as to why we have not been in the last two issues. We got to comparing and counting columns and columnists, and there was Mr. Driscoll, Mr. Johnson, Dorothy Thompson, and Dr. Ray. That adds up to four in my arithmetic, and I could not bear the thought of being a "fifth" columnist, so I considered quitting altogether. Then I reconsidered. Hugh Johnson had worn out two or three Corona's and barrels of printer's ink trying to defeat Mr. Roosevelt for a third term, so when the election returns came in I decided there were only three columns besides mine, so I have resumed. . . . A sure way to get a fellow conversationalist het up is to allow him to tell you his pet peeve. Well, move over and lend an ear, I want to tell you mine. Riding on a big bus the other day I was trying to read a newspaper. My companion kept protruding his head into my line of vision trying to read the same paper. Finally I divided the paper, giving him the front page and the choice reading that goes with it, reserving the want ads and obituaries for myself. I was about to become interested in a fill-in paragraph about how many sheep died of dry rot in Paraguay last year, when my friend (???) began, "I notice here, etc., etc." So for 50 miles he proceeded to read to me, (and none too well at that) the very items I had already read. These invariably reminded him of "a piece" he had seen in a recent paper. Then he would ask my opinion but never gave me a chance to express it. I remember only one other worse pest than this. One night I was driving and listening to the car radio and Amos 'n' Andy came on. They are still my favorite radio comedy team. They had an especially humorous episode that night and I was greatly interested in how they would work out of their dilemma. Just as they were getting to the best part my riding companion started in to tell me about an Amos 'n' Andy episode he had enjoyed about a year before. You can imagine the confusion it created, and you will have to imagine what I thought and what I felt like doing, because being a minister I can't use that type of language, and beside it wouldn't do for print.

### MISSIONARY MESSAGES

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regularly. The table that follows tells its own story:

	1939	1940	minus
Callahan	\$ 795.08	\$ 7447.63	47.45 plus
Cisco	5,968.74	6,607.65	638.91 minus
Fisher	1,968.20	1,789.05	170.15
Haskell	2,050.46	1,892.71	157.75
Jones	4,182.89	3,899.26	283.63
Sweetwater	11,231.63	10,536.58	695.05
Stonewall	403.26	368.41	34.85

Texas Baptists have launched out on an enlarged program and if we reach our goals every individual, every church, every association and every district will have to do more this coming year than we have done in the past. We are asking our pastors to resolve now that we give ourselves in a more consecrated leadership than we have ever done. I pledge to do this as your district missionary.

We have been out of the district most of the time for the past three weeks. We have had a good time. I give it as my opinion that the convention was one of the most forward looking that I have ever attended. There was a spirit of harmony that I thank God for. The Training Union Convention was the largest attended convention that I have ever seen with the exception of the World Alliance at Atlanta, Ga. The trouble with it there are so many good things going on in separate places at the same time you cannot get all of it. As I turn aside from these two great meetings, I just thank God that I am a Baptist. A Cooperative Baptist.

Did you know that on the first day of this month the Missionary was paid his salary in full for the preceding month? This is as it ought to be. If each associational treasurer would send in the amount they have on hand the last day of each month we believe this could be done regularly. We want to say "Thank you" to every church that is making this work possible. No missionary ever had better cooperation than you have given me these past months. We thank God for every church.

We are to have our all-day Sunday School conferences beginning the 9th of December. These are very important meetings and I am urging our people to come. Mr. Dudley is giving the time and place for each of these meetings. I am trying to write each pastor and superintendent an individual letter asking that they give wide publicity to these programs.

