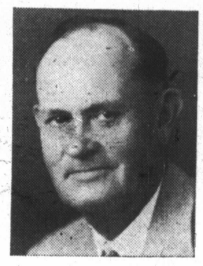
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MISSIONARY MESSAGES



By J. Henry Littleton

On Tuesday of last week I attended the Workers Conference in Cisco Association. They met with the Carbon Church. As usual this meeting was well attended and the spirit was good. Many good reports were made from over the field. Brother Blair had a good report about his summer's work. The association meets with the Eastland Church on October 10. They are looking forward to a good meeting.

In the board meeting Brother Philip C. McGahey resigned as associational moderator stating that he was moving to Albuquerque, New Mexica. We all hate to see him go but it seems that the Lord is leading. He and his good family have meant so much to our entire district. His going will make necessary several changes. t

Wednesday, we were with the Callahan County Workers Conference meeting with the Eula Church. They had a good meeting. It was well attended and the reports from over the association was good. They meet in their associational meeting with the Cottonwood Church beginning the night of October 7, going through October 8. The brethren voted to have an all-day meeting for the men on October 7, the same day the women were meeting.

Thursday I attended the Sweetwater Workers Conference, meeting with the Blackwell Church. This was a good meeting. We met in the beautiful new building there. The pastor and church are to be congratulated on the work they have and are doing. Sweetwater Association meets with the First Church, Sweetwater, on the evening of October 9 going through the 10th.

I was with the Jones County Association in their meeting with the Hodges Church, Friday, September 12. They had a good meeting. Brother J. H. Skiles was elected moderator and made a good one. The reports from the churches were good.

Sunday morning I was with the church at Golan. They are pastorless but have in mind to call soon. They have a good future. I enjoyed the service there and feel like we will hear good things from these brethren.

Sunday night I was with Brother Joe Mayes at Pleasant Valley. Brother Joe is doing a good work and his people love him.

The Plasterco Church has called Brother E. R. Lngram, a student in Hardin-Simmons, and he has accepted. They will do a good work together.

EVENTS TO COME

September 18-19—West Plains Association, Anton.

September 18-19 — Trans-Canadian Association, Hartley.

September 22-23—Floyd Association, Matador.

September 23—Canadian Association, Miami.

October 2-3—Wilbarger-Foard Association, Margaret.

October 2-3—Brown County Association, Blake.

October 6-7—Concho Valley Association, Eldorado.

October 6-7 — Stonewall Association, Girard.

October 7-8—Callahan Association, Cottonwood.

October 9—Haskell Association, Haskell.

October 9-10—Sweetwater Association, Sweetwater.

October 9-10—Pecos Valley Association, Wink.

October 10 — Cisco Association, Eastland.

October 10-11—Big Bend Association, Marfa.

October 19—Laymen's Day, in all Baptist Churches.

BAPTIST GENERAL CONVENTION OF TEXAS SESSIONS WILL BE HELD IN H-S. U. AUDITORIUM NOVEMBER 10 TO 14

SOUTHWESTERN SEMINARY BEGINS 35TH SESSION

By J. D. SAPP

The Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary began its thirty-fifth annual session last week with almost six hundred students enrolled for the fall term at the end of the first week. Due to world conditions there has been a noticeable lack of students from foreign countries as compared to former years.

President L. R. Scarborough and the faculty welcomed the new students at the formal public opening and reception held Friday, September 12, with Professor I. E. Reynolds in charge of the program. Professor Edwin McNeely brought the opening address, and the faculty and formerly enrolled students served as a welcoming committee for the new students.

Dr. Scarborough announced that Professor Wayne Dunlap of the Music School had been given a year's leave of absence to complete his work at the Eastman School of Music, Rochester, New York, for his Master's degree. This vacancy will be filled by Miss Ruth Mulkey, Fort Worth, Texas. Miss Geraldine Riddell, Wichita Falls, Texas, and Mr. Lee McCoy, Shawnee, Oklahoma, have been appointed student assistants in the Music and Education Departments respectively.

BRECKENRIDGE PASTOR GOING TO ALBUQUERQUE

Rev. Phillip C. McGahey, Breckenridge pastor, has been called to the First Church of Albuquerque, New Mexico, and is resigning his important connections in West Texas to accept that work. In addition to one of the key pastorates in the state, he has been moderator of Cisco Association, president of the District 17 Convention and of Lueders Baptist encampment.

Mrs. McGahey has been very prominent in the W. M. U. work in the district, as well as most active in the work in the local church.

At Albuquerque, Rev. McGahey will succeed Rev. A. Hope Owen, who recently resigned to accept the call of First Church, Shawnee, the seat of his alma mater, Oklahoma Baptist University. Albuquerque is the center of Baptist activity in the Sunshine State and First Church is perhaps the strongest in the entire state.

The greatest need of our day is the reconsecration of our men. — E. S. Cummings.

OCTOBER 24 IS DATE OF DISTRICT 17 CONVENTION

Southside Church, Abilene, is to be the host of the first fall convention of District 17. The meeting will be for one day only on Friday, October 24. The program is in preparation and will be announced next week.

Heretofore the district has had a two-day convention in the spring with time devoted to all the church organizations. There has also been a two-day W. M. U. convention for the district later in the spring. At the spring meeting in Stamford this year it was decided to have Sunday School and Training Union conventions at the usual time of the spring meeting and to have the general session, representing all the work after the associational meetings in the fall.

BIBLE CHAIR AT TECH HAS BEEN DISCONTINUED

With the opening of Texas Tech at Lubbock this fall, there will be no Bible course offered under Baptist instruction. This is in accordance with a decision of the state executive board this summer to discontinue the Bible classes at state schools. Classes at the University of Texas and at Denton will be continued for the current scholastic year but will be discontinued in the future.

The decision to close the Bible chairs was coupled with plans to give greater emphasis to the Baptist student work on the campuses of the tax-supported institutions.

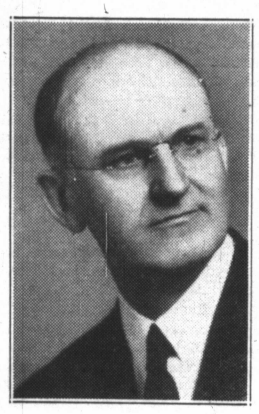
The last Bible teacher at Tech was the venerable Dr. W. F. Fry who went to his reward last spring. The Baptist Bible building adjacent to the Tech campus, which was built with gifts of Plains Baptists, has been given to Wayland College and will probably be offered for sale

DR. WHITE IS SPEAKER AT DRY CONVENTION

Dr. W. R. White, president of Hardin-Simmons University, and Dr. H. D. Knickerbocker, prominent Methodist pastor, are among the outstanding speakers at the biennial convention of the Texas United Drys, which will be held at the First Methodist Church, Dallas, on Tuesday, September 30. Executive Secretary Jeff Davis promises one of the best prohibition programs ever rendered in Texas.

We are to possess by progress.

DR. MCKINLEY NORMAN IS TO LEAD ABILENE REVIVAL



Dr. McKinley Norman, state evangelist, will reach Abilene Monday, September 22 for a two weeks' meeting with First Church, where Dr. Millard A. Jenkens is pastor. J. D. Riddle, church music director, will conduct the song services.

The church has been engaged in taking a city-wide census which reveals great numbers of people with no religious affiliation or preference. It has also disclosed hundreds of unenlisted Baptists.

