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RAMBLING

EMARKS



By DICK O'BRIEN

It would be interesting to know, if there were ways and means of finding out, whether curiosity has done more harm or good in the affairs of men through the ages. A restless desire to see what is on the other side of the mountain has pushed our frontiers back until we practically have none left. But on the other hand many fingers have been burned and many noses twitched because curiosity led their owners to stick them into unexplored and unwelcome regions. An experience of my childhood went a long way toward curbing my curiosity. As a child I was a human question mark. I managed to get my hands, feet or nose into most everything that came along. No gawky young male or curious kitten on his first explorations ever got into more entanglements than I did. I think we mentioned this incident several years ago but our turnover in readers is so rapid that I am sure none of the present eight read it, and besides we merely mentioned it at that time. . . . We lived three quarters of a mile south of Gorman and did our going back and forth on foot. In those days we did not sell milk and butter, we gave it away and delivered it. My arms ache now when I think of that heavy cottonene bucket full of butter milk that I carried to Grandma Inzer every other morning. A gallon of butter-milk, ankle deep sand and a seventy five pound boy make a miserable combination. After delivering the milk I was rewarded by being allowed to go to the post office for the mail, stop at the store and get a spool of "cotton thread, 40 white," drop by Mrs. Kinnison's and borrow her cotton carding combs, and tell her to tell Mrs. David to bring her quilting frames to the Ladies Aid meeting next Monday afternoon, stop in at the hardware store and get a box of Red Top axle grease, by the drug store and get a box of crystalline ointment, and bring one of the neighbor women a glass of Honest snuff. I say it to my credit, I rarely ever forgot what I was supposed to get and where I was supposed to go, but frequently Mother would forget to tell me all the things she needed and I would be sent back for coffee, matches, a gallon of coal oil to tide us over 'till Saturday, or another yard of jeans cloth to finish the trousers one of the eight boys had to have before next Sunday. Or perhaps I would have to go for a pair of cultivator sweeps Dad had left at the Purdy blacksmith shop to have sharpened. . . . On the particular morning of the above-mentioned incident I had delivered the milk and had just started my round of chores. Still empty handed I passed the City Drug store where I saw Dr. Kimble, standing out in the street at the edge of the old board sidewalk bent over closely examining the chest of a man who was seated on the sidewalk, with

EVENTS TO COME

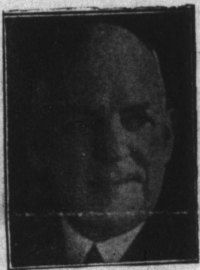
- April 9—B. T. U. High Attendance Day.
- April 11-13—State Sunday School Convention, Waco.
- April 18-19—District 17 W. M. U. Convention, Ranger.
- May 4-6—Spring Pastor's Retreat, Camp Lueders.
- May 18-24—Southern Baptist Convention, Oklahoma City.
- June 1-47th Commencement, H. S. U.
- June 2—Registration, Summer Session, H. S. U.
- June 5-10—Preachers Evangelistic Conference, Fort Worth.
- June 19-25—General Assembly, Camp Lueders.
- July 22-28—Baptist World Alliance, Atlanta, Georgia.

Phenomenal Growth Marks The History of Texas S. S. Convention

FOURTEEN CONFERENCES IN SESSION AT ONE TIME

Fourteen years ago, in April 1926, the first meeting of a newly organized convention met in the First Baptist Church, Waco. This convention was a merger of the State Baptist Sunday School Superintendents' convention and the Organized Bible Class convention and it was given the name of State Baptist Sunday School convention of Texas. This convention embraces all phases of Sunday school work, class work, department work, administration, social-recreation, Vacation Bible School, and others. It was organized after a meeting of the Organized Bible Class convention in Dallas in 1925, and its first meeting was held in Waco with Rev. T. L. Holcomb its first president, and G. S. Hopkins of Dallas, general secretary. 3,300 registered messengers attended this first convention of Sunday school workers and 45 people appeared on the 3 day program. The attendance goal for this meeting was advertised as 3,500.

In April 1939, on the 11th, 12th, and 13th, Texas Baptist Sunday school workers will again meet in the city



ROBERT JOLLY

Supt. Memorial Hospital, Houston Convention President.

of Waco. An attendance goal of 10,000 has been set. Six, seven and eight thousand registered messengers have attended the sessions in past years. A program booklet of 16 pages shows 179 people will appear on the program as conference leaders, song leaders, and inspirational speakers. There will be 14 separate and distinct conferences, the leaders of each one an expert in his field, and thoroughly informed and experienced in the phases of Sunday school work in which they lead. Headquarters of the convention will be in the First Baptist Church, Waco. On account of the great crowds attending, five meetings will be held simultaneously Tuesday evening, and three meetings on Wednesday evening, in the various Baptist Churches of the city. On Tuesday evening, the five past Baptist State Mission Secretaries will bring inspirational addresses, and other speakers and special music will be a feature of each meeting. The former mission secretaries are Dr. J. Howard Williams, Amarillo; Dr. W. R. White, Oklahoma City; Dr. T. J. Holcomb, Nashville; Dr. F. S. Groner, president-College of Marshall; Dr. F. M. McConnell, editor of the Baptist Standard, Dallas, and Dr. R. C. Campbell, the present Mission Secretary of the Texas Baptists with headquarters in Dallas.

A very special pre-convention feature (Continued on page 4)

HIGHLAND HOME CHURCH ORGANIZES BROTHERHOOD

The Highland Home Baptist Church organized a Brotherhood on Thursday evening, March 30, with nine charter members. George T. McBeth was elected president; W. C. Denton, membership chairman; Ernest Smith, program chairman; Alvin Smith, secretary-treasurer.

Rev. L. L. Trott, Judge Grindstaff and Bro. H. S. Bridges came out from Rotan and made some wonderful talks on the brotherhood which were enjoyed by all. We hope that this will be the beginning of a large brotherhood at Highland Home. That will be accomplishing lots of good work for our Lord.

Alvin Smith, Secretary.

Conference Leaders



Sibley Burnett, Nashville, Tennessee, Vacation Bible School; I. E. Reynolds, Southwestern Seminary, Music; Miss Marie Estes, Nashville, Tennessee, Church Libraries; J. N. Barnette, Nashville, Tennessee, Class Sunday School; J. Earl Mead, Dallas, Administration; J. Wm. Mason, Memphis,

Texas, Young People; Harvey Nelson, Dallas, Extension; T. B. Maston, Fort Worth, Social Activities and Dramatics; R. A. Springer, Dallas, Adult; Mrs. Joe Trussell, Brownwood, Intermediate; Mrs. F. B. Malone, Lubbock, Cradle Roll; Mrs. O. E. Parris, Dallas, Miss Ida Fuller, Dallas, Junior; Miss Floy Barnard, Fort Worth, Beginner.

GIRLS LEAD BOYS IN H-SU HONOR ROLL

A total of fifty-one students are on the mid-semester honor roll at Harin - Simmons university, with straight "g," for superior grades in 15 or more hours of work, Mrs. J. A. Beard, H-SU registrar, announced Wednesday.

Freshman and junior class members, with 16 each, shared class honors. Nine seniors, and as many sophomores, and a graduate student, Clarence Dawson, Las Cruces, N. M., completed the roll.