## Sunday School Lesson

December 1, 1940

By Hight C. Moore

### AN EXACTING DISCIPLESHIP

Read Luke 9

Study Luke 9:49-62

The ninth chapter of Luke opens with a vivid contrast between faith and unbelief; the program of faith as seen in the twelve on their trial tour of evangelism; and the perplexity of unbelief as seen in the tetrarch, Herod, who had beheaded the Baptist. Then we have several glimpses of the conquering Christ: his power in the feeding of the five thousand; his identity in the confession of Peter; his glory in the transfiguration on Mount Hermon; and his suffering in the forecast of the cross. Several kinds of discipleship are next pictured: impotent discipleship in the presence of the demonic boy; ignorant discipleship in view of the foreseen cross; ambitious discipleship in the reasoning about rank; narrow discipleship in the forbidden benefactor; impatient discipleship in the desired anathema upon the inhospitable Samaritans; and superficial discipleship in the three inquirers who accosted him on the way showing that "the natural heart is either too forward (v. 51) or too backward (v. 59) or too undecided (v. 61)."

#### 1. Intolerant Discipleship

THE UNATTACHED MIRACLE WORKER was checked and hindered by intolerant discipleship. John and some of his associates found a certain man, presumably a Jew, using the all-powerful name of Jesus in the casting out of demons. They regarded it a desecration and the open road to all sorts of abuse. So they commanded him to quit because he was not a fellow disciple with them. The work he did was good and certainly needed; the name he used was somehow effective; but he did not belong to the exclusive group of the disciples who felt that they had a monopoly of their Master's name and fame and power. But immediately and, we imagine, with almost a tinge of sternness, he rebuked their restriction. And his reason was sound. If you are doing good, every right door is for you whether he is with you or not; and we ought to recognize the good whenever and wherever it appears. How the circle of good widens at the Master's word! We ought to be just as broad and just as narrow as the Savior and the Scriptures, no more and no less.

#### 2. Impatient Discipleship

THE INHOSPITABLE SAMARITANS were the targets of impatient discipleship. Jesus was leaving Galilee for the last time. His path lay in part through Samaria, inhabited by a mongrel people hating and hated by the Jews. Desiring entertainment for the night, Jesus sent messengers ahead to make arrangements; but they found the village utterly inhospitable. The insult was not personal for they had nothing against Jesus, who was ever considerate of the Samaritan people, but they would not entertain those who were going to Jerusalem to attend upon and support a rival sanctuary. But James and John were filled with rage and resentment. With bitter words they turned to Jesus for permission to call down consuming fire upon the village as Elijah called it upon his would-be captors. It was a spirit of intolerance, of impatience, of withering contempt. Hence the rebuke of Jesus who was unruffled alike by the coldness of the Samaritans and the heat of the Sons of Thunder. Then without malediction they proceeded to another village where they were received and entertained.

#### 3. Insincere Discipleship

THE SUPERFICIAL INQUIRERS were rebuked by Jesus for their insincere discipleship. "The first case is that of inconsiderate impulse, the second that of conflicting duties, the third, that of a divided mind" (Bruce). The Impetuous Scribe, seeing the crowds following the Master and perhaps expecting him to be a worthy king, offered to follow him to the limit. But Jesus unveiled his sacrificial Saviorhood and invited only sacrificial discipleship.

The Hesitant Son asked for time on the flimsy pretext of filial duty (his father probably being alive and likely to live for years). But Jesus clearly, almost curtly, commanded him to proclaim the gospel, actually leaving the physically dead to be buried by the spiritually dead. So urgent and so primal is the giving of the good news to men.

The Irresolute Plowman typified the man who declared he would follow Jesus after he had consulted his fam-

ily and friends and bidden them farewell. But Jesus let him know that one so wavering and undecided, so open to compromise and lacking in conviction and determination, was not fitted for service or of any use in the kingdom of God.

"These three cases show how the Lord adapted His requirements to the characters of His hearers. He bids the rash or precipitate enthusiast to 'count the cost' of discipleship; He prompts the time-serving and compromising to decisive action; and He urges the inconstant to unreserved consecration to one high purpose" (Irwin).

#### Be a True Disciple

A Disciple Devoted to Christ. "Master—Lord." Learn from him as Master who teaches and directs. Live for him as Lord who calls, qualifies, and commands. Be devoted to him in everything and always.