Before becoming an evangelist with the state board, Dr. Norman was pastor at Roswell, N. M., and at Waxahachie. Before that he served as an evangelist with the Home Mission Board for several years. In his new position as a state evangelist, he is constantly in demand.

LANCASTER RESIGNS BIG SPRING PULPIT

Dr. C. E. Lancaster, for four years pastor of First Church, Big Spring, has tendered his resignation, effective November 1. During his ministry at this key church in District 8, the church debt has been reduced $12,000 and more than that amount has been given to denominational causes.

Dr. Lancaster was an overseas chaplain during World War I. He was pastor at Pampa before going to Big Spring to succeed Dr. R. E. Day, who is now pastor at First Church, Port Arthur.

No society will hold together for a long time unless it is held by great convictions.—W. R. White.

ENLARGED CHAPEL WILL SEAT CONVENTION CROWD

Following collections in Abilene Baptist churches Sunday, contracts are to be let this week for the erection of a balcony in the Hardin-Simmons chapel to increase the seating capacity of the building to approximately 3,000 in time for the November sessions of the Baptist General convention. The building will be used as the main convention hall.

The estimated cost of the campus improvements to care for the convention crowds, including the balcony, ceiling and wall finishing in the chapel and added facilities for comfort on the campus, will be approximately $10,000. Of this amount, the university executive board assumed 40 per cent for the institution and the balance will be raised by the churches and friends in the city, with First Church, Abilene, taking $3,000, practically all of which was raised in the special collection Sunday.

The university auditorium, newest of campus structures except the boy's dormitory now under construction, had not been completed when the depression checked building activities. Present plans provide for celotex ceiling and plastered walls in addition to the balcony.

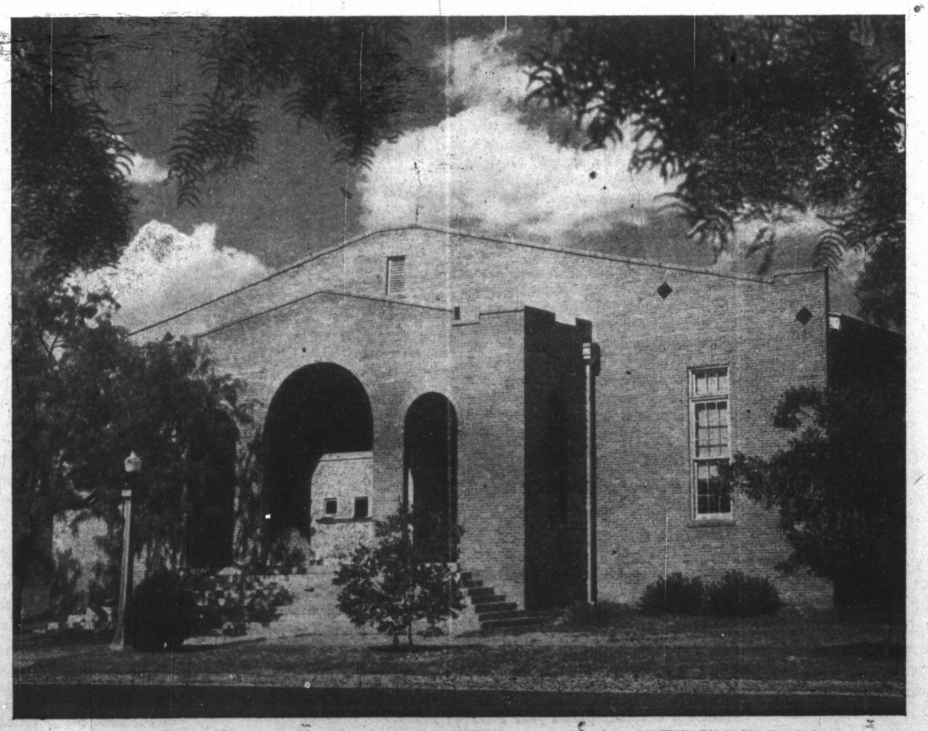
The balcony has been designed in a horseshoe shape and will extend along both sides as well as across the rear. The estimated seating capacity of the balcony is 1,200, which added to the maximum of 1,800 which can be seated in the present building, will give a total of around 3,000.

The book store is to be located in the Cowboy Corral, the basketball gymnasium across the street, and plans contemplate a loud-speaker in that building, where there are permanent seats for several hundred.

The gifts to this enlargement program are not a part of the greater H-SU campaign and will not interfere with that program.

In addition to giving $3,000 for the university chapel, First Church is embarking on a $2,500 program of redecoration of their own auditorium. The W. M. U. convention will be held in First Church and the Brotherhood convention, as well as general sessions, will be in the university auditorium.

Chapel Hardin-Simmons University



This Changing World

"... that those things which cannot be shaken may remain." Heb. 12:27.

By LOUIE D. NEWTON

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and to the republic for which it stands — one nation, indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for all.

A meeting of the Central Council of the League of the Militant Godless, held in Moscow shortly before the outbreak of the Soviet-German war, adopted as its watchword this slogan: "Win the individual believer for atheism." The Anti-Religious Magazine reports that the conference agreed that mass propaganda was no substitute for individual solicitation. From now on personal work is to be the basic effort in trying to eradicate the last vestige of religion in Russia. This renewed effort is being made because of the persistence of faith after 20 years of attack.

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McLennan County, in which Waco is situated, will vote on the liquor question the last of this month. Texas now has 124 "dry" counties, 81 partially "dry" counties, and 49 "wet" counties. Brown County recently voted dry by a two to one vote. Camp Bowie is located in that county. It is a source of embarrassment to many Georgians that historic old Liberty County recently voted "wet," thus allowing Camp Stewart to be encircled by liquor stores and other dives that always follow in the path of legalized liquor.

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One hundred pastors in Kansas City united recently in a drive against 29 taverns operating in violation of the law, and these dens of crime were closed. A letter from Pastor A. E. Lightfoot, of Starke, Florida, where Camp Blanding is located, states: "Following our conversation at Ridgecrest, I appeared before the county commissioners regarding the effort to have an election in this county for the purpose of legalizing liquor, and the election failed to materialize."

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The University of Vermont, 150 years old, has a deficit of $1,000,000 which has become the concern of the entire state. A special session of the legislature has been called by Governor Wills, and the alumni have been

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TEXT FOR THE WEEK

But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you.

Matthew 5:44.

ATTENDANCE REPORTS IN WESTEX CHURCHES

The following reports of attendance are for Sunday, September 7. Send reports to Box 1560, Abilene, any time during the week. All churches in the western part of Texas, regardless of size, are invited to use this column. Give enrollment or not, as you like.

Sunday School

Church	Enr.	Att.
Amarillo, First		1753
San Angelo, First		1222
Lubbock, First		1211
Abilene, First		1114
Wichita Falls, First		898
El Paso, First		778
Vernon, First		769
Wichita Falls, Lamar Ave.		698
Brownwood, Coggin Ave.		599
Odessa, First		593
Borger, First		505
Burkburnett	709	373
Coleman, First		353
Abilene, Immanuel	355	346
Hamlin		309
Nolan		174
Blackwell	138	102
Drasco	127	83
Johnson Chapel	65	45
Tye		32

Training Union

Abilene, First		361
Nolan		122
Burkburnett	160	45
Hamlin		61
Johnson Chapel		43

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DON'T MISS THE BOAT

Hundreds of pastors in Texas will find themselves severely penalized if they do not enter the Ministers' Annuity Plan before the end of this year. The plan has been in operation in the state since the beginning of 1939 and has been well received, but a great number of the pastors of the more than three thousand churches in the state have not yet participated in the plan.