The honor roll, by classes: Seniors, Evelyn Edmonds, Hearne; Merrill Hutchins, Sweetwater; Mary Irvin, Roswell, N. M.; Martha Jane Moore, Abilene; Rupert Tate, Lake Arthur, N. M.; Guy Ranson, Lamesa; S. L. Tidwell, Abilene; Ernest Varner, Waco; Mary Edna Worthy, Roscoe.

Juniors, Bobbie Bland, Abilene; Wayne Evans, Hereford; Wanda Fox, Abilene; June Frost, Abilene; Nell Gee, Abilene; Mary Louise Johnson, Roscoe; Pauline Judd, Abilene; Edith Lewis, Baird; Leslie Lewis, Deatur; Frances Osborne, Abilene; John Pearce, Ballinger; Rupert Richardson, Jr., Abilene; Martha Rigney, Lamesa, N. M.; Macon Summerlin, Roby; Finis Williams, Abilene; Margaret Williams, Abilene.

Sophomores: Mrs. R. T. Barton, Abilene; Mary Anna Campbell, Abilene; Wade Campbell, Abilene; Frances Clark, Bemedji, Minn.; Frances Dean, El Paso; Jack Dean, El Paso; Thelma Graham, Abilene; Dorothy Means, El Paso; Harper Vah Ness, Jr., Mexico, Missouri.

Freshmen: Roy Bacon, Abilene; Fairy Thelma Beam, Abilene; Dale Buckner, Breckenridge; Janet Comer, McAlister, Okla.; Grace Dodson, Spur; O. L. Golden, Murray; Wilma Gravis, Moran; Martha Howell, Abilene; Ellis Huxley, Nogales, Ariz.; Dell Johnson, Lorraine; Ila Mae Johnson, Abilene; Ruth Edna Johnson, Iraan; Julian Latham, Abilene; Betty McIntosh, Abilene; Marjorie Moore, Sweetwater; Frank Rainwater, Fort Worth.

ASSOCIATIONAL W. M. U. MEETS AT ABILENE

The quarterly meeting of the associational W. M. U. of Sweetwater association will be held at First Church, Abilene, Thursday, April 13, beginning at 9:45. All members are invited to come, bring lunch and enjoy the program.

CHRISTMAS BOMBINGS TOLD BY MISSIONARIES

A Christmas marred by bombs and bloodshed is simply and vividly related here by Mrs. R. E. L. Mewshaw in a personal letter to her daughter, Miss Nell Mewshaw, teacher in Abilene High School. The concluding note of January 19 is by Dr. Mewshaw, our medical missionary.—Editor.

Kweilin, China, Dec. 27, 1938.

Dear Nell:

Christmas is over one more time, the first time in thirty years that we didn't have one child with us. It passed off better than we thought possible.

On Christmas Eve there was a bad bombing. Several bombs hit the Alliance Mission compound and some of the pits where people were hiding were hit. A few of the people who were in them were saved but most of them were killed, some were blown out of the pits and others were buried. Dad and Mrs. Herring were over there until late helping to resuscitate some and dig out others. Some of the bodies were not found for two days and one has not yet been found.

The Alliance Chinese pastor was killed and one of their preachers. It is a ghastly business digging out the bodies and preparing them for burial.

Miss Jones and Miss Oppelt are (Continued on Page 3)

COLEMAN WORKERS MEET AT WHON

The April meeting of the Coleman association workers was at Whon on April 6. Those on the program included Louis Newman, Santa Ana; Rev. E. V. Bradley, Rockwood; Rev. Dee Carpenter, Talpa; Rev. Hart, Eureka; Rev. J. Elmer Dunham, Santa Ana; and Rev. Bob Jenkins, Silver Valley.

ELMDALE REVIVAL

The Elmdale spring revival will begin Monday, services each night by preachers from Hardin-Simmons, announces Pastor Finis A. Williams. Rev. Edward Freeland, pastor at Gillespie and Brushy, will speak Monday evening; Rev. S. L. Tidwell, pastor at Potosi and Weinert, Tuesday; Rev. Earl Landtroop, Lorenzo, Wednesday; Rev. Carroll Holtzclaw, Sunset, Abilene, Thursday; and Dr. E. B. Atwood of the H-SU department of Bible, Friday.

PARK HEIGHTS OBSERVES 31ST ANNIVERSARY

Park Heights Church, San Angelo, had a Sunday School attendance of 651 with a goal of 600, which was nearly a hundred above the previous record, on their thirty-first anniversary and homecoming day, Sunday, April 2.

Pastor Lawrence Hayes preached the homecoming sermon at the morning hour to an overflow crowd on the subject, "Raising Our Ebenezer." Members of the West Side mission, which is sponsored by this church, attended the service in a body. In the beginning of the morning services tributes were given to the founders by W. A. Perry and to the workers who have carried on by Mrs. O. T. Harris.

Only two of the charter members of the church, the widow and daughter of Deacon T. T. Scott, were in attendance at the service.

Rev. Ralph Grant of Childress, who did constructive work as pastor from 1932 to 1937, brought an evangelistic service at the evening hour followed by the ordinance of baptism.

A basket dinner was served on the church lawn in the delightful spring weather and an hour of fellowship after dinner was enjoyed.

Rev. Victor Koon, missionary to Manchuria now on furlough with headquarters at Gainesville, Texas, who is conducting a school of missions this week at First Church, San Angelo, spoke on missions in China to an interested audience in the afternoon.

Following the missionary address, over three hundred representatives from twelve churches in the Concho Valley association joined the visitors in the monthly Training Union federation, celebrating the commencement exercises of the association-wide training school held two weeks ago. Rev. H. C. Phillips of Fort Worth was the commencement speaker.

Much credit for the success of the day was given Education Director Paul Counts and the local committees who worked faithfully with the pastor to make the day a great occasion.

BARGAIN CLUB RATES TO BE DISCONTINUED

The temporary introductory club rate of sixty cents per year for West Texas Baptist subscriptions will be discontinued May 1. Until that time clubs of ten or more will be accepted at that price on either the annual or quarterly basis.

After May 1 the club rate will be 75c per year, 25c for four months.

This change will not effect the budget rate of five cents per month or 60c per year where the paper goes to each active family in the church and is paid in advance by the church treasurer.

We find that in practice there is a great deal more office work in connection with club subscriptions than with the budget groups. And as our circulation grows that becomes an appreciable item.

FIRST CHURCH, M'CAULEY

The McCauley Baptist church has received recognition for the Standard of Excellence for her Sunday school. Much credit for this is due the superintendent, B. F. Short, who has been directing the aims of the school towards this goal for some time.

The B. T. U. of the church conducted four study courses March 20-24. Forty nine enrolled for these courses and forty-four have taken the written examinations, with several others planning to do so. Rev. and Mrs. Clint Irwin, Hardin-Simmons seniors, gave valuable aid. One converted and united with the church on the last night of the services, when Bro. B. N. Shepherd, district Missionary, brought an evangelistic message.

Jack Johnson, local B. T. U. director, showed fine leadership in the conduct of the work of these study courses.

The church has secured the services of Rev. J. R. Balch, pastor of First Baptist church, Seymour, for our revival meeting, first of August. That makes a total of 75 additions since January 1, of whom 34 were baptized. Rev. E. E. Mason is the evangelistic pastor of this growing church.

JOHN P. HARDESTY, Pastor.

MISSIONARY

MESSAGES



By B. N. Shepherd
Missionary, District 17

BROTHER PASTOR, has your leadership produced or kept up the missionary spirit in your church? I am hoping and praying that EVERY church—Missionary Baptist Church—will be Missionary this time.