A Disciple Active Against Satan. "Casting out devils in thy name." Resist Satan, of course; but also attack him and destroy him. Therefore, cast out demons. Do it in Jesus' name!

A Disciple Co-operant with Well-Doers. "Forbid him not." See the good in other people and magnify it. Search for good even in bad people, for no one is wholly bad. Do not repress or restrict any good in anybody, anywhere. Be willing for others to do good.

A Disciple Patient with Evil-Doers. "Wilt thou that we command fire to come down." The Samaritans were inhospitable and the disciples were vengeful. But Jesus was unruffled and serene. Every cyclone has its spot of calm. Find it!

A Disciple Who Is Sincere. "I will follow thee." The impetuous scribe in his enthusiasm offered to follow the Master anywhere. But Jesus told him to count the cost which evidently he had not done. The seeker must be real and not rash, sincere and not superficial.

A Disciple Who Is Sacrificial. "The Son of man hath not where to lay his head." At the moment, the homeless Christ was speaking an inclusive word. It was a call to sacrifice. For him who gave all we must forsake all.

A Disciple Who Is Ready. "Suffer me first to go and bury my father." Most likely his father was not dead and might live for years. The hesitant son simply wished to stay at home as long as his father lived. But would he be willing to follow Jesus then if not now?

A Disciple Who Will Proclaim. "Go thou and preach." The good news of the kingdom must be made known. And nothing can be more urgent or imperative. Even filial duty comes second.

A Disciple Who Will Not Hesitate. "Let me first go bid them farewell." Did he wish to consult his family before taking the step? Would they not seek to delay if not dissuade him? To falter is to fail!

A Disciple Who Will Not Look Back. "No man—looking back, is fit." Look upward for guidance and help. Look onward to the goal and the clear path to it. Look backward, craving sinful ease and cringing before known duty—never!

### GOLD IN THE GOLDEN TEXT

No man, having put his hand to the plow, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.—Luke 9:62.

The wavering plowman cannot run a deep, straight furrow in breaking up his land. His plow has but one handle and he can use well but one hand. If he does not hold true, the ground is unplowed or plowed over; if he turns loose, no sod is turned; if he looks back, he might as well take out and go home. He must pay sole and strict attention to his tool and his task.

So must the Christian have "singleness of aim, decision and perseverance." Without divided heart or diverted look he must seek earnestly, strive steadily, and serve faithfully. Otherwise he is not fit for responsibility or even respect in the kingdom of God.

### DAILY BIBLE READINGS

- Dec. 2—"Who Is My Neighbor?" Luke 10:25-37.
- Dec. 3—A Cruel Reception. Luke 4:22-30.
- Dec. 4—Am I My Brother's Keeper? Genesis 4:3-10.
- Dec. 5—A Neighborly Deed. Acts 3:1-10.
- Dec. 6—Love of Neighbor. Romans 13:8-10.
- Dec. 7—Rules for Neighbors. Leviticus 19:9-18.
- Dec. 8—Whose Neighbor Am I? Corinthians 10:23-33.

# Marvelous Ten Years Growth Of Southern Baptists

By E. P. Allredge, Secretary, Department of Survey, Statistics and Information.

**Baptist Sunday School Board**  
Is there a deliberate effort on the part of some groups in the United States to belittle the Baptists and even to besmirch their good names? It would certainly seem so. The success of the Baptist World Alliance meetings in Atlanta, Ga., in 1939, was evidently more than these persons could endure.

Here comes the Bureau of Census and makes a release of Southern Baptists statistics for 1936 which they knew and acknowledged to be incomplete, but which they sent to the press of the nation without explanation, showing a purported great fall-off for Southern Baptists during the past ten years; whereas the facts are Southern Baptists had a net gain of 774,262 (20 per cent) for this particular period (1926-1936).