The plan is in the nature of insurance and must be managed according to actuarial rules in order to provide the necessary security for the men who are putting their money into it. Being subsidized by the denomination, it is far more liberal than any commercial insurance company could offer, but there are fixed limits beyond which the funds available cannot go.

This is the reason for the penalties. There are not funds available to provide a retirement income for every pastor reaching the age of 65, unless both the pastor and the church contribute the major portion of the accumulated reserve.

The pastor who is not participating in the plan by the first of the new year, must continue in the ministry and contribute toward his retirement fund for 25 years to avoid the penalty.

The church does not contribute their part for their own pastor. If he should die in the harness, neither he nor his estate would ever receive a penny of the money given by the church or the denomination. The money from the churches is put in one great fund to assist those preachers, whoever they may be, who become disabled through age or other disability. But the pastor cannot get this protection unless his church gets in, too.

Laymen and women of the churches should be sure that their church is helping in this most worthy program before the end of this year.

CHURCH SIGNS

How easy is it for a stranger to find your church? Do visitors and new-comers start out to attend sevices with you and wind up somewhere else because they failed to find the church? Or do visiting speakers for associational or other meetings lose valuable time finding where they are supposed to go?

If the church is in a city and keeps an open office, it can easily be located by telephone. If there is no telephone in the building, it can be found in the city directory, though sometimes it is difficult to discover which is the church building and which is a residence or some public building other than the Baptist church.

In a small town, any native can direct one to the Baptist church. But in the open country the difficulty often becomes a puzzle to one unfamiliar with the roads. This makes one wonder why there are not more church signs.

One writer has suggested that, as a matter of local pride, each church should have a sign in letters large enough to be read by travelers riding at the legal speed limit. This would certainly be of more help than to have to look under shrubbery for the name on a cornerstone.

Some of our churches are erecting signs on main thoroughfares giving directions for reaching the proper location. We believe that such signs are in good taste, unless they go out of the way to be flamboyant or to advertize the preacher rather than the church. It shows that the church is alive and that people who are unfamiliar with the surroundings are expected and welcomed to worship there.

How would you direct a stranger in your community to find your church? Are you making the way plain to the house of God as well as to the Eternal City?

MAGAZINES FOR MISSIONARIES

Quite often some missionary society or some Christian individual sends this paper to a missionary at home or abroad. There is no gift for a missionary more in taste or more appreciated than some periodical in which they are interested.

Any missionary worth his salt is interested in reading, especially along lines which are related to his work, and though his time for reading is always limited, it is greater than his allowance for securing reading matter. So the gift of some cherished periodical is a joy to the recipient. It is a recurrent joy with each issue of the publication and he cannot enjoy it without lifting his heart in thanks for the kindness of the giver.

A dollar or so from a friend, or a circle of friends, will brighten an entire year for some burdened worker for the Lord. Too seldom do we live up to our opportunities for service of this nature. There is no more fitting way to observe the birthday or other gift season for our friends in the mission fields. Transportation and communications being what they are, Christmas remembrances for those abroad should soon be on their way. Do it now.

GOING UP

They say the cost of living is going up. Or had you noticed it. Some, who are sharing war-time prosperity may not have noticed it, but those with fixed salaries who have had no raise have most certainly found it out.

How about your pastor? Is he adequately provided for, or does a 10 per cent rise in the price of groceries mean that his family has 10 per cent less to eat?

A time of inflation is always most difficult for those on the payroll. Most of our pastors had their salaries cut severely during the depression and many have had no change since then. Twenty cent cotton and dollar wheat should mean more dollars for those underpaid church workers.

NEWS NOTES

Rev. W. L. Daniel of Anson has resigned at Stith.

Rev. W. K. Horn of Post has resigned work in the Lubbock Association and is moving to Anson.

New Mexico Baptists have 45 new fields which should be entered immediately, says Secretary, Harry P. Stagg.

Pastor F. A. Hollis of North Park Church, Abilene, has moved his home to 1818 Victoria Street.

First Church, Sweetwater, is having a series of prayer meetings in the homes of members this week, preparatory to a revival led by Dr. C. E. Matthews of Fort Worth, beginning September 21.

Immanuel Church, San Angelo, has ovted to purchase a new home for the pastor's home. The location is at North Oakes and 8th.

College Avenue Church, Fort Worth, has called Rev. Wm. D. Wyatt of Calvary Church, Beaumont, to become pastor. Dr. E. L. Carlson of the Seminary faculty has been acting as supply pastor.

Evangelist W. Y. Pond will lead in a revival at Portales, N. M., September 21 to October 5.

In a revival led by Evangelist Graves Darby at Kashmere Church, Houston, where Rev. W. L. Hughes is pastor, there were 63 additions, 35 by baptism. Rev. Darby is now in a meeting at Emmanuel Church in the same city.

Rev. Almon Norris of Lovington, N. M., led his church in a good revival with 11 additions, five for baptism.

Rev. J. P. McBeth of Dumas recently conducted a fine revival meeting at Sweetwater, Oklahoma, where Abe Hester, Jr., H-SU '41, has been pastor since July. There were 12 additions to the church and one young man, Glen French, surrendered to preach. At the close of the meeting, the church went full time and about 50 decided to become tithers.

Dr. J. C. Owen, former secretary of the New Mexico Convention, has retired under the Tennessee ministers retirement plan and has volunteered his services to the Home Mission Board to work in the Navajo Reservation, where there has been no missionary since Rev. R. A. Pryor resigned some months ago to accept a pastorate.

First Church, Lubbock, reports 626 additions and 162 baptisms during the associational year, compared with 502 additions and 152 baptisms last year.

Rev. E. R. Inugram has accepted the call of Plasterco Church. He will be a student in Hardin-Simmons this year.

Rev. Thomas J. Young has resigned at Roby and is living at present at View.

Rev. Jesus Rios, Mexican missionary at Sweetwater, has resigned to take effect October 1. Dr. J. L. Moye is assisting Rev. J. M. Sibley, moderator of the Sweetwater Association, in locating a man for that field.

Earl Roberson, Sr., of Mansfield, La., is to lead the song service for the revival at First Church, Sweetwater, in which Dr. C. E. Matthews is the preacher. The Sweetwater Church has been without a music director since the resignation of Woodrow W. Harris, who went out of the state.

There were 60 additions to the Whitharal Church with 49 for baptism in the revival led by Rev. W. E. Lovelace of Calvary Church, Vernon. This church has doubled attendance in Sunday School and Training Union in two years and has enlarged the auditorium and built a ten-room education building. Rev. Guy Self as pastor.

There were 133 additions, conversions and reconsecrations in the East Sherman Church in a revival led by Evangelist Truman L. Crouch. There were 65 in the altar at one service. Rev. Leslie O. Evans is pastor. Rev. Crouch begins a meeting at Hereford with Pastor W. E. Barnes on October 1.

This Changing World

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asked to raise $250,000 in the effort to save the institution.

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La Nacion of Buenos Aires, one of the leading daily newspapers of South America, commenting on the unprecedented Labor Day parade, says: "The spontaneous approval given the parade makes this popular demonstration one of the most significant and important in recent times." And the occasion of this comment was the fact that the 40,000 workers in this parade declared themselves in favor of democracy rather than totalitarianism, in the nation of South America most friendly to the Axis powers.

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"Christianity is stronger in Europe today than it was before the war," declares Dr. Basil Mathews. "Despite strong Nazi rule, the Bible is still the best seller in German shops, even going beyond Mein Kampf in sales."