There are several churches in our district that have not given since the state convention last November. This I know, no pastor nor church wants left out.

A pastor who has a church that does not give to missions would do well to give his tithe to the Lord's causes around the world. In that way he would set an example that would soon be followed by some of his members. God will honor one who will follow His plan.

Do it for Jesus' sake.

It would have cheered any Christian's heart to have heard the splendid reports and plans presented at the quarterly meeting of the Stonewall association W. M. U. in Peacock last Friday. The attendance was good and it was a privilege to deliver the closing message. Mrs. Buckley had several students from H-SU there. As always is the case, they exalted the cause of Christian education and revealed the importance of the scholarships given each year by the District.

Miss Helen Turnidge was honored with a churchwide reception and lovely shower at Rotan last Friday evening as she went to the church there to take up her duties as young people's leader and church secretary. Let all of us pray the Lord's blessing upon her and the church. Brother Trott is leading the church in ever wider fields of activity and service.

Dear people of District Seventeen and all other Christians, please pray for the missionary and the church at Rochester. We began a meeting last Friday night which we hope will result in a revival for His honor.

Brother Hinton is happy about the way the Lord is leading him and the church at Jayton. A few days ago they decided to put in a baptistry for which they needed \$100. They asked for it and got \$127 in four minutes. That sounds like Paul's collection at Macedonia.

Since January 17, 1939, there have been 31 additions to that church, 16 of them for baptism. I believe they need a baptistry with a water heater attached, don't you? Brother Huber of New Mexico is to lead the music and the pastor will do the preaching in a revival meeting beginning this week-end. They plan to have 150 in Sunday School next Sunday, and to have \$150 offering.

Our editor did himself credit by producing that special State Sunday School convention issue, didn't he? If you like him, write him a note and say so.

WILL MEET YOU IN FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, WACO, NEXT WEEK. STATE SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION.

WEST SIDE, BIG SPRING MAKING GREAT STRIDES

In spite of much sickness, there were 116 in Sunday School March 26 at West Side Church, Big Spring, which had only 88 enrolled the first of the year. Enrollment in Sunday School is now 170.

There were four adults converted at the service who joined for baptism. That makes a total of 75 additions since January 1, of whom 34 were baptized. Rev. E. E. Mason is the evangelistic pastor of this growing church.

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ANNIVERSARY

This issue of the West Texas Baptist marks the beginning of the second year for this editor. It has been a short year filled with many happy occasions, with new friends and abounding blessings.

We deeply appreciate the confidence which has been shown in increased circulation and in hearty co-operation in supplying us with news and other material for publication. We take this occasion to extend our sincerest thanks to every one who has had a part in sending in subscriptions, especially the club treasurers in the churches who have worked so nobly at their tasks as a labor of love. We hope that the growth and increase of interest in their home churches will be a reward for their efforts.

As we enter this second mile, we claim your continued cooperation and prayers that we may together in a greater way serve the Kingdom of Heaven in this great Western Empire in the saving of souls, the enlarging of missions and the growth of Kingdom institutions to the greater glory of God.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

Anyone who can attend the Sunday School Convention with an open mind will derive a benefit from the occasion. But there are a few groups who should not, if it is at all avoidable, miss the information and inspiration of this meeting.

First is the pastor. The pastor of the church is pastor of the Sunday School, the place where most of the conversions in the modern church take place, the greatest enlistment agency in the denomination. The shepherd who leads his flock must understand what is going on and keep abreast of the time.

For the same reason, each superintendent, each department superintendent, and every teacher and officer who can, needs to be there to share in the fellowship, to have a part in the exchange of ideas, to bring to the home church the zest and the spirit of the great gathering of the host of which we are.

STUDYING FOR EVANGELISM

A very interesting thing in connection with the Southwide revival is the large number of conversions in connection with the study courses being held this spring. Several churches have used with effective results a Sunday School or Training Union course as a week of preparation for their spring soul-winning campaign.

Some study courses have developed into real revivals in their own right. This has been especially true where a text along evangelistic lines has been used and those taking the course have gone out and given practical application to their learning with most happy results.

One of the most valuable developments of this is that we have more people thinking, talking and acting upon evangelistic themes than at any time in many years. And yet the total number enlisted is only a small part of our Baptist membership, only a drop in the bucket compared with the millions of unsaved in the South.

Are you to have study courses in your church? And do you plan to give them the evangelistic turn which has brought such happy results elsewhere?

THE RESPONSIBILITY OF VICTORY

Baptist people have had a great occasion to rejoice because of the victory won in the congressional refusal to levy a federal tax on churches for the support of their aged ministers. It is a definite victory for the cause of separation of church and state, historically a Baptist doctrine.

But victories always bring responsibilities and this is no exception. We have told the state in no uncertain terms that the care of aged ministers is our affair and that we do not need governmental compulsion to do our duty.

That much is fine. But has your church done anything for ministerial retirement? The dots on the map of Texas published by the Dallas office giving the location of participating churches shows the dots very widely separated.

The question is not what have you done for your pastor's old age, but for all pastors in general. Editor Routh of the Baptist Messenger remarks that the amount paid in by the churches does not apply to the benefit of the present pastor any more than a church building applies to his benefit.

All of us hope our pastors will, like Moses, go on in the Kingdom labors with undimmed eyes and unabated strength until their Commencement day when the Lord graduates them into His greater field beyond.

For such as do that and for that increasing number who fall quickly in the heat of battle and the prime of life, the Retirement Plan will have nothing to offer, only a secure place where their savings can accumulate at interest. Whatever they have put in their families will receive with compound interest, but they will not share in the church or denominational funds.

But there will be some old saint to get it. He may be the man of God who led you to Jesus or who buried you in baptism. He will be some devoted soul who has burned out his strength on foreign fields, some pioneer who struggled through hardship and heartache with never an adequate payday, some boy who is starving and skimping to get through school with a whole life of sacrificial labor ahead.

For these, who come to old age spent in strength and money, the Retirement Fund is set up and carefully guarded to provide for their twilight years. If, out of meager dollars they are willing to set aside pennies against that day, we can do as much for them, don't you think?

News Notes

Last Sunday Dr. M. E. Dodd of Shreveport, preached his twenty-seventh anniversary sermon. During that time the church has grown from less than 600 to more than 4,700 members.

Sunday March 26 was homecoming day at Ralls and the opening of their Spring revival with Pastor W. R. Derr preaching and George Stokes, educational director of First Church, Canyon, in charge of the music.

There were 15 conversions and 18 additions to First Church, Seagraves, in a recent revival with Rev. E. F. Cole of Lamesa assisting Pastor J. S. Rankin.

Missionary Julius P. King of District 16 assisted Pastor J. I. Taylor in a continuing revival at Drasco.

Dr. W. H. Knight, now superintendent of evangelism in Louisiana, is leading 21 New Orleans Churches in a city-wide revival.

Nine churches in Concho Valley association held campaigns in the recent Training Union revival with 582 receiving awards. Some other churches which had planned to join in the crusade were prevented on account of illness in the community.

Dr. C. Y. Dossey, state evangelist, is in a revival at Ballinger with Gale Dunn, director of music in charge of the song services. Rev. Clarence A. Morton is pastor at First Church, Ballinger.