Then here comes the LIFE magazine, writing up the town of Rushville, Indiana, and says: "The town has 19 churches, and a number of joints." Note that stab at all the churches, will you? In the mind of the reporter of this magazine at least, joints and churches belong together! But this magazine goes on to say: "In the latter (joints) poker, 41, and rummy games are run in back-rooms and cellars; and young girls drink Coca-Cola chasers with whiskey while planning to attend Baptist Sunday School next morning."—See LIFE, page 37, August 12, 1940. That's the type of persons, this magazine would have the public believe, who attend Baptist churches!

Well, I am sorry for the Baptist-haters! But I can't help them. On the contrary, I fear that I will have to make them "madder still." For in these last ten years (1930-1940) God has marvelously blessed these hated Baptists, and Southern Baptists in particular, and I am going to tell you about it in a way that even Baptist-haters can't miss the point:

### 1. Gains in Church Membership.

(1) In the last 20 years (1920-1940) Southern Baptists' church membership has had net gain of 2,130,828 or an average annual net gain of 106,540.

(2) But during the last ten years (1930-1940), Southern Baptist Church membership has had a net increase of 1,178,529 (31.2 per cent), or an average annual gain of 117,853.

(3) And this great progress (31.2 per cent) was made while the population in the bounds of the Convention increased by only 9.3 per cent.

### 2. Gains in Soul Winning and Baptisms.

The secret of these large gains in church membership among Southern

Baptists is found in their great soul-winning record.

(1) During the last 21 years, for example, there have been baptized on profession of faith, a total of 4,315,915 persons, or an average of 205,519 persons every year for the 21 years.

(2) During the last ten years (1930-1940), moreover, even this good record has been eclipsed. For the annual number baptized into the churches has increased from 198,579 in 1930, to 269,155 in 1940, the total number baptized during the ten years being 2,182,020, or an average of 218,202 per year.

### 3. Gains in Sunday School Enrollment.

(1) In 1938, we published in the Southern Baptist Handbook (page 346) a table showing the 20 years' growth of the Sunday School work of the ten main denominations in America. This table shows that during those 20 years, Southern Baptists Sunday Schools had a net gain of 1,347,189, while the other nine main denominations in America had a combined net gain of only 873,208! That is to say, in the last twenty years, Southern Baptists have had a half-million more people to come into their Sunday Schools than any nine other large denominations in the nation!

(2) We have published a table in the 1940 Handbook which shows the comparative Sunday School gains of Southern Methodists and Southern Baptists covering the past 25 years. Two very remarkable things are disclosed in this comparison, year by year, for the past 25 years, were only 196,753; whereas Southern Baptist Sunday Schools gains, during the same period, were 1,763,051, or nine times that of Southern Methodists. The second thing revealed in this table is that, whereas Southern Methodists had 86,383 more persons in Sunday School than Southern Baptists, 25 years ago, Southern Baptists have today almost a million and a half more people in their Sunday Schools than have Southern Methodists.

(3) During the past year the United Methodist Church, composed of the Northern, Southern, and Protestant Methodist bodies, and outnumbering Southern Baptists by 3,090,000, had only 52,578 net gain to their Sunday Schools; whereas Southern Baptists alone had a net gain of 155,002 to their Sunday Schools.

### 4. Gains in Baptist Training Union Work.

The gains which have come to the Training Union work of Southern Baptists within the past ten years are well-nigh unbelievable. (1) The number of B. Y. P. U. s, for example, have increased from 22,511 in 1930, to 43,095 in 1940—a net gain of 20,584 organizations in the ten years, or an average annual gain of 2,058 new organizations each year for the past ten years! (2) The enrolled membership of the Training Union organizations has increased from 501,405 in 1930, to 815,523 in 1940. This is a net gain of 315,123 (62.6 per cent) for the ten years, or an average annual gain of 31,412 young people in training for effective church membership for every year of the past ten years.