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Assistant Administrator Corrington Gill of the Works Progress Administration is quoted as saying: "Instead of sloving the unemployment problem, the defense program is making it worse." According to Mr. Gill, defense industries now employ only six and a half per cent of the nation's workers, while industries employing more than 90 per cent of the workers and which supply civilian needs, stand in imminent danger of partial or total shutdown, due to the system of defense priorities. He goes further to point out that between 5,600,000 and 7,500,000 workers are still jobless, with an annual increase of 600,000 reaching the age where they are ready for employment. There are 1,600,000 fewer persons employed in agriculture now than in 1929.

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Bishop Edwin H. Hughes of the Methodist Church contributes the leading article of the current issue of The Christian Advocate under the title: "Evangelism—This We Do, Or We Die." The Bishop says: "In one section of our church in a fairly recent period more than one-half of the churches reported not a single conversion for a year! We have cities where our churches perish year after year because the seeking note has been lost."

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Winston Churchill told the people of England last week that "there is no more far-seeing investment than to put milk, food and education into young children," which may not specially impress us in this land of plenty, but when one stops to remember how very essential every morsel of bread is in war-torn lands, how precious every drop of milk, how deeply cherished every school house left by the bombs, we will begin to see the meaning of the Prime Minister's words. "The new world order will have a new appreciation of food," he continued.

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Brighter are the prospects for a settlement of this country's disputes with Mexico over oil and land seizures, according to Assistant Secretary of War, Robert A. Lovett. Behind the agreement is this country's policy of economic warfare.

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Senator Byrd of Virginia has offered an amendment to the tax bill now before the Congress, calling for a reduction in government non-defense expenditures.

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David Lawrence, editor of the United States News, devotes his two-page editorial in the current issue to "Two Years of Organized Murder," and says: "The time has come for a counter-offensive for peace with a lend-and-lend plan that looks toward reconstruction of Europe." His closing sentence is significant: "Governments may conduct wars, but peoples make peace." This may prove an unpopular word in the midst of our troubled world, but one cannot lightly dismiss the phrase: "Can we not raise a flag of human love?"

MINUTES OF SWEETWATER ASSOCIATION BEING RECORDED

Being unsuccessful in securing a complete file of the original minutes of Sweetwater Association from its inception, Judge R. C. Crane, West Texas historian of Sweetwater, is having microfilm copies made of the missing numbers.

The originals from which the films are being made are in the library of the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. That collection, assembled by Dr. L. R. Elliott, librarian, is the only complete file known to be in existence.

Sunday School Lesson

September 21, 1941

OVERCOMING THE ADVERSARY

Read Revelation 12:1 to 15:4

Study Revelation 12:7-12; 15:2-4

The central chapters of the Revelation prophesy and picture the overthrow of the adversary of God and man:

The consummation of the kingdom (chap. 11).

The overthrow of Satan (chap. 12).

The power to work havoc (chap. 13).

The Lord of Zion (chap. 14).

The song of the redeemed (chap. 15).

1. The War Between Michael and Satan (Rev. 12)

THE CERTAINTY OF VICTORY OVER THE ADVERSARY is assured from the war between Michael and Satan. Note:

The Battlefield. "There was war in heaven." There is certainly conflict in "high places" of the spiritual world. And there was the rebellion of the devil and his angels against the government of God.

The Combatants. Satan against God, and God against Satan: Michael, one of the archangels, the guardian of the people of God (Dan. 10:13), and representative of all that is good; Satan, the dragon, the old serpent who despoiled Eden, the deceiver of the whole world, the accuser of our brethren, the beast, and representative of all that is evil.

The Conflict. Michael and his angels went forth "fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels." Righteousness took the offensive against wickedness. But the wicked fought with fury and with skill. But they "prevailed not."

The Victors. For the wicked no place was "found any more in heaven." Rebellion was put down. Michael and his angels held the heavenly places. The throne of the universe stood unshaken, serene, and sovereign.

The Vanquished. The great dragon was cast out and cast down, he and his angels. They cannot be tolerated in heaven. And they must be limited on earth. They must spend eternity in the place "prepared for the devil and his angels."

The Proclamation. Hear the heavenly chorus of victory: Praise for salvation and power in God's kingdom under Christ's authority; deliverance from the accuser of men to God and of God to men; victory through the blood of the Lamb and the testimony of believers faithful to death; and the rejoicing of the redeemed.

The War Continued. The devil was cast out of heaven but "cast out into the earth" where he in his wrath will do his deadly work though "he hath but a short time." Then the war will be over!

2. The Song of Moses and of the Lamb (Rev. 15)

THE CELEBRATION OF VICTORY OVER THE ADVERSARY is attuned in the Song of Moses and of the Lamb. Observe:

The Sea. The sea may have been the Aegean around Patmos aglow at sunrise or sunset, but typical of another sea "transparent as glass, and beautiful with colors resembling fire."

The Conquerors. Far more brilliant than shining sea was the army of the good who had "gotten the victory over the beast, and over his image . . . and over the number of his name."

The Harps. See the victor standing by the sea, "having the harps of God"—celestial instruments of music capable of such melodies as never fell upon human ears.

The Singing. What is it they sing on the shore of the shining sea? It recalled the "song of praise and triumph for deliverance from the bondage of Egypt, under the leadership of Moses." And it was itself "a song recognizing an infinitely greater deliverance from sin and Satan through the blood of the Lamb of God."

The Song. How it magnifies all the vast works of the Almighty! How it certifies the justice and truth of all the ways of the king of the ages! As Pendleton says: "The song of Moses was inspiring; but infinitely more so is the song of the Lamb. Those who sing the latter song will be listened to by all the angels, and the music will be such as God is pleased to hear. The song of the Lamb will be a rapturous recognition of his mediatorial achievements."

Gold in the Golden Text

And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.—Rev. 12:11.

They conquered. The affliction was great. The foes were determined. The struggle was fierce and long. But—they conquered!

They conquered by the blood of the Lamb. Not in their own strength; not by their own skill and courage; but by the atoning blood of the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

They conquered by the word of their testimony. The Word of God is quick and powerful. Tell it; teach it; testify it; transmit it. It is the sword of the Spirit. Use it for God and the right!

They conquered though they died. They loved the Lord more than they loved their lives which they laid down in loyalty to him. But they live and will live forever. And didn't they conquer?

So we may conquer. And may we conquer!

Daily Bible Readings

Sept. 22—Things to Come. 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18.

Sept. 23—The Prophet's Vision. Isaiah 2:1-4.

Sept. 24—The New Jerusalem. Revelation 21:1-8.

Sept. 25—Life in the Holy City. Revelation 21:9-21.

Sept. 26—The Light of the City. Revelation 21:22-27.

Sept 27—The River of Life. Revelation 22:1-5.

Sept. 28—The Judgment. Matthew 25:31-46.

PARABLES OF THE LORD

Discussed By
COOPER WATERS

PARABLES OF THE HID TREASURE AND THE PEARL OF GREAT PRICE

Matthew 13:44-46

The kingdom of heaven is likened unto a field that has a treasure hidden in it and unto a pearl of great worth. When a man finds out about the hidden treasure in the field he is willing to pay a good price for the field, a great deal more than the field is worth itself. It is not the field that is so valuable but the treasure that is hidden therein is worth all that the man can get together to buy it. The treasure is worth more than all else he possesses. The kingdom of heaven is worth more than all else any one possesses. It is worth sacrificing everything for.