Dr. William H. Joyner, state evangelist, has just been in a great meeting with Pastor A. C. Turner and the Calvary church, Tyler. There were 51 additions and many rededications. Rev. A. C. Surner is pastor. Educational Director L. C. Gayle led the music for the revival. Large crowds attended.

Rev. Douglas Carver of Harlingen and Mrs. Carver visited in Abilene last week on their way home from a great revival at McPherson, Kansas. At the climatic service of the meeting Sunday, March 26, there were 13 decisions by adults.

The choir of Park Heights Church, San Angelo, observed its eighth anniversary on Station KGKL Tuesday evening, April 4.

G. S. Hopkins, state Sunday School secretary, will bring the closing address of the Park Heights study course Friday evening, April 24.

Alpine Church, Rev. M. M. Fulmer, pastor, now has a standard Sunday School.

The Brotherhood of Pecos association had a good meeting March 28 at Fort Stockton. The next meeting will be at Wink May 23, at which time State Superintendent L. A. Woods will speak.

Dr. William H. Joyner, state evangelist, has recently been in a fine revival with Pastor S. W. Cowles and the Fourth Ave. Church, Port Arthur. There were 35 professions and additions. Then there were many rededications. This was Evangelist Joyner's second revival with this good church and pastor.

Dr. M. A. Jenkins of Abilene will begin a twelve-day meeting with Pastor R. A. Clifton at Gilmer.

Rev. J. W. Marshall will hold an eight day revival April 30 to May 7 at First Church, Commerce.

The W. M. U. annual meeting for District 16 will be held at Comanche Thursday and Friday, April 6 and 7. Mrs. B. A. Coppess will be among the speakers. Mrs. C. G. Sivils is district president.

First Church, Abilene, will have an Easter cantata by the choir Sunday evening, April 9.

Truett Barber, Colorado district attorney, led the young people's forum of First Church, Sweetwater, in discussions of questions of interest to youth. This was a part of the services of Youth Week, April 2 to 9.

First Church, El Paso, observed the seventh anniversary of their pastor, Dr. L. L. Yearby, last Sunday.

A duty dodged is like a debt unpaid; it is only deferred, and we must come back and settle the account at last—Lubbock First Baptist.

Do we possess our possessions or do they possess us?—Balles.

JUST TALK

By Elliott Dudley

The Worm Turns

Prime Minister Chamberlain's unprecedented declaration that France and England stand ready to assist Poland at any time that she feels it necessary to defend her independence was followed by the Hitler speech at Wilhelmshaven, which was cut off the air after a few sentences. It gave the effect of an astounded man too enraged even to sputter.

That the Chamberlain, who meekly marched with his folded umbrella to Munich and there submitted to every demand of Hitler, should rise at this late date to hurl defiance across the Rhine is as startling as if his umbrella had suddenly turned into a sword.

As to what Hitler shall do in regard to this belated challenge, no one, perhaps not even the Fuehrer himself, knows at this time. It may be that he will await developments for a time, possibly letting his partners temporarily assume the lead until events give him the opportunity to strike unexpectedly. Being a dictator, however, he dare not wait too long. And having that touch of madness no one can predict how much he might risk.

Albania

Mussolini, apparently checked for the present in his African and Mediterranean ambitions by the calm, positive utterance of Daladier, who spoke last week with the assurance that the British Navy was at his back, seemed to be on the verge of an expedition to the apparently friendless Albania. Italy has had her eyes across the straits on those wild hills for many years and Mussolini has considered it practically his protectorate.

But all of a sudden it seems that France and England are friends of King Zog of Albania. And if Italy should dare to seek the foothold on the eastern shores of the Adriatic we might see in the rough hill country of the Balkan peninsula that spark to ignite all Europe.

Albania is a little land, scarcely larger than a trans-Pecos county, quite as rough, and with the same pastoral pursuits. However, a million people eke out a sort of existence. Italians ruled the country in the Middle Ages and they have been anxious to get back ever since the conquering Turk chased them out. Though one wonders why.

Far East

With the coming of spring, border patrols in Manchuria and Siberia are again sniping at each other. There is the possibility that this year the fighting may extend into the sea.

The cause of maritime rivalry is fisheries. Japanese are great fish eaters, and at the close of the war of 1904-5 they forced the Russians to give them a permit to fish for 35 years in Russian waters. The Soviet government has refused to renew the treaty and the Japs have threatened to send out their huge floating canneries at the usual time in the spring and give them naval convoy. Since all the Chinese ports are in their control the Japanese navy has had little to do.

Such action would fit nicely into developments in Europe and might check the flood of munitions said to be moving from Russia into Poland. Whether hostilities in the Far East develop into real warfare, the threat of the Nipponese navy will keep many Russian airplanes in that sector which would otherwise be a great threat to eastward expansion of Germany.

THROCKMORTON REVIVAL

Practically the entire football squad was included in the thirty-seven additions to Throckmorton Church, with a number to the Methodists and some to other congregations, in the ten-day revival led by Dr. Millard A. Jenkins of Abilene. Pastor Earl E. Burks baptized 28 last Sunday night. Two services were held at the school and students were excused from classes if they desired to attend the meetings at the church.

The new church building which was begun following the meeting held by Dr. Jenkins last spring is practically complete and is an especially complete plant for worship, study and training.

'HIGHER GROUND'

By DALE MARSHALL

To follow God's example is the most practical thing we can do. There are times, though, when we are tempted to doubt that statement, but let us look for a moment at one of God's greatest teachings—humility. That is one trait in our Lord's character that is so conspicuous that we can say that it is the "mind of Christ." Trace that humility for a moment. It

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

April 9, 1939

By Hight C. Moore

PAUL PREACHES THE RISEN CHRIST

Read Acts 13; 1 Corinthians 15. Study Acts 13: 16, 23-21, 38, 39; 1 Corinthians 15: 19-22

Our spiritual salvation depends upon the risen Christ as Paul proclaimed in his first recorded sermon which was at Antioch in Pisidia. Likewise our physical resurrection depends upon the risen Christ, as Paul wrote to the church at Corinth. In other words, the redemption of the soul from sin and the redemption of the body from death can be accomplished by him alone who died and rose from the dead. The resurrecting Christ of the future must be the resurrected Christ of the past. Is this not the heart and height of the gospel?

1. Gospel of Christ Risen from the Dead (Acts 13)

The risen Christ must raise the spiritually dead. The persons here were Paul and Barnabas, now making their first missionary journey. The place was the synagogue at Antioch in Pisidia. The time was the sabbath day, doubtless the first after their arrival in the city. The service was proceeding as usual; the attendants were seated; the lesson for the Law and the Prophets had been read; then the rulers in charge asked the missionaries to give "any word of exhortation for the people." Thereupon Paul arose, motioned with his hand for silence and asked the attention of his audience including both Jews and Gentiles. Note five things he said about Jesus the Savior: (1) He is the Christ of Messianic Prophecy. Time and again God promised that a Savior should come; and the promise was fulfilled. He declared that the Savior would be a descendant of David the king; and the declaration came true. Jesus fulfilled the prophecy and was therefore the Christ. (2) He is the Christ of Gospel Preaching. His illustrious forerunner was a preacher of repentance for sin, faith in the swift-coming Messiah and baptism in symbolic washing away of sin. When the people were about to identify him as the Coming One, he quickly corrected them and declared himself as a man before his Master. Moreover, the same gospel of salvation had now been sent to the people of Pisidia by Paul and Barnabas. Truly the sermon was a gospel message. (3) He was the Christ of the Atoning Cross. Skillfully Paul tells how the people and rulers of Jerusalem in their ignorance of the Messiah and of the predictions concerning him, condemning him, thus actually fulfilling the Prophets which were read to them sabbath after sabbath in their synagogues. Though he could not be found guilty of any capital offense, they demanded that Pilate put him to death. When

was an act of humiliation when the Son of God came to visit this fallen earth, was born in a lowly town, of a poor woman, laid in a manger, and when he was instructed by human teachers. He goes about, the companion of a few unlearned fishermen. The finger of scorn is pointed at him, and he is subjected to the coarse vulgarities and jests of the lowest minds. See him, a little further on, washing the feet of those poor fishermen, betrayed by one, denied by another, deserted by all. And many other humiliating circumstances he faced, and last of all, He bore the cross to Calvary.