### 5. Gains in W. M. U. Work.

In addition to the great gains in personal service, mission study, the raising of some \$2,500,000 each year for the mission causes of Southern Baptists and the great program of education and training which the W. M. U. carries on, both the W. M. U. organizations and membership have made great gains.

(1) The organizations of the W. M. U., for example, have grown from 29,777 in 1930, to 39,720 in 1940, which is a net gain of almost 10,000 new organizations, or 1,000 new organizations for every year of the past ten years. (2) The membership of the W. M. U. organizations, moreover, has increased from 531,394 in 1930, to 747,845 in 1940, which is a net gain of 216,451 (or 40.7 per cent) for the ten years.

### 6. Gains in Vacation Bible School Work.

We fear no one will believe the amazing records of achievement wrought in our Vacation Bible School work. By the way, Dr. Howard Lee Jones, a great Baptist leader and brother of Dr. Carter Helm Jones and Dr. N. Ashby Jones, assisted by Mrs. John A. Broadus, in July, 1898, conducted the first Vacation Bible School in America, so far as I can learn. This school was conducted in Ephiphany Baptist Church, New York City, by these two great, Southern born, Baptist leaders.

Dr. Homer L. Grice came to the Sunday School Board at Nashville, Tenn., in 1924, and established one of the first regular departments of

Vacation Bible School work known to the nation. During the past ten years, the progress of this work among Southern Baptists has been almost unbelievable!

(1) The number of Vacation Bible Schools held in 1929, for example, was only 367; where the number conducted in 1939 reached the total of 4,349—a net gain of 3,982 Vacation Bible Schools in the ten years, or an average net gain of 398 new Vacation Schools for each year for the ten years.

(2) The enrollment of boys and girls in these Vacation Bible Schools, moreover, grew from 51,079 in 1929 to 421,377 in 1939—a net gain of 370,298 boys and girls enrolled in Vacation Bible Schools for the ten years, or a yearly net increase of 37,029 boys and girls enrolled in Southern Baptist Vacation Bible Schools!

### 7. Gains in Church Property.

Because of the ravages of the long depression (1929-1936), we will get a better picture of Southern Baptist progress in church building if we go back over the past 20 years.

(1) In 1920, for example, Southern Baptists had only 18,318 church houses, whereas we now (1940) have 23,008—a net gain of 4,690 church houses in 20 years, or an average net gain of 235 church houses each year of the period.

(2) But all during this period, old church houses were being made over and enlarged. In fact, about 12 church houses were being remodeled, during this period for every one that was newly built. So that Southern Baptists came to the end of this period with unbelievable gains in the value of their church property. The total value of Southern Baptist church property in 1920, for example, was only \$74,273,728; whereas now (1940) it stands at \$214,724,695—which is a net gain of \$140,450,967 in church property in the past 20 years (1920-1940), or an average gain of over \$7,000,000 per year for the past 20 years, in spite of the ravages of the long depression.

### 8. Gains in Schools and Colleges.

Another astonishing thing has happened to Southern Baptists during the past 20 years (1920-1940). In the first place, they have lost 51 schools and colleges (42 academies and nine senior colleges to be exact). But in spite of these great losses, they have increased the student body in their Christian school and colleges by 10,023 during these 20 years. They also have 506 more ministerial students in school now than 20 years ago; and they have added \$18,984,010 to their school property (in houses and lands and improvements), and \$16,798,830 to the endowment of these schools and colleges. That is to say, in spite of their great property losses, Southern Baptists have added \$35,782,840 to the property and endowment of their Christian schools or \$1,789,142 a year for the past 20 years.

There have been many other great gains which we cannot recount here. What of the future?