When the merchant finds the extra fine and large pearl he is willing to sell everything he has in order to have capital enough to buy it. The lesson is that it takes complete sacrifice on the part of the Christian in order to attain the kingdom of heaven. Let us consider some of the things that must be sacrificed for the kingdom of heaven.

SIN. Sin is a luxury that the Christian can not afford if he expects to have the kingdom of heaven. He is too short of spiritual capital to purchase the jewel of salvation or the field of victory if he does not turn loose sin.

SELF. Self must be lain on the altar if the jewel is to be possessed. No self-centered person can have it.

SPITE. No Christian can spite his neighbor or his fellow Christian and grow a great soul.

HYPOCRISY. The Christian world needs straight-out honest Christians who have won the kingdom of heaven by every day Christ-like living.

CHECK UP!

To date there are 370 Standard Sunday Schools in Texas, but this number should increase rapidly from now on. Every school that has been recognized as Standard should check on the various points to be sure they are maintained, and those that have not yet been recognized should check up and endeavor to reach every point that does not quite meet the requirements in order that Standard recognition may be granted at the first minute possible. Electra, First, has sent in application. Mr. T. E. Shaw is the superintendent.

Small faith will take you to heaven, but great faith will bring heaven to you.—Spurgeon.

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Internationalism Today

By PEDRO A. HERNANDEZ
(Delivered before the Stamford Rotary Club)

The world is not as large today as it was not very long ago. Language is helping us to a better understanding of things said. Truths will unite principles of living. Religion will set soul value. Man will come to love man.

To you, I am about to open my mind and heart with only one attempt. That is to allow you to enter our silent meditation when we have to face an international situation.

More than three centuries stand behind me in support of my facts. It is to history that I have looked to lead me in my conclusion. This not being yoru history, will not touch your lives and will leave me with the facts alone. But I do wish to pass them on to you. I am aware of the fact that it will take more than thought to help me make myself understood.

The social standing of the Mexican people is the point of discussion in this international affair. Let us not think of the local when attempting to find out about the general. There is a general situation that must be faced whether we want to or not. A boy told me that his parents had taught him to stay away from Mexicans because they stole everything their hands could lay on, and even killed for pleasure. Another, who was a very nice boy, never found it easy to be with me until one day on the Brownwood lake. There were many young people there. Seven of us got on a row boat, and I did not expect them to feel at home so I began singing—questions came—answers were given, and at the end, one young man said, "Pedro, I must confess that you have more in your life than we ever can have. So much to live for." The beauty of such life is in the reaching distance of all if they can understand when and where. Romance, virtues, nobleness, humility, and ambition are interwoven in the character of the Mexican of old. There are traditions in his history that are not overshadowed by any other. Therefore, I am not speaking of things foreseen, but of what is hidden under dust of the footprints of those who came to rob us instead of bringing Christianity from Europe.

To you gentlemen, may I ask for one favor above all others. Do not draw your conclusions until I have had the chance to present my facts. This melting pot—Democracy—is the government of a people composed of people. That people cannot be divided. They must understand one another. Here, for Heaven's sake listen. This is where you must understand me. My ambition is not to ask the great American people to lower your levels—either socially or cultural, to come to the levels of a forgotten race. My attempt is of greater value. The good neighbor policy and democracy offer progress for the ones who can understand it and the virtues of a free people. Mexicans can and will grasp the opportunity to cultivate their intellectual powers so as not to be a burden to any country that is progressing in the formation of a civilization that has been in the dreams of our wise men of yester year.

Our problems, the Mexican in Texas. Yes, they are the problems of Texans. Please do not disregard this fact as something of no concern of yours. You as individuals did not go to the border to bring laborers, but the truth stands that the peons came only after Americans engaged others to go and stir them to come. They came, they were placed at wild woods and were given a small price to clear the land. The same people reaped the harvests and so the cycles of life went on with them. Who was to blame if they were ignorant, or of the lower class. They have been here for more than a half century. They were made to stay where needed. Their children came, then more children, then the same story repeats itself until today what have we? Where is the tradition, cause for inspiration, something to live for? They are just what Texas people have made of them.

From out of the past comes a new day. Youth is beginning to see that blessing. That is the reason why I am asking for help from such as you, who can well understand what I am pleading for. You can well understand that if one is certain of the existence of something, then all he has to do is cultivate it, to produce what is there. This people can and will help to make this country free of tyrants and will fight for the purity of democracy. Their history shows their strife and struggle, even if with mistakes, for they have proven to the nations that they would not stay where the European civilization wanted to hold them and also taking their riches over the sea. That people is the youth of the fathers who worked and were sacrificed even to the drops of blood that paved the path of rulers who loved them not. The most beautiful of gifts was robbed, which was intelligence. They were made ignorant, enslaved, fanatic and superstitious.

Blessed be the hands that can help the tired and animate their virtues. The march of time has brought from evolution the beautiful setting for happiness. Our fathers have cleared the lands, our brothers have reaped the harvest and we are asking for a chance to regain our virtues to become even greater than Moctesumac, or Cuactemoc whose lives were revived by Hidalgo and Juarez. Today every life counts. It is my mission to awaken youth to visions and help them struggle while we can stand with the aid of men such as you.

Gentlemen, my hopes are that you can understand me at this most needed time. If you can understand me, you will not criticise me nor hold back the hand that can lift our youth, so that it may not be a burden to the nation. They will be living men who will struggle in this life of ours with gratitude deep in their hearts because there was a good Samaritan who not only found the wounded but offered him aid in time to be healed.

PROGRAM

Suggested order of business for the Floyd Association meeting with Matador Church, September 23-24.

Tuesday Morning Session

10:00—Song and Devotional Service led by Rev. Walter Brian.

10:15 — General Organization: 1. Presentation of letters; 2. Election of officers; 3. Suggested order of Business, Rev. A. L. Shaw.

10:45—Report on Religious Literature, Rev. R. E. Harrison.

11:00—Report on Hospitals, Rev. B. P. Harrison.

11:10—Report on Buckner Orphan's Home, read by Rev. W. H. Strickland, spoken to by a representative of the Home.

11:30—Recognition of Visitors.

11:35—Special Music.

11:40 — Annual Associational Sermon, Rev. W. M. Joslin.

12:15 P. M.—Lunch.

Tuesday Afternoon Session

1:15—Executive Board and W. M. U. Meetings.

2:25—Report from the Executive Board by the chairman.

2:35—District Mission Report, Rev. J. L. Ponder.

2:55—Home Mission Report, Rev. R. C. Malone.

3:00—State Mission Report, Rev. Hardy Stevens.

3:05—Foreign Mission Report, Rev. Walter Brian.

3:10—Address on Missions by representative from Dallas office.

Tuesday Evening Session

7:45—Song and Devotional Services led by Mr. Truett Mayes.

8:00—Training Union Report, Mr. L. A. Claborn.

8:10—Brotherhood Report, Mr. Geo. Owens.

8:20—Sunday School Report, Mr. R. E. Campbell.

8:30—W. M. U. Report, President of Associational W. M. U.

8:40—Christian Education Report, written by Rev. R. L. Cooksey, and spoken to by Dr. John W. Cobb.

Wednesday Morning Session

9:30 — Song and Devotional Services, Rev. C. R. Mathis.

9:45 — Report on 100 Thousand Club, Rev. Sidney Johnston.

9:55—Report on Obituaries, Rev. J. J. Terry.

10:05 — Report of Associational Treasurer, Mr. A. B. Muncey.

10:15—Report of Committee on Associational Budget, Rev. A. L. Shaw.

