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THE DISTRICT W. M. U. MEETING AT LAMESA

This issue of the West Texas Baptist is being devoted largely to the Abilene District W. M. U. Meeting which is to be held on April 19th and 20th with the First Baptist Church of Lamesa. Pastor Ross A. Smith and his good wife are planning to entertain the visitors in a great fashion. There is not a church in the entire West that has made greater progress than has the Lamesa church under the leadership of these workers. All Lamesa joins with the Baptists of that rapidly growing south plains city in extending a welcome to all visitors. The Abilene District comprises a large area in the heart of West Texas, and a large attendance is expected at this meeting.

OUR ADVERTISERS

This week the West Texas Baptist is featuring the city of Lamesa and the Baptist work in that section. The Lamesa merchants have very generously patronized the paper this issue, which is greatly appreciated. Several hundred copies of the paper are being circulated in Dawson county this week. We are asking these readers to read carefully these ads and patronize the advertisers.

We are also carrying in this issue a number of new advertising cards from the business and professional men of Abilene. The West Texas Baptist is appreciative of this patronage. A number of Abilene advertisers have consistently advertised in this paper since its beginning over two years ago, thus making it possible for the paper to continue publication. This paper is being read each week by about ten thousand readers and we feel that any advertising patronage given it will justify the merchants who use the space.

IF I WERE A PREACHER

By M. H. WOLFE, Dallas, Texas

If I were a preacher I would open my eyes and see what is the matter with Southern Baptists. I would look around and find the reason the people are not putting up the money to support the denominational enterprises. If I were a preacher I would not be like the man who was blind because he refused to see. If I were a Baptist preacher I would remember that some fifty years ago there was a great host of Baptists in this country known as hardshells. I would recall that the chief asset of the Hardshell Baptist was to wash feet and fight, and refuse to obey the great commission. I would acknowledge that the Hardshell brethren had a perfect right to follow that selfish course, but I would have sense enough to see that it was a suicidal denominational policy and that only a handful of hardshells Baptists are left to tell the tale. From observing the Hardshells I would learn the great lesson that if Baptists want to commit denominational suicide let them fight and put the soft pedal on faith destroying doctrines and side-track our great missionary enterprises and put the emphasis on other secondary matters.

If I were a preacher I would be able to see that our State missionary work, our home mission work, and our foreign mission work have been swamped by the denominational machinery being turned into collecting agencies that failed to collect.

A Lost Sense of Responsibility, Our Supreme Peril

There have been many efforts made to account for the great aftermath of the war and its fearful results. There have no doubt been many contributing causes, but I am sure one of the greatest of these is a lost sense of responsibility on the part of our people. It is not difficult for one to see that in many relations of life, there has been a letting down of the high ideals, the sacred standards which have prevailed in the past.

Not to be too comprehensive, I venture to suggest that there has been a lost sense of responsibility upon the part of many of our people, as to:

1. Authority. The great revolution which has been raging in the realm of the moral and the social and the political world, has also reached the religious world. Many are scouting the divine authority of God's Word, rejecting its inspiration, disbelieving the Virgin Birth of Christ, His blood atonement and everything which we have regarded as necessary and fundamental. It is not strange therefore, that when once the anchor has been lifted as regards religious authority, that there should be chaos and anarchy in the political, social and moral realms. The laws of the land are disregarded, the social standards are cast to the winds, and moral standards are slipping. In the state school, home and church, authority is discounted.

2. Good Citizenship. There are many responsibilities resting upon our good citizens, and among these are the duty to obey all laws, to enforce all laws, to vote for good men and women for office, to give encouragement and aid to those charged with enforcing the laws. In many quarters are to be found those who do not live up to these sacred duties. Some violate the prohibition law, or the law regulating traffic because they do not like them. This is sowing the seed of anarchy. We have a Sunday law on the statute book of this state, but in most of our cities theaters and picture shows run all day on Sunday in violation of the law. We have sworn officials who have taken an oath to enforce the laws, who make no effort to enforce this law. Many citizens attend these places and thus become supporters and well wishers of this disregard for law enforcement. It may be that in some instances officers have sought to enforce the laws, and juries have turned loose the violators of the law,

and the officers have become discouraged and despaired of enforcing the law. There is upon every good citizen not only the duty of obeying all laws, but of giving encouragement to the enforcement of all laws.

3. In the Home. It is the settled conviction of all thinkers of the day that the greatest thing which has contributed to the lost sense of responsibility in all the relations of life, is the failure of the homes of the land to function. If the homes fail to inculcate the fundamental lessons of respect for authority, the sacredness of life, the duties of citizens, there is no other agency which can correct this evil. In many homes today there is no authority. Each one is a law unto himself. It is not strange therefore, that there should be a great weakness in society failed to function as they ought, in as a whole, when the homes have imparting wholesome and helpful lessons.