In the year 1950, Southern Baptists, under normal conditions, and maintaining the same rate of growth as at the present, will have the following forces:

Population in the bounds of Convention	50,057,769
Churches (local cong.)	26,044
Annual No. baptisms	412,000
Church members	6,500,000
S. S. enrollment	4,500,000
Church property—houses and grounds	\$284,724,695
Gifts to Missions and Benevolences	6,805,214
Total contributions, all purposes	46,305,512
B. T. U. membership	1,325,000
W. M. U. membership	1,052,227

### Little Stories about GREAT HYMNS



"O happy day that fixed my choice On Thee, my Saviour and my God! Well may this glowing heart rejoice, And tell its raptures all abroad." Chorus: "Happy day, happy day, When Jesus washed my sins away! He taught me how to watch and pray And live rejoicing ev'ry day."

"This hymn, written by the Rev. Philip Doddridge, has been a great blessing to the church. Prince Albert, consort of Queen Victoria, decreed that it should be sung wherever members of the royal family were confirmed."

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December 9-13 Schedule

### Team No. 1

District No. 10—December 9, Trans-Canadian, First, Dumas.  
District No. 10—December 10, Palo Duro, San Jacinto, Amarillo.  
District No. 10—December 11, Canadian, First, Canadian.  
District No. 10—December 12, North Fork, First, Shamrock.  
District No. 10—December 13, Panhandle, First, Memphis.

### Team No. 2

District No. 11—December 9, Wichita-Archer, First, Wichita Falls.  
District No. 11—December 10, Clay, First, Henrietta.  
District No. 11—December 11, Wilbarger-Foard, First, Vernon.  
District No. 11—December 12, Red Fork, First, Childress.  
District No. 11—December 13, Baylor-Knox, First, Seymour.

### Team No. 3

Team Members—Perry Morgan, Ridgecrest, N. C., Dr. Fred Eastham, First, Wichita Falls, Mrs. J. W. Marshall, 5622 Ellsworth, Dallas, Rev. J. M. Riddell, District Missionary.

### Team No. 4

District No. 11—December 9, Throckmorton-Young, First, Graham.  
District No. 17—December 10, Haskell, First, Rochester.  
District No. 17—December 11, Stonewall, First, Aspermont.  
District No. 17—December 12, Fisher, First, Roby.  
District No. 17—December 13, Jones, First, Anson.

### Team No. 5

Team Members—J. T. Sisemore, Buchanan St., Amarillo, Dr. J. M. Bradford, Coggin Ave., Brownwood, Mrs. J. T. Sisemore, Buchanan St., Amarillo, Rev. J. H. Littleton, District Missionary.

### Team No. 6

District No. 17—December 9, First, Abilene.  
District No. 16—December 10, Runnels, First, Bronte.  
District No. 17—December 11, Callahan, First, Baird.  
District No. 17—December 12, Cisco, First, Breckenridge.  
District No. 12—December 13, Palo Pinto, First, Mineral Wells.

### Team No. 7

Team Members—A. V. Washburn, Nashville, Tenn., Rev. P. C. McGahey, First, Breckenridge, Miss Florida Waite, Nashville, Tenn.

### Team No. 8

District No. 16—December 9, Brown, Coggin Avenue, Brownwood.  
District No. 16—December 10, Coleman, First, Coleman.  
District No. 16—December 11, Mills, First, Goldthwaite.  
District No. 16—December 12, Hamilton, First, Hamilton.  
District No. 16—December 13, Comanche, First, Comanche.

### Team No. 9

Team Members—Walter Leach, Brownwood, Dr. C. A. Powell, Rule, Texas, Miss Florida Waite, Nashville, Tenn., J. P. King, District Missionary.

### Team No. 10

District No. 16—December 9, Concho Valley, Immanuel, San Angelo.  
District No. 7—December 10, Pecos Valley, First, Pecos.  
District No. 7—November 29, El Paso, Immanuel, El Paso.  
District No. 7—December 12, Big Bend, First, Alpine.  
District No. 6—December 13, Del Rio-Uvalde, First, Del Rio.

### Team No. 11

Team Members—Ray Rozell, First, San Angelo, Rev. H. D. Bruce, First, Midland, Miss Allene Bryan, Nashville, Tenn., J. A. Kidd, District Missionary.