10:35—Civic Righteousness, Rev. J. B. Leverett.

10:55 — Report of Committee on Resolutions, Nominations, Time, Place and Preacher.

11:10—Recognition of Visitors.

11:15—Report on the Co-Operative Program, Rev. W. R. Derr.

11:20—Song.

11:25—Sermon, Dr. W. W. Melton.

12:10 P. M.—Lunch.

Wednesday Afternoon Session

1:15 — Song and Devotional Services, Rev. G. C. Applewhite.

1:30—Report on Digest of Letters, Rev. J. D. Farrell.

1:45—Miscellaneous Business.

2:00—Missionary Sermon, Rev. N. V. Guice.

2:35—Adjourn.

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FOUR WEEKS OF REVIVAL AT LAMAR AVE., WICHITA

By Helen Young

Lamar Avenue Church, Wichita Falls, has been engaged in a revival period of four weeks which extended from August 10 to September 7. This period consisted of a one-week Youth revival, a two-weeks All-Church revival, and a two-weeks Lamar Mission revival—the first week of the Mission revival overlapping with the last week of the All-Church revival.

The Youth revival was conducted by Dexter Riddle, director of music at Lamar Avenue Church, during the absence of the pastor, Homer B. Reynolds, who, with his family, was spending his vacation with relatives and friends in the east. During the week of the Youth revival, all of the officers of the church, including the pastor, deacons, evangelists, choir director, Training Union director, Sunday School superintendent W. M. U. president, Brotherhood president, superintendents in all of the departments of the Sunday School, and directors of all of the departments of the Training Union were replaced by young people. The choir was composed of young singers and four prayer meetings which were held each night before services were presided over by young people. The evangelistic messages of the week were brought by five young men who have surrendered for the ministry and who are members of Lamar Avenue Baptist Church. The closing message of the week was brought by the acting pastor, Mr. Riddle.

On the first Sunday after the return of Pastor Reynolds to Wichita Falls, he began the All-Church revival with Mr. Riddle leading the singing. During his absence, men of the church had erected a temporary pulpit and choir loft on a vacant lot one block from the church. Seats were secured and the evening services were held in the open-air stadium. Morning services, Sunday School, and Training Union were held in the regular church building. The nature of the meeting place was responsible for many attending the services who could not have been reached otherwise. Not only did people hear the Gospel from the seats arranged in front of the platform, but many heard it from their cars which were parked around the stadium. A number of boys from Sheppard field, a government training camp which is being established near Wichita Falls, also attended the services.

The Mission revival was also an open-air meeting. It was preached by Rev. W. B. Teel, the recently elected pastor of Lamar Mission. The singing in this meeting was led by Bob Kilgore, a young man of Lamar Avenue Church.

This revival period was unique in a number of ways: It was conducted by the local pastors and singers of Lamar Avenue. The power of prayer was felt keenly by those who attended. Approximately 100 church members rededicated their lives to the Lord. Personal witnessing on the part of members of Lamar Avenue was responsible for a great deal of the success of the meeting.

During this four-weeks' period there were 74 additions to the church—45 by letter, three by restoration, and 26 by baptism. Three others made a profession of faith. This made a total of 77 taking a definite stand. Eleven of the 26 coming for baptism were 21 years of age or above.

Lamar Avenue feels that the Lord has richly blessed her during this revival period, and as she begins a new church year, she is striving to retain the spirit that was generated during these four fruitful weeks.

RUNNELS TRAINING UNION WILL MEET AT BALLINGER

The Runnels Association Training Union will give a program at Ballinger Church at 8 Tuesday night, September 23, announces Zora Mitchell, associational director. Ray Rozell, education director of First Church, San Angelo, will deliver the principal address. The Ballinger Church will be hostess and invites everyone to attend. The following program will be given:

Song service, directed by Ernest Moody, Ballinger.

Devotional, Rev. W. T. Sparkman, Norton.

Special music, Rev. and Mrs. Sam Brian, Wilmeth.

Address, Training Union Work, Ray Rozell, San Angelo.

Fellowship meeting directed by Miss Mary D. Taylor, Winters.

Many consider their contemporaries contemptible.

Let not your obituary be your worry.

"A NICKEL A YEAR" FOR FALL ROUND-UP OFFERING

By G. S. HOPKINS

Dr. W. W. Melton, our State Mission Secretary, in co-operation with all of the department heads of our Baptist work, is projecting a unique and challenging program for the Fall Round-up. The interest and enthusiasm that was engendered in arriving at this program of work is exceedingly unusual.

Mr. Springer announces that we have already gone a long way toward reaching the million one hundred thousand goal for this year. In other words, $87,000 more has already been raised this year than last year at this same time.

The plan for this worthy round-up, which is to be over and above the regular budget, is to secure a special offering on October 26 from each pupil of 5c per year for each year of their age. This is to include those enrolled in the Sunday school, as well as those who are on the church roll and not a member of the Sunday School.

You will allow me to say I consider it an unusual honor conferred upon the 3,098 Sunday school superintendents of our great state to be called upon as key men, together with their pastors, to raise this amount of money. Allow me to make a few helpful suggestions:

1. At the first minute possible, have a conference with your pastor and leaders of other organizations, about plans and methods of arriving at this worthy goal.

2. Think of October as State Mission Month. You will have the regular program for the promotion of this work sent to you from the Sunday School Board and you can have this explained from Sunday to Sunday throughout October with the thought of climaxing this with a great offering on October 26.

3. Have this thoroughly discussed at your Weekly Teachers' Meeting or the Monthly Workers' Conference in your Sunday School with the thought of getting not only every teacher to participate but secure an offering from every pupil under their supervision.

4. See that whoever makes the Sunday school report at your annual associational meeting incorporate this as another objective and at that meeting try to get every superintendent and pastor committed to this worthy program. It would be well for you to call your moderator in advance with reference to this plan.

5. Your associational superintendent will see the value of having this as one of the topics for discussion at the monthly meeting.

6. Utilize the tracts and envelopes in securing the offering. This material is being sent you by Dr. Melton's office.

7. This money is to be sent through your church treasurer to the Baptist Executive Board as is customary with all mission funds. Of course, credit is given on the co-operative program.

WAR AND DISEASE BRING PROBLEMS TO MISSIONARY

(Foreign Mission Board)—In a recent letter from Miss Flora Dodson, of Hongkong, China, filled with gratitude for many blessings which she enumerates, one paragraph alone deals with the problems incident to a missionary's life these crucial days. We have chosen to share with you, our readers, this one paragraph, rather than the rest of the letter, hoping it will cause you more often to remember the perplexing situation often faced by these stout-hearted men and women, who with such complete abandon, are "losing their lives for Christ's sake and the gospel's."

"Except for the promises of God for strength and wisdom to those who come to Him as the source of all wisdom, we would have been baffled indeed as problems and difficulties have presented themselves. Whether or not to try to make plans to move interior in case of sudden trouble here, and if so where, when and how. How to take care of forty young ladies if ruthless invaders should arrive in our midst. In a climate that saps one's strength and with the necessity of waging constant warfare with malaria, how to maintain the necessary physical, mental and spiritual strength. How to keep comparatively healthy bodies when proper food is both expensive and scarce, and when beri-beri, cholera and smallpox are ever near by, ready to take toll of those whose resistance is too low. What to do when, due to exceptional rise in prices of food and rents, finances are insufficient, and facing a possible sudden drop in exchange if America should enter the war. How to carry on the work with insufficient staff and yet hold to a high standard, both as to learning and living for the Lord. These are but a few of the problems we must meet."