You have perhaps read the story of the ancient Father, who, being asked what was the first step to heaven, answered: "Humility." "What is the second step to heaven?" "Humility. Humility is the whole pathway." But the great question is, how is humility to be obtained? Simply by applying Christ's teachings to our daily living. Friends, we all know that it is the PRACTICAL thing to do, for God's way is the only way we can go and enjoy our journey. Let us resolve more than ever to think of Christ's humility throughout the day. He must have had much love for us to bear such humiliating things. The more we think of this lesson from Jesus' life, the more true it becomes that we are really deriving more pleasure from giving than receiving; more joy from a purer life than from a lower life; we will be praying, where once we were sinning!

So, we have this command: "Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus," Philippians 2:5. Thank God that He left us this secret on how to live on Higher Ground. Oh, yes! Remember, the Church is God's farm—stay on the "front row," and continue to grow!

the governor yielded and Jesus was executed by crucifixion on Calvary, the Scriptures were fulfilled; he died for our sins. Then his body was taken down from the cross and laid in a new sepulcher. (4) He is the Christ of the Empty Tomb. On the third day after his interment Jesus left the tomb empty. "God has raised him from the dead." At various times, to individuals and to groups small and large, Jesus showed himself alive by "many infallible proofs" during a period of forty days. These witnesses, living at the time of Paul was preaching, were trustworthy and were testifying everywhere as to the identity of the risen Christ. No fact can be better proven. (5) He is the Christ of Redeemed Souls. The Redeemer who died on the cross could not redeem without rising from the dead. But through him who died and conquered death two infinite blessings are offered: Forgiveness of sins upon repentance; and justification by faith which could not be obtained by the law of Moses. Truly Jesus of Nazareth was Christ and Lord and Savior.

2. Gospel of Christ Raising from the Dead (1 Corinthians 15)

The Risen Christ will raise the physically dead. The resurrection of Jesus from the dead is in itself sufficient to prove the doctrine of resurrection. But much more than a proven fact is involved here, as Paul points out in the great resurrection chapter of his first letter to the Corinthians. Follow his argument and see how the rainbow of hope flames upon the storm cloud. (1) Falsehood: All Resurrections Denied. The Corinthian Christians were twitted and taunted by some who flatly denied the reality of any resurrection whatever. If these disbelievers were right, then; what? A Christ still dead and despised, faith utterly baseless and valueless; testimony about a risen Christ totally untrustworthy; preaching hollow as a clanging cymbal; living Christians still in their sins; dead Christians obliterated; hope a glimmering mirage; believers the most pitiable of all mankind! From the brink of such an abyss hasten and listen! (2) Fact: Christ's Resurrection Proven. Solemnly the apostle avers it as a fact indisputable: "But now is Christ risen from the dead." He was actually seen alive and absolutely identified by men whose word cannot be doubted: By Peter on resurrection day; by the Apostles as a body five or six times; by more than five hundred brethren probably on mountain in Galilee; by James, a leader at Jerusalem; and by Paul on the road to Damascus. Who can deny or doubt such testimony? (3) Faith: Our Resurrection Promised. When Jesus rose from the dead he appeared in his "spiritual body," and thus became the firstfruits of those who sleep in death. That means that others will also rise from the dead, as Paul goes on to explain. By sinful man came death; by sinless man came resurrection. In Adam everybody dies; in Christ everybody will be made alive. Surely he is "the resurrection and the life."

Gold in the Golden Text

But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept. 1 Corinthians 15:20.

The proof of Christ's resurrection from the dead is convincing. No fact in history is better established. No part of the gospel rests on such foundation. No tenet of faith is more appealing and inspiring. No hope is brighter than that which springs out of his resurrection.

The pledge in Christ's resurrection from the dead is reassuring. Outside of him there is no hope. His conquest of death is the sole guarantee of a like victory for us. His spiritual body (unlike the body of Lazarus, for example, which had died again) was the firstfruits of them that have died and the model for our glorified bodies. Only the risen Christ can raise us from the dead.

Daily Bible Readings

April 10 — The Church in Iconium. Acts 14:1-7.
April 11 — The Church in Lystra. Acts 14:8-18.
April 12 — A Busy Missionary. Acts 14:19-23.
April 13 — A Wise Master Builder. 1 Corinthians 3:10-15.
April 14 — Missionary Vision. Isaiah 55:1-5.
April 15 — Jonah's Missionary Work. Jonah 3:1-10.
April 16 — Missionary Triumph. Psalms 72:7-17.
April 17 — The Widening Horizon. Acts 10:9-16.

DOCTRINAL

HUMAN DEPRAVITY
C. D. OWEN

The depravity of man was the primary cause of God's plan of human redemption. It had its origin in the Garden of Eden. God created man in his own image and likeness and placed him in the Garden of Eden to dress and keep it. (Gen. 2:15). In this state of holiness man was required to observe certain laws and regulations (Gen. 2:15-17). He disobeyed the command of God by partaking of the forbidden fruit, consequently fell from his primeval state of purity into a state that was entirely destitute of holiness and spiritual life, and became therefore, depraved in all his moral and spiritual nature.

God said: "In the day thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die." It is evident that Adam did not die a natural death on the very "day" he ate the forbidden fruit, for he lived eight hundred years after this incident. It is true, however, that he became a subject of disease, pain and natural death because of that first sin. But he could only die on that day a spiritual death, which placed him under the dominion of sin, and utterly destitute of holiness. The very earth was cursed on account of his disobedience. Gen. 3:17. Thus, sin and death were introduced into the world. Here is the origin of the depravity and sinfulness of the human race, which became universal. Paul said, Rom. 5:12-19: "By one man, sin entered into the world, and death by sin; so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned." "By one man's disobedience many were made sinners." Thus we see, that depravity, which is a corrupt, vitiated state of the heart—a destitution of true holiness has been exhibited by man from the first introduction of sin, to the present time. A true test of man's depravity is the state of his heart in its disposition toward God. In Gen. 6:5-6, we read: "God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of the heart was only evil continually." The whole man is corrupt, his heart, soul and mind is full of evil. Again, Jer. 17:9, "The heart is deceitful above all things and desperately wicked." Eccl. 9:3, "The heart of the sons of men are full of evil, and madness is in their hearts." Paul said, Rom. 3:13-18, "Their throat is an open sepulchre; with their tongues they have used deceit; the poison of the asps is under their lips; whose mouth is full of cursing and bitterness." Human depravity is hereditary. After the waters of the deluge had subsided, the Lord said, "I will not again curse the ground any more for man's sake; for the imagination of man's heart is evil from his youth." Gen. 8:21. David said, "The wicked are estranged from the womb. They go astray as soon as they are born, speaking lies." Psalms 58:33. Again, "Behold I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me." Psalms 51:5. John the Baptist said to certain Pharisees and Sadducees who came asking baptism at his hands, "O generation of vipers." Christ said to certain scribes and Pharisees, "Ye serpents, ye generation of vipers."