4. In the Church. We are supposed to take a solemn covenant when we come into the church, that we will sustain its worship, support its work to the uttermost parts of the earth. A lost sense of responsibility on the part of too many today, enables them to sooth their conscience when they stay away from the prayer meeting, when they are absent from the Sunday evening service, or when they fail to give the financial support they promised to give. The treasurer's books in our churches tell some pathetic stories, and indeed reveal some very painful facts. If we could succeed in enlisting even ninety per cent of our people in the work of the church, what a new day would come to our Zion.

5. To a Lost World. The most humiliating thought of all comes to us today as we behold our Southern Baptist people retrenching, retrenching year after year in its Foreign Missions operations. With unparalleled opportunities confronting us, we ought to be going forward enlarging our operations steadily. Not only our Foreign Mission operations disparage us, but our Home Mission situation is little better. We surely must face the situation with an agonizing cry for a turn in the tide of affairs. A sense of responsibility for the conversion of a lost world, if realized and honestly lived up to on the part of Southern Baptists, would bring a new outlook to our people and a new day to many a church and indi-

vidual member. Is it not about time for us to wake up and face the situation with a cry for the Lord of Hosts to re-vision us and properly relate us to a lost world. W. T. Rouse

MISS LUCILE REAGAN WRITES FROM LAGOS, AFRICA

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pastor baptize more than fifty candidates, three of whom were boys from the mission yard.

We have all except our Sunday preaching services in the school room. At first I did not consider it so wise but I have noticed for more than a year now that our school boys and girls will drop into the school for the services held there and then after coming they will begin to attend the church service at the church and so gradually are brought into regular attendance on the services. Of course they are taught Bible in the school and we can truly say that the school is one of our best means of bringing to the people the message of the Gospel.

It is such a joy to work here! Things are hard when you know that for a comparatively small expense so much more efficient work could be done, but there is such a joy in the service, Miss Elam and I are arranging the classes in school so that she and I teach all the Bible. Between us we will teach four hundred children Bible five days a week. Then on the side there is the B. Y. P. U. and Sunday school and church work. During the last two weeks of this holiday season we are having study courses from 4-7. Miss Elam is taking the "People Called Baptists" and I am taking the Sunday School Manual, while two others are teaching the senior and intermediate manuals.

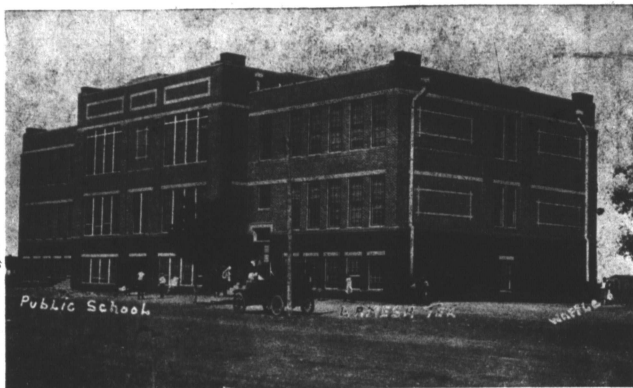
The First Church has voted to put in the six-point grade system in the Sunday school and have elected as the new Sunday School Superintendent one of the young men who took the course and got his King's Teacher Diploma in the course we had before Christmas. One of our greatest needs just now is teachers and preachers. Our college and seminary has calls for two and three times the number of students she is able to graduate. In our Standard Seven next year here, five of our six boys are Baptists. Will you join me in prayer that God will, if it is best, impress their hearts with the desire to become teachers and preachers and turn their hearts and minds to the college and seminary where they may receive the right training.

Yours in the Master's Service,
LUCILE REAGAN.

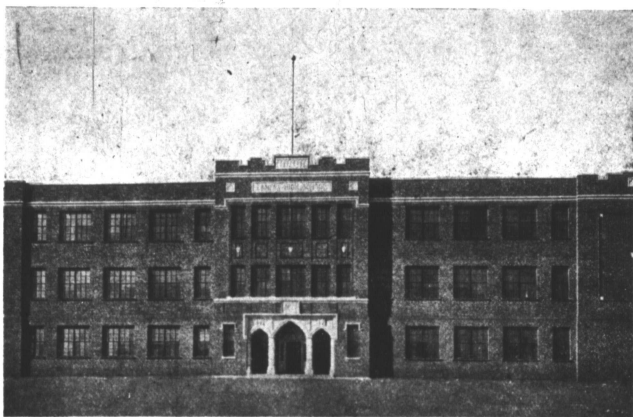
J. Ollie Hux, young evangelist, and Jas. M. Chandler, both of Abilene, have just closed a good meeting at Rowena, in Runnels county. This is a strong German and Bohemian community with catholicism predominating in a religious way. The meeting was held in the Presbyterian church building. The first night there were only ten people present, but the crowds increased and a good meeting was held. This was the first Baptist meeting to be held in the town in over four years. These young preachers are now conducting a meeting in the west part of Abilene.

The churches in Graham are in the midst of a united evangelistic campaign in that city. Services are being held at each of the church and a concentrated effort is being made to win the lost and upbuild the religious atmosphere of the community. Rev. C. E. Lancaster of Coleman, is assisting Pastor W. E. B. Lockridge and the First Baptist Church. C. A. Russell has charge of the singing.