FISHER W.M.U. HOLDS ANNUAL SESSIONS

By Mrs. S. R. Brumfield

The Fisher Association W. M. U. held the annual meeting with Highland Home Church on September 2 in the first all-day session. Presidents from nine societies gave good reports. The McCaulley Church has not missed a Royal Service program in nine years.

There are 635 women in the churches represented, with 115 active, 59 tithers, 115 young people enlisted, and a total of $4,870.68 given to all causes. All apportionments were met and all seasons of prayer were observed.

We were happy to have with us Mrs. E. F. Lyon, state W. M. U. secretary, and Mrs. J. B. Buckley, district president. After a special song by Mrs. Taylor of Rotan, Mrs. Lyon brought a wonderful message from the Eighth Psalm, using as her theme, "The Work of God's Fingers," urging us to be more loyal to Christ, to our church and to missions.

After a good lunch, Mrs. F. Kingsfield of Cross Roads brought a devotional and Mrs. Etta Stpehenson read a W. M. U. history.

Local chairmen gave reports on missions, stewardship, periodicals, education, Margaret fund, personal service, young people, benevolence and publicity. There were 26 classes in mission study reported, 150 attended a school of missions and 32 a mission institute.

The associational W. M. U. voted to retain Mrs. L. L. Trott as president, Mrs. J. B. Bradshaw, recording secretary; Mrs. J. A. Brown, corresponding secretary-treasurer. A telegram was sent to Dr. and Mrs. Hal F. Buckner on their 40th wedding anniversary. Our dead were remembered by a special number by Mrs. Robert Gray and a prayer by Mrs. Campbell.

The program of the day ended with another encouraging message by Mrs. Lyon, "Let us not be weary in well doing."

It is easy for a temper to cause a tempest.

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THE SUMMER REPORT OF A TRAINING U. WORKER

By. T. C. GARDNER

It delights our hearts for young people to devote their time, energy and talents during the summer months to the on-going of our Lord's work. Many of our most consecrated young people have done just this, and we are giving here the splendid report of fifteen weeks' work done by Miss Opal Phyrne Saddler, through the state during these summer months.

Miss Saddler taught juniors or intermediates in Training Union Revivals at Pecos, Bronte, Alexander, Lingleville, and Seldon. In several of these churches she helped organize or re-organize Junior and Intermediate Unions.

At First Baptist Church, Dublin, Miss Saddler spent one week drilling intermediates in sword drill work and juniors in Bible memory work. This was an experiment on the part of the church. Thirty-one were enrolled in the contests. One junior completed the scriptures as listed in the Junior Bible Memory Contest work in the Old Testament during the week of intensive drill.

At the Paisano Encampment, Miss Saddler served as General Training Union Secretary. She taught Primary Sunday School workers at the Menard Encampment, and assisted in Training Union work at the Lampasas Encampment.

Miss Saddler also served as general secretary in the Vacation Bible School at Big Lake, as superintendent of the Intermediate Department of the Vacation Bible School at San Saba, and one week as principal of the Vacation Bible School at San Saba.

Opal Phyrne is eighteen years of age. She has attended Southwest Baptist College at Bolivar, Missouri. She will enter Draughon's Business College this fall in order to more fully prepare herself for church secretarial work.

NEW DEACONS AT BLACKWELL

The Blackwell Church has called for the ordaination of two deacons Al Snead and Bill McRorey, at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, September 23. The presbytery will be made up of pastors and deacons of the West Zone: Sweetwater, Mt. Olive, Nolan, Hylton and Shep. Pastor C. Hawkins will give the examination. Spurgeon Smith will pray the ordaining prayer and O. A. Hendon will preach the sermon.

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West Texas Girl Finds More Than Enough Water

By Mildred Smith

This account of the voyage of Miss Smith and her companions through the war risks of the Atlantic to their mission field in Africa was written especially for the West Texas Baptist. She flew to New York, expecting to sail on May 10 and finally landed in Nigeria on June 25, and at last reached her station at Iwo on Sunday, June 29. This portion of the story was written at Taka radi, Gold Coast, West Africa. The letter had been opened by the censor, but nothing had been deleted.—Ed.

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After a very interesting, yet quite trying voyage across the Atlantic, we have at last reached the African shore. Of course I could never tell all that we have experienced, but I shall try to picture to you the trip thus far.

I have a habit of beginning in the middle of a subject and trying to go to the beginning and the end at the same time, so you may have difficulty in following me. However, do not place all the confusion on me for we have changed the ship's original route and have then zig-zagged across the deep in order that we might avoid every possible danger.

From the very beginning the trip has been more wonderful than I had ever dreamed. The flight from Texas to New York seemed to "tone" me for what was to come. In spite of a bit of air-sickness, which gave me the most unusual feeling in my epigastric region, I thoroughly enjoyed the day.

Dr. and Mrs. Alldredge came to the airport at Nashville. They both seemed extremely happy, and it did me a world of good to see them before embarking on this African voyage. They were interested to know about their Abilene friends, but as we had such a little bit of time, we had only a brief conversation.

I think that the flight over the capitol of our United States must have been one of the highlights of the day for me. It gave strength and a great feeling of pride, especially at this particular hour of tenseness in world conditions. We arrived in New York just before the sun went down behind a cloud of blue mist. Then, as I went from the airport into Manhattan, the lights of that great city came on. That twelve hours of excitement was almost too much for a Texas girl who had seen so little of the world before.

By Wednesday all of our group had arrived. We learned that our boat, the S. S. El Nil, was being repaired and would not be ready to sail before May 14. We spent a very busy week seeing places of interest and getting our yellow fever inoculations. Reckefeller Center, Empire State building, St. John's Cathedral, the Little Church Around the Corner, Bowery Mission, and Father Divine's headquarters in Harlem were some of the places of interest that we visited. On Sunday we attended Riverside Church and heard Dr. Fosdick deliver an address. The building almost took away m ybreath.

Of course we enjoyed the sights of New York, the subway, the elevated trains and all those things, but we were very glad to get on the boat that was to take us to Africa.

On Wednesday, May 14, we passed the customs officials and proceeded, through a great deal of red tape, to get ourselves situated on the boat. We were greeted with many smiles by our Egyptian host as we came up the gang plank. We found our cabins, unpacked, and enjoyed another day and night in an American harbor. On Friday morning, just after midnight, the whistle sounded, the anchors were lifted and we were tugged away from the dock out into the harbor. We waved good-by to those who stayed up to see us embark.

The night was very cold, but we wrapped in coats and blankets and remained on deck so that we might not miss a single thing. I could never describe the feeling that possessed me as we moved out to sea and away from America. To be sure there was a bit of self-pity and homesickness, but somehow there came to me a feeling of joy and thanksgiving to my Master that made me forget myself and dwell on the great work that He had called me into. Just before the light of the Statue of Liberty faded into the sea of other lights, I went to my cabin and slept soundly—at intervals.

Next morning when I awoke, land was no more in sight and there was around us more water than any West Texas girl could account for.

The next seven days were spent getting acquainted with the passengers and getting adjusted to the ship life. The nights were dark and the ship travelled along as a huge black shadow with only a few pale green lights to illumine the deck. "Blackout" seemed to be the most popular word on ship. However, we felt safe and secure as long as we were so close to American shores.