Both John and Christ taught that they were not only evil in heart, but they had inherited their corrupt nature from their ancestors. Man, like the serpent possesses an evil nature from birth consequently, is inclined to go in the ways of evil. Depravity is total. That is, the whole nature is corrupt. This does not mean that he is as wicked as he can be. Man may grow worse and worse, for we read in II Tim. 3:13, "Evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived." To illustrate, you may dip a white cloth in black dye, pull it out, it will be dark, dip it in again, it will be darker. It totally loses its white color with first dipping. In like manner, a man by nature is totally destitute of holiness and true righteousness. There is no spiritual life in him. Paul said, II Cor. 5:14, "If one died for all, then were all dead." Eph. 2:1. "You hath he quickened who were dead in trespasses and sins." Rom. 8:6, "To be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace." Read Isa. 1:5-6, which also teaches beyond question, the total depravity of man.

Something to Think About

By A. W. BLAINE

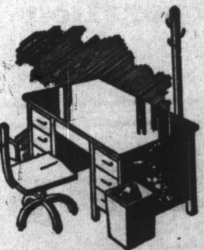
A man drove into a West Texas filling station and pulled from his pocket a flask wrapped in a jungle cartoon. This was a proper wrapping for something which makes a man, who otherwise would be a respectable and decent law abiding citizen, act like jungle beasts or worse.

Recently a man, who had been in the habit of getting drunk and abusing his wife and children, stated that he had learned his lesson and was through with the stuff. Well—he was through with it until the craving came back, then he went on another "spree" and his wife and children had to hide out until he sobered up. Only the power and fear of God can break such a chain of bondage. This man, and others who are guilty of such sins need to let Jesus Christ come into their hearts and then by His grace they will be able to overcome this terrible temptation. Possibly both of the above mentioned men had bought their liquor from a licensed druggist in a supposedly dry territory.

If this should fall into the hands of some so-called moderate drinkers they will say, "There is no use of a man making a hog of himself. I can take a drink or I can leave it alone." They need to be reminded that those who are drunkards now, in the main, started drinking moderately. It is like a spider wrapping his fine strands around the body of an unwary insect. The first strands might easily be broken, but give the spider a little more time and alas! struggle as he may the insect is doomed unless some outside force intervenes. The best way to keep from making a drunkard is to stop before taking the first drink.

The following excerpt from a tract published by the Christian Publishing Company is suggestive of the situation faced by the American public today.

Is it right to build churches to save men, and at the same time license shops to destroy men? Is it right to license a man to sell that which will make a man drunk, then punish the man for being drunk? Is it right to license a man to make paupers, and then tax sober men to take care of them? Is it right to derive revenue out of a traffic which no decent man will defend? Is it right to teach your boy to be honest, and then vote to license a place where he may be taught to gamble? Is it right to preach justice and charity, and then vote to license a thing which robs the widows and orphans of their bread? The answer is no. Pilate, as much as he desired to do so, could not wash his hands of the guilt of the blood of Jesus, neither can the citizen who refuses to lift his hand against that which is marring lives in America today.



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DISTRICT SEVEN NEWS

By Missionary J. A. Kidd

Bro. L. L. Kent, pastor at Fabens, has made a fine record since coming to that church in January. A revival spirit is manifest in the church and conversions and additions to the church in nearly every service. The S. S. has gone beyond the 100 mark and they have a goal for having present the entire enrollment on Easter Sunday. Bro. Kent majors on Bible preaching and gets results. We are happy over the progress of this church and pastor.

Bro. R. S. Hollomon and Immanuel Church recently observed their 20th Anniversary with large crowds at all the services. This church has grown from 80 members to their present membership of around 700. The church has made steady progress under Bro. Hollomon's ministry, and has one of the most up to date Departmental S. S. building and organization in the West, and the building is well utilized every Sunday.

East Side church and pastor Bro. J. T. Griffith, have definite plans for beginning the erection of a stone house of worship in the next few days, and the future of the church is brighter in every way. This is a strategic place for a Baptist church and we should give them our every encouragement and prayerful help.

Bro. Mark Reeves of Yaleta has had several additions to the church recently by profession of faith and baptism. He reports his work in much better condition as Spring comes on. There should be a marked increase and improvement in all our services at this time for the year.

The church building at Van Horn has been brought very much nearer completion in the last few months, and it is hoped they will soon be able to worship in this new building. When finished it will be attractive and very useful, and quite a credit to the congregation and pastor, and community at large. Bro. Vernon Yearby is doing a very fine work with this and the Fort Hancock church.

The Pecos church is being remodelled and re-decorated in a most attractive way and will be one of the most beautiful inside of any in the West when finished. We congratulate Pastor Turner and congregation upon this fine forward step. The congregation is responding in a wholehearted way and the church is having conversions and additions in nearly every service. They begin a revival the first of May.

Rev. Philip Brown and the church there at Crane will have a revival just after Easter in which Bro. W. M. Turner of Pecos will assist. Let us pray that many of those oil men and families will be converted and come into the church.

Bro. C. G. Goff and the Iraan church will observe their Tenth Anniversary of the church's organization and work on Sunday, April 16th. The Missionary organized this church in a dance hall on April 21st, 1929, with 17 members. They now have over 300 members, and have been a large contributor to mission work.

Bro. T. E. Funderburk of McCamey is conducting a revival in Coahoma.

He is in much demand for revivals in his church and in other places. He is a good man to have in a revival.

Bro. L. E. Kent of Fabens will begin a revival in a few weeks.

Bro. E. C. Hecksher and the Grand falls church have voted to sell their lot and construct a new church on another lot. This is a forward step, one of several the church has taken under his leadership. We wish for them every success in this new worthy task.

Bro. Otis Maddox, pastor at Grandview, recently assisted his brother Paul in a BTU training school in the Sierra Blanca church with much success. Sierra Blanca is a growing church and missionary in spirit and evangelistic.

Bro. Arlie McDaniel is to have a revival in the Toyah church where he is pastor and they expect a good meeting.

We regret to learn of the serious illness of Bro. L. A. Blair and wife of Sheffield and hope them a speedy recovery.

Marathon and pastor Bro. D. H. Joiner enjoyed a good revival, there were several professions of faith, among them one of the best students in the Senior High School class. The Missionary and Bro. Avery Lee of Simmons assisted in the meeting.

Do not forget to pray often for the Southwide Revival.

SENTENCE SERMONS

O. D. Henley

Sin is habit-forming. The devil uses false labels. Self-righteousness is more selfish than righteousness.

God deserves more than He gets: Satan gets more than he deserves.

When Satan smiles God weeps. God hears more talk than praying.

God founded no denomination, He founded the church.

Ways outweigh words. A high office may be filled by a low officer.

Christmas Bombings—

(Continued from page 1) about all in. They stayed on our compound Christmas Eve night and ever since. They may move over here or to North Gate. North Gate is some safer because they have caves in that mountain just back of their compound where the hospital is. I may go over there sometime during the raids.