### Team No. 12

District No. 8—December 9, Mitchell-Scurry, First, Colorado City.  
District No. 8—December 10, Big Spring, East Fourth, Big Spring.  
District No. 8—December 11, Lamesa, First, Lamesa.  
District No. 9—December 12, Brownfield, First, Brownfield.  
District No. 9—December 13, Lubbock, First, Lubbock.

### Team No. 13

Team Members—Dr. J. W. Brunner, Dallas, Rev. J. M. Sibley, First, Sweetwater, Mrs. O. E. Parris, Dallas, W. C. Harrison, District Missionary.

### Team No. 14

District No. 9—December 9, Dickens, First, Dickens.  
District No. 9—December 10, Floyd, First, Floydada.  
District No. 9—December 11, Staked Plains, First, Plainview.  
District No. 9—December 12, West Plains, First, Sudan.  
District No. 9—December 13, Tierra Blanca, First, Hereford.

### Team No. 15

Team Members—Sibley Burnett, Nashville, Tenn., Rev. Lem Hodges, Amarillo, Mrs. A. O. Thompson, Hereford, J. Lowell Ponder, District Missionary.

## PROGRAM

Worker's Conference, Jones County Assn., Dec. 3, First Church, Stamford

The program will center around the symbolisms under which Christians are presented in the Scriptures.

- 10:00 Devotional message, songs and prayers, Sidney Cox.
- 10:30 The Christian Under the Symbolism of a Servant or Steward, Harnard East.
- 11:00 The Christian Under the Symbolism of a Workman with God, Lonnie Doyle.
- 11:30 Special music.
- 11:35 The Christian Under the Symbolism of a Soldier, Dr. E. B. Atwood.
- 12:05 Lunch.
- 1:30 Board meetings.
- 2:15 The Christian Under the Symbolism of a Sheep, Jim Skiles.

## THE CALL IS TO YOU, SAYS DR. T. L. HOLCOMB

Executive Secretary, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn.

The entire field force of the Sunday School Board, working in cooperation with the eighteen State Mission Boards, all reinforced by the officers and volunteer workers from the 910 associations will conduct a special meeting in each one of these associations before the Southern Baptist Convention next May. The very announcement reveals something of the scope of the plans that are being perfected for this great campaign for the enlargement and improvement of our Sunday Schools. No doubt this is the greatest organized effort ever put forth by any denomination to win, enlist, and train its entire constituency.

No program of national defense will produce permanent results unless it is accompanied by a spiritual awakening and a moral quickening. Our task is, therefore, marked by: loyalty to Christ, patriotism to our country, devotion to our young men, and love for our homes. Surely these are sufficient to bestir us and cause us to give our best in service.

All the zeal we have for evangelism, all the compassion we have for the lost multitudes in our cities, all the heart we have for the betterment of our village and country churches, all of our hopes for enlarging and improving our teaching an draining organizations, serve to impel us to do our best. The call is to you, for the best possible use of all the methods for reaching the people that have been so successfully used in many of our churches.

Texas Sunday School forces are to go afield during the week of December 9-13, with 22 teams, and with as many cars, each team covering five associations, spending a day in each emphasizing a "Program of Progress" for every school in the state.

The Home Mission Board has received through September this year from the Hundred Thousand Club \$36,536.81.

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CONTESTS IN TRAINING U. ATTRACT WIDE INTEREST

One of the important attractions of the Training Union Convention is the series of contests for all ages and including varied forms. The competition this year involved several hundred contestants, all of whom, except in the case of the Better Music Contest, were selected from much larger groups through eliminations in churches, associations and districts.

There were 65 winners in the Junior memory contests, where all who have a perfect score may win. There were larger numbers entered in the Intermediate sword drill and the Better Music contests. All contests drew capacity attendance in the auditoriums in which they were held.