We anxiously awaited our arrival in Trinidad, West Indies, so that we might set foot on land again and on Friday, May 23, we reached that harbor. There we saw an American ship as we approached the port. That afternoon we received a cable from the State department stating that some of the mission boards had requested their missionaries to disembark. We also learned the fate of the Zam Zam, sister ship to our boat. Our group wired the Board at Richmond, seeking advice concerning the continuation of the voyage.

To be sure, it caused a great deal of serious thought on the part of everyone on the boat, because each knew that to continue the journey was to take a chance on life. We did not want to take a foolish risk and yet we felt that there was no more danger than there was when we left New York. On Saturday we received a cable from Dr. Sadler advising that we disembark. However, we felt that they were leaving it up to us, to a certain extent as to what to do. Each of us read the cable and then sought a private place near the front of the ship parlor to make the decision.

In the group were Mr. and Mrs. I. N. Patterson and son, Billie, Dr. and Mrs. H. Glenn Walker and children, David and Johnnie, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Adair, Miss Alma Graves, Miss Marchman and myself. Mr. Patterson presented the matter and we discussed it from every possible angle. We then prayed that God would speak to each one of us and that we might make the right decision. Several prayers were voiced, while others went silently to the One who knows what is best for his children. When the prayers were closed there seemed to be a look of renewed strength, of new courage and a great faith in God in the face of each one. We were not to disembark, we were to continue to Lagos. I was extremely happy and slept soundly that night.

Sunday morning we were awakened by a sudden jerk and tug of the ship and we were again sailing out to sea. Because of the destruction of the Zam Zam and other reasons, our route was changed and as we left we knew we were not going by Brazil, but we did not know whether we were going straight to Lagos or by Capetown. We only knew that we were on our way to African shores and with a prayer on our lips and from our heart, we looked to what the next two weeks might bring forth. There was a great deal of anxiety and excitement on board as we left Trinidad, but in a few hours everyone seemed to settle down to normal again.

Even on a ship, where there is a group of people, there is bound to be mental, physical, social and spiritual activity. There has been a tie created by the perils of the way that has bound the passengers together. There are about 160 passengers. Of these, 110 are missionaries of several faiths —Baptists, Methodists, Presbyterians, Mennonites, Assembly of God, Seventh Day Adventists, Sudan Interior Mission, Independents and others compose the group, so you see there is plenty of room for argument, which we do not do, of course.

Every morning at 9:45 we who so desire gather in the parlor for songs, prayer and Bible study. The different groups have charge of these meetings. Those held on Sunday are a little more formal than the others, and we have a sermon instead of group discussion. The first Sunday out of Trinidad the Southern Baptists had charge with Mr. Patterson as the principal speaker and Mr. Adair acting as assistant pastor. I think that I never attended a service in which the Lord seemed so close. Every song, every prayer, every word, seemed to be a message of comfort to our hearts. We have been greatly strengthened by all these services.

Our Egyptians have their formal prayer service at high noon on Friday. They also pray to Mohammed three times daily. It is heart-breaking to see them worshipping one who is not able to hear them or give them eternal life. They pray and read the Koran in the most woeful tones.

(The account of Miss Smith's trip to Iwo, Nigeria, will be continued next week).

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TWO MISSION OFFERINGS GOAL FOR DISTRICT TEN

By J. C. McKenzie

We are in the midst of our annual associations. We held two of them this week, and have two to hold this next week, then one the next week. The Panhandle Association was held at Memphis. Judge Sam Hamilton was re-elected as moderator. He makes a good presiding officer, and is as faithful in his attendance to all our meetings as any pastor in the association. This was the best meeting of this association we have had since I moved to the plains.

Almost every church was represented with letter and messenger. All the churches have done good work this year. Every church, except one had given to our Cooperative work, and they were represented at the association, and reported that they already had taken an offering, and that it would be sent in during September. Every church in this association, except three has given twice to our work this year.

The other association held was the North Fork. They too were there in great numbers. It was held at Wellington. The ladies said they fed more than three hundred the first day. They, too, have had an offering from every church, except one, and it will have one in for September. They lack only two churches having given twice, or more times this year. Both of these will have an offering in this month.

Our goal for the year is, every church in District 10 giving twice or more times. We only lack eight, and aim to reach them in September and October. We promised Dr. Campbell we would do that, and we believe we will keep our promise.

The crops have been, and are bountiful in our section, and I have never seen the spirit of people better. An old ranchman told me he had been here fifty years, and had never seen the grass as fine as it has been this year. You can't keep a good country down always.

Dr. T. V. Neal, once of Texas, but for some years out of the state, represented the Buckner Orphans Home at both of these associations. He made great addresses, or rather preached great sermons. There was a worthy offering given at each association. I have heard Dr. Neal on many occasions in other years, but I think I have never heard him do better than he did at each of these associations. Texas Baptists should claim him for the rest of his life. He could preach the same sermon he preached at these places in every nook and corner of Texas, and raise more money for the Home than it would take to pay his salary, and endear the Home to thousands of Baptists. "A hint to the wise is sufficient." He did not ask me to say what I have said.

We are having a great number of changes among our pastors. They tell me that there is a spirit of unrest all over Texas. Let me warn both the churches, and pastors. The grazing may look better over the fence but there will be briers over there, too. Also, dear churches, the next pastor you get will be human, and will make mistakes just like the ones you have. In fact, if you will be right honest about it, you have made some, too. Let's all of us go to work, and quit looking for faults, or perfection either in our pastors, and churches. Our district should make the best offerings to missions this fall that it has ever made at any time.

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THE LAMESA ASSOCIATION REPORTS GOOD MEETINGS

By J. J. Gentry

The Lamesa Association closed September 10 what was said to be one of the best meetings ever held by this body. The meetings were with Pastor Ernest Phillips and the church at Klondyke. Brother Phillips was reelected moderator and made a good one.

The usual routine business was transacted. Sermons were preached and reports made by Brethren S. C. Shipley of Key, George Dale of Tahoka, John Thomas of Woody, Leon Frazier of Monahans, E. J. Cobb of Andrews, Vernon Shaw of Snyder, and Dr. W. W. Melton of Dallas.

Another high hour of the meeting was when Lyman Wren of Snyder and Stancel Clements, a young lawyer of Lamesa, two of our great laymen, spoke on the Brotherhood. Brother P. F. Evans of Fort Worth spoke for Buckner Orphans Home.

The next meeting will be held with Pastor Cole and the church at Lamesa. That church is hoping to get into their new building by November 1, stating a revival at that time with Pastor Cole doing the preaching and Owen C. Taylor, local choir director, leading the singing.

Brother O. C. Curtis has just closed a good meeting at Seminole with 20 coming for baptism and 20 by letter, making 283 for the year, 77 by baptism. Brother Goodman of Barstow did the preaching and Pastor Roy Clayton of Ackerly lead the singing.

Brother Draper of Penwell assisted the writer and the Patricia Church in a meeting in which one was received for baptism.

Brother Curtis assisted Brother Roy Clayton and the Ackerly Church in a meeting in which 1 were received by baptism and others by letter.

Brother Curtis also assisted the writer in a meeting at Florey in which one was received by baptism and three by letter.

There have been good meetings in all the churches, but we did not learn the results.

Brother Hux and Missionary W. C. Harrison have just organized a Baptist church in the important field of Welch, after the disbanding of a B. M. A. church. There were 14 charter members. The church has not called a pastor yet but will call soon.

I understand that the church at Berry Flat has called Brother Lloyd Gentry of Merkel for one-fourth time, but have not learned his decision yet.

DIRECT HITS ON THE DEVIL'S FORT

By WILLIAM H. JOYNER
State Evangelist

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