Christmas morning Miss Jones, Miss Oppelt, Mr. Herring, Dad and I had breakfast with Miss Ford, then he went to the hospital. Miss Jones and Miss Oppelt went home and Miss Ford and I finished wrapping packages of Chinese candy for the nurses and hospital staff. After distributing the packages I came home to get ready for the Christmas dinner at five o'clock.

We had lunch at twelve then Miss Ford and I went to the church to practice the songs for the services. Just as we reached the church door an air raid alarm sounded and pandemonium broke loose. People who had been walking along started running madly down the streets, some this way and some the other way. Rickshaws started clanging their bells, automobiles tore out of the city with their horns blowing. Stores, the

few that were open, hastily closed their doors, street peddlers picked up their wares and all went madly on their way.

There was no chance for practice for everyone was leaving the city, so Miss Ford and I came home. The planes did not come so we got the table ready for dinner. We used a paper cloth with red poinsettias on it, the napkins had Merry Christmas on them. We had candles in the center of the table with a holly wreath around them. We put red paper over the electric lights, there were green paper baskets for peanuts and candy and it all looked lovely. Miss Stallings came in from the country about four o'clock and there were eight of us for dinner, Mr. Herring, Miss Ford, Miss Jones, Miss Oppelt, Mr. Lichtenstein, Dad and I.

After dinner we had a Christmas service at the church.

On Thursday morning at ten-thirty Miss Stallings and I went to the North Gate hospital compound to wait until the air raid time was over. We stayed there with other folks until nearly two o'clock and called rickshaws and started home. When we were about halfway home the alarm sounded so we turned around and went back and went into one of the large caves back of their hospital.

We were in a cave with many of the big men who are still here. We could faintly hear the planes come and the bombs exploding. There was a receiving set in the cave and they kept telling us what was hit and as soon as the all clear signal sounded we rushed home. We could see huge columns of smoke before we reached the compound and soon heard that the hospital was burning. It is a complete loss. We saved many things but of course much, much was burned. We feel very sad about it but there were no lives lost.

Dad had been quite sick the day before and was in bed all day but he got up that morning and went to the

mountains on Mr. Herring's motorcycle.

On Monday I had fallen down two or three steps and sprained both my feet so I couldn't walk much, so I suppose it was a good thing Dad and I were out of the trouble.

Dad thinks the next time they come that the compound will be likely to go. We thought at first that we would go right to Hong Kong but have decided to stay awhile and try to find a place to open a clinic and help as long as possible.

It is hard to stay and harder to go. We will wait until we can get instructions from the Board or the Secretary at Shanghai.

Please send this to Joe. We are trying to be careful. Pray for us.

With much love,
MOTHER.

Jan. 19, '39.

Dear Nell:

Just a note to say that we are well and that we are carrying on in spite of the fact that the Hospital is gone. It looks like that I may get into a larger work than ever and that under the direct orders of the Madam Chiang. It will be with the wounded soldiers whose suffering is beyond understanding and whose fortitude you can't imagine...

The Generalissimo and Madam Chiang are begging the missionaries to carry on and carry the Word to the soldiers. They say in a few words all the thirteenth chapter of First Corinthians. They say that close observation has shown that all the medical and other relief amounts to nothing unless the soldiers receive spiritual help and get to know Jesus of Nazareth, the Savior of men. A bold statement coming from those who have learned with a deepening sadness of the horrors of war and the worse horrors of dying a stranger to their best friend.

Trust you are well. Love,
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EVANGELIST PLEADS FOR DEEPER CONSECRATION

By Evangelist Wm. S. Dixon
What Are Southern Baptists Going to Do About Evangelism During 1939?

A few weeks ago I received a card through the mails with this question upon it, and the card was signed by Dr. T. L. Holcomb, and Mr. J. N. Barnette, both of the Sunday School Board. The card was announcing a special Dallas program by the Sunday School Board field workers. This question of my subject was followed by these words upon the card—"is a vital question."

I raise this question again, in this discussion—"What are Southern Baptists going to do about Evangelism during 1939? Not what are THEY going to do? But what are WE going to do? Because, since WE OURSELVES are Southern Baptists, this is our very own question."

First—We Are Southern Baptists by Blood and by Inheritance

It has come down to us today from many generations of ancestors, and the truths accepted by Southern Baptists have been actually willed to us by our forefathers. They have given us something. We have received something. We possess realities, not any theories. We own that which our forefathers passed on to us.

Second—We Are Southern Baptists by Doctrinal Beliefs and Convictions.

We have (as I deeply and personally believe) the pure gospel as taught in the New Testament without addition or subtraction herefrom. If others have changed it to suit their own ideas, or to be different, it is our business not to criticize them for so doing, as much as it is our privilege to proclaim it as God gave it to us by the Holy Spirit through the inspired writers.

Third—We Are Southern Baptists by Possession

We (each of us), possess these New Testament doctrines within ourselves. WE POSSESS the New Birth, and know the glorious reality that "Old things have passed away, behold all things are become new." WE POSSESS the priceless and precious truth that "There is therefore now, no condemnation to them who are in Christ Jesus." WE POSSESS "An Advocate with the Father." WE POSSESS the joys of Jesus. He says, "I am come that my joy might remain in you and that your joy might be full." WE POSSESS "An inheritance that fadeth not away."

Fourth—We Are Southern Baptists With a Responsibility

Having the real, pure gospel as God gave it to us, we therefore have a definite responsibility in relation to these glorious and personally precious doctrines and truths. It is our task, responsibility and privilege to proclaim it everywhere.

Therefore, as we ask ourselves the question on the postal card, and which is the subject of this article, "What Are Southern Baptists Going to Do About Evangelism During 1939?" it is indeed a vital question. Let us face it frankly and earnestly. It has pleased God to call some as Evangelists, to whom the Holy Spirit has been pleased to give special gifts fitting that office. He has a special purpose and place for them. Southern Baptists will gladly follow God's plan and program, and make wide use of them. They will gladly yield themselves to be used of the Holy Spirit in doing His will.

This is the day of all days for Evangelism and Evangelists, throughout our beloved Southland. A great host of lost souls, thousands of them, await our taking the "Water of Life" to them during 1939 through Evangelism and Evangelists. They (these lost souls) are groping blindly along. They "are condemned already." They "have not life, but the wrath of God is upon them." They "love darkness rather than light." They are headed to the place "where there is weeping and gnashing of teeth." Shall they say, "No man cared for my soul?"

No, a thousand times, no! We must not let them say that! We must not fail God! We have inherited, possessed and experienced the gospel in our lives as Southern Baptists. Through Evangelism and Evangelists in 1939 we must sweep many perishing, hungry, lost souls into the Kingdom. His joy must be theirs, through us.

I plead earnestly, for a wide, sweeping awakening among Southern Baptists, to seriously work at this task this year of 1939, as never before in any other year in our history. The time is growing—short. We "MUST be about our Father's business!" I can only face this question personally as you also can only do. Within myself, and because of deep, persistent and insistent wooings of the Holy Spirit, the first part of this New Year, I have dedicated myself anew (gladly done so), and have fully laid all my talents, experience, and

FOURTEEN CONFERENCES

(Continued From Page 1)

ture will be the presentation of the sacred Music Drama "Ruth" on Monday evening in Waco Hall, Baylor University. This elaborate presentation will be given by the Seminary Choral Club of 70 trained voices under the direction of Prof. I. E. Reynolds of Fort Worth.