The list of the contests and the state winners in the various groups follow:

Winners of first place in Better Music Contests: Junior Chorus: Tabernacle Baptist Church, Fort Worth, Edwin McNeely, director.

Intermediate Trio: Tie, First Baptist Church, Abilene, J. D. Riddle, director; Lamar Avenue Baptist Church, Wichita Falls, Dexter Riddle, director.

Intermediate Quartet: First Baptist Church, Dallas, Mrs. J. H. Cassidy, director.

Intermediate Sextet: Lamar Avenue Baptist Church, Wichita Falls, Dexter Riddle, director.

Intermediate Girls' Chorus: Hillcrest Baptist Church, Dallas, Vidal Jones, director.

Young People's Girls' Trio: First Baptist Church, Lubbock, Leo E. Waite, director.

Young People's Quartet: First Baptist Church, Abilene, J. D. Riddle, director.

Young People's Sextet: Lamar Avenue Baptist Church, Wichita Falls, Dexter Riddle, director.

Young People's Women's Octet: Tabernacle Baptist Church, Fort Worth, Edwin McNeely, director.

Young People's Girls' Chorus: Broadway Baptist Church, Fort Worth, Carlyle Bennett, director.

Young People's Male Quartet: First Baptist Church, Abilene, J. D. Riddle, director.

Young People, Young Men's Chorus: Broadway Baptist Church, Fort Worth, Carlyle Bennett, director.

Young People's Mixed Chorus: Tabernacle Baptist Church, Fort Worth, Edwin McNeely, director.

State Winners for Beginner Story-Telling Contest

3 Year Age—Betty Rae Rogers, First, Del Rio.

4 Year Age—Jean Eileen Kincaid, University, Abilene.

5 Year Age—Carol Ann Garner, Lawndale, Houston, District 4.

State Winners for Primary Story-Telling Contest

6 Year Age—Nancy Hearrell, First Church, Gladewater.

7 Year Age—Dorothy Jane Jenkins, Lexington.

8 Year Age—Franklin Littlefield, First Church, Gladewater.

State Winners for Junior Memory Contest

Age 9: Bobby Jones, Swinney Switch; Doris Parker, Childress, First; Hazel Welch, Temple, First.

Age 10: Perryman Collins, Houston, South Main; Annette Dickson, Dallas, East Grand; Patsy Ruth Rouse, Dallas, Seever's St.; Laverne Jones, Dallas, Seever's St.; Aubrey Garlington, Vernon, First; Robert Rybeck, Galveston, First; J. M. Ragsdale, Dallas, Hickory St.; John R. Moore, Dallas, Colonial; Joyce Lee Williams, Pampa, First; Adele Head, Brownwood, First; Maurice Waddell, Fort Worth, Travis Ave.; Bobbie Jean Henderson, Dallas, East Grand; Virginia Nichols, Vernon, First; Bobbie Atkins, Dallas, Cliff Temple; Billie Hargrove, Childress, First; Bobby Jones, Dallas, Hillcrest; Patsy Ruth Lewis, Dallas, East Grand; Rose Mary Shelton, Dallas, East Grand; Patricia Allen, San Antonio, First; Lorena Lawson, Dallas, East Grand; Mary Kathryn Spellacy, Dallas, East Grand; Roland Lee Burroughs, Nacogdoches, First; Mary Ellen Reynolds, Childress, First; Joe Ellen Smith, Fort Worth, Travis Ave.

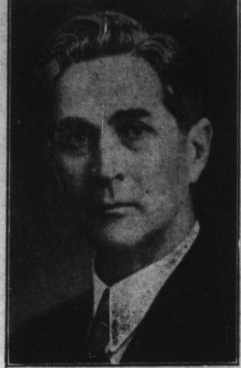
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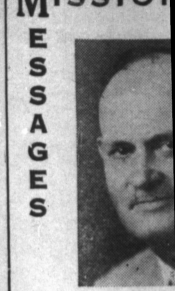
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