Running concurrently to this convention and under its direction will be a Baptist Sunday School convention for Negro people. Sessions will be held in the New Hope Baptist Church. Conferences will be conducted Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons at 4:00 by the conference leaders of the State convention. Inspirational addresses will be brought to the Negroes by Mr. Harry P. Wootan and Dr. R. C. Campbell of Dallas on Tuesday evening. On Wednesday evening Mr. J. N. Barnette of Nashville, Tennessee and Rev. S. A. Pleasants, Negro pastor of Houston will speak. Dr. J. Newton Jenkins of Waco, host pastor for the Negro people has announced that T. B. Wilson has been engaged to direct the chorus singing. Mr. Wilson directed a chorus of 700 voices in the Cotton Palace auditorium a few years ago with very pleasing results. Dr. Chas. T. Alexander of Waco is Baptist State Missionary of Inter-Racial Cooperation with Negro Baptists of Texas. He will preside at two of the Negro sessions.

The officers of the Convention are Robert Jolly, superintendent of Memorial Hospital, Houston, president; G. S. Hopkins, corresponding secretary-treasurer; Mrs. J. H. Slaughter and Mrs. Manon Seawell of Dallas are recording secretaries. The Sunday School district presidents are vice-presidents of the convention.

Robert H. Coleman of Dallas will have charge of the convention music and will present various musicians, vocal and instrumental, various choirs, etc. The Convention will introduce Mr. Coleman's new song book "World Revival Hymns."

Mr. John B. Fisher of First Church, Waco, is general chairman of arrangements and Dr. L. L. Carpenter of Baylor University is publicity chairman.

Sixty-six cities are represented on the speaker's list. Out of the state speakers on the convention program are W. R. White, Oklahoma City, Dr. T. L. Holcomb, Mr. Andrew Allen, Miss Marie Estes, Mr. J. N. Barnette, Mr. Sibley Burnett, all from the Baptist Sunday School Board at Nashville, Tennessee.

possessions upon the altar in full surrender to Jesus, to be used anywhere in any place for His glory, in Evangelism in 1939. I give my twenty years in Evangelism over twenty-five States, in full surrender, to find a place in proclaiming the gospel of a glorious Saviour to dying, lost, perishing souls. Since I have made this decision (and God has witnessed with new power of the Holy Spirit upon my preaching), I plead, oh so earnestly for you, dear reader to do likewise. Will you also, yield fully unto Him anew, and trust the Holy Spirit to find you a place in Evangelism during 1939? Will you yield now, to this great task and opportunity? I pray that you will!

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PROGRAM

Sweetwater Associational W. M. U. Auxiliary for Quarter Ending March 31, 1939, to be Held Thursday, April 13, at the First Baptist Church, Sweetwater, Texas.

Morning Session, 9:45 o'clock. President, Mrs. C. C. Compere; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Bert Low; Corresponding Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Bryan Ball.

Song Service—Mrs. P. L. Ullum. Devotional. Greetings—Mrs. Z. C. Steakley. Response—Mrs. D. W. Arnette. Recognition of visitors and new members.

Three minutes reports by local presidents: Abilene, Calvary, Mrs. D. D. Gilmore; Abilene, First, Mrs. E. O. Keeton; Abilene, Immanuel, Mrs. Rhoda Taylor; Abilene, North Park, Mrs. B. F. Oliver; Abilene, South Side, Mrs. R. C. Lewis; Abilene, Sunset, Mrs. Austin; Abilene, Temple, Mrs. Geo. Ayers; Abilene, University, Mrs. R. M. White; Blackwell, Mrs. J. W. Reynolds; Buffalo Gap, Mrs. Halford.

Song: "I Love to Tell the Story." Caps, Mrs. Clyde Jackson; Maryneal, Mrs. Bascom Hartgraves; Merkel, Mrs. T. E. Collins; Nolan, Mrs. Betty Buchanan; Ovalo, Mrs. W. D. Green; Sweetwater, First, Mrs. Z. C. Steakley; Sweetwater, Lamar, Mrs. H. J. Woolridge; Tye, Mrs. Jewel Cochran; Tuscola, Mrs. J. N. Anderson.

Song. Corresponding Secretary-Treasurer's Report—Mrs. Bryan Ball. Announcements.

Lunch. 1:00, Song Service and Prayer.

Business Session. Report of Chairmen of Standing Committees: Personal Service, Mrs. Taggart; Mission Study, Mrs. W. S. Daniel; Missions, Mrs. J. H. Dean; Christian Education, Mrs. J. R. Fielder; Talk on Student Loan Fund, Mrs. J. M. Chandler; Benevolence, Mrs. S. J. T. Williams; Periodicals, Mrs. W. E. Ryan; Young People, Mrs. B. N. Shepherd.

Our Young People—Rev. W. C. Ashford.

Stewardship—Mrs. Bill Haynes. Report of Committees. Reading of Minutes—Mrs. Bert Low.

Closing Prayer. Bring Lunch.

We can preserve our liberties only by the religious education of our youth.—George Washington.

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RAMBLING REMARKS

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his feet on the ground. The doctor had the man's shirt opened from the collar to the belt, and with the help of the sunlight, was giving him a close examination. I stopped as near the doctor as I could and following his actions began to see what I could see about his exposed chest. The doctor straightened up, rubbed his chin thoughtfully for a moment and then in a slow drawl remarked, "I don't see much indication of it, but you may have the small-pox." What he said after that I do not know for as slow as he talked I had passed the Gray lumber yard and was even with the Mason gin four blocks away before he could get to it. I never stopped until I got home, and empty handed for that is one time I forgot everything I was sent to town after. . . . After my breath had caught up with me I asked Mother how long after you were exposed to smallpox before you would break out. Rather indifferently she said she thought it was about nine days. I am sure I aged nine years in that next nine days. During that period my curiosity complex stood at exactly zero, and after the period of anxiety had safely passed it returned to some degree but, like the bird with the broken wing, it never soared so high again.

PROGRAM

Quarterly Meeting of W. M. U. of Fisher County Association. April 11, 1939, 10 A. M. Spring Creek Baptist Church at Hobbs.

Devotional—Mrs. W. W. Faulkenberry.

Accordion Solo—Mrs. E. F. Gilbert. Reports of Committees. Reports of Presidents.

Message—Mrs. J. B. Buckley, president of District W. M. U. Noon—Bring a dish. Devotional—Mrs. J. C. Parks. Solo—Mrs. William Taylor.

Playlet—Rolan Sunbeams. Message, Youth—Mrs. A. M. Josey. Business.

Adjournment.

Opportunity and opposition live on the same street.—Joseph P. Boone.

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HAROLD RUSS, Pastor.

ELMDALE

Remember—April 9, B. T. U. high attendance day. Our goal is 75. Time, 7:15.

Our Spring Revival begins Monday. Our study course will be the week of April 24.

Sunday is the Lord's Day. Let's be at His house.

Finis A. Williams, Pastor.

SENTENCES BY ARTHUR FLAKE, Authority on Sunday School Building

Brother Department Superintendent, if you are only devoting one hour and a quarter to your Sunday School

Sunday morning, stop wondering why you do not get the results you desire. You cannot. It is impossible. It requires seven days in each week to run a Sunday School.

No Sunday School can reach and bless the people as it should unless the officers, teachers and pupils visit the sick and irregular members of the Sunday School when they are absent.

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