Work on the basement of the new church building at Buffalo Gap is now being rushed to completion, and the first service in the basement will be held in the near future. Pastor Wilkerson and this little band of workers have been heroic in their efforts to complete this building. The stone in the building were hewn from the mountain side by the pastor and hauled to the ground and prepared for the building.



One of Lamesa's Public School Buildings.



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LAMESA IS CAPITAL OF VAST EXPANDING WESTERN REGION

The First Baptist Church, Lamesa, has had over 600 additions in a little over three years. When one reads this statement he at once begins to look around for a reason for this phenomenal growth. There is a reason—in fact two of them. One of them is the pastor of the church. Before coming to Lamesa from the Providence Heights Church, Waco, where he was pastor five years, Ross A. Smith had been successfully laboring in the eastern part of the state. He heard the call of the west and came to a work at Lamesa that was greatly needing leadership of his type. He has the characteristic western spirit of aggressiveness and friendliness. He knows how to preach the gospel, and he preaches it. During these three years he has rallied the religious forces in that section in a great way and the fact that the religious development in that section has kept pace with the commercial growth is due largely to his leadership.

The other "reason" for the remarkable growth of the church is that the folks have gone to that section by the thousands, and being folks of the right sort, they naturally lined up with the religious forces and joined the churches there.

A Great Commercial Growth. Lamesa is the terminus of one branch of the Santa Fe railroad. In 1920 the population was only 1,188. In less than seven years this population has jumped to over 5,000. The city has one of the largest trade territories of any city in the state. This vast trade territory together with the fact that Dawson county is one of the best farming counties in the state, accounts for the rapid growth of the city.

Some interesting facts have been brought out in regard to the county. The county has approximately 576,000 acres of land, ninety-five percent of which is tillable land. This means that 547,200 acres could be placed in cultivation. In 1920 there were less than 50,000 acres in cultivation in the county. This has been increased to around 200,000, with an increase in population of 4,300 in 1920 to 16,000 in 1925. In 1920 the county raised 4,265 bales of cotton; in 1925 the ginning receipts were 51,000 bales. At the rapid rate at which the county is growing it can be readily seen that within a few years that section will be producing an enormous amount of cotton.

Dawson county does not depend on cotton altogether. Farmers are paying more attention to poultry, hogs, dairy cows, fruits and vegetables. Many farmers in the county are paying their living expenses from the sale of the products.

Good Homes and Schools. Dawson county has one of the best rural school systems to be found in West Texas. The county has eight high schools, each with brick building costing not less than \$20,000. There are twenty-five other rural school buildings in the county, all modern and well equipped. Twenty-six of these schools are receiving state aid. Dawson county is one of the two counties in the state that has a one-dollar school tax in every district. Fisher county is the other county with this record.

Lamesa has a splendid high school with 24 1-2 units of affiliation, and a modern building costing a quarter of a million dollars.

The third Sunday in April will be "every member" day at Drasco. The church is working to have every member present that day for a roll call. Dr. R. C. Pender will preach at the morning hour, a Simmons University special workers program is scheduled for the afternoon, and Dr. W. F. Fry of the Bible department of Simmons will preach at the evening hour. Dinner will be served on the ground.

FISHER COUNTY ASSOCIATION

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All the people who attended the Workers Conference at Sardis last Monday was agreed on it being one of the best we have ever had. The speakers of the day were Emory Scott, C. F. Bryant, D. G. Reid, Fred Clark and B. A. Etheridge. Ernest Cleveland had charge of the song service. The W. M. U. rendered a splendid program, those who took part were: Mrs. Phil J. Little, Mrs. R. N. Hughes, Mrs. D. G. Reid, Mrs. C. G. Campbell, and closed with some very timely remarks by the president, Mrs. Guy McNeel. At the noon hour we all took part at the Filling Station. The good women of Sardis knows just how to serve a hungry crowd. The next meeting will be with Pastor D. G. Reid and the good church at Roby.

Pastor Fred Clark led the church at Rotan in a great study course last week. There were more than fifty in attendance, more than twenty came from Sardis.

The B. Y. P. U. work is taking on new life in our Association. Cross Roads, Hinton and Avelon have all organized and are running in high. Rev. N. W. Pitts of Simmons preached at McCauley last Sunday night. Rev. Bradford of Simmons preached at Pledger Saturday night. Rev. Chester Johnson of Simmons visited the Workers' Conference at Sardis.

Pastor I. J. Duff preached a great sermon at Cross Roads Sunday night on "The Mind of Christ."

Pastor C. F. Bryant of Sylvester baptised three candidates last Sunday.

AN APPRECIATION OF MRS. PAUL T. VICKERS

In the going of Mrs. Paul T. Vickers to Brownsville the first of the year, the W. M. U. of Big Spring Association lost one of its faithful and loyal officers, our president.

In our last meeting at East Third, the present president and secretary were asked to write resolutions of appreciation for the W. M. U.

Be it resolved: First, that we felt a great loss in your going from us. Second, We sincerely appreciate the service you rendered while serving us as president.

Third, We rejoice that God has led you back to our association, to work with us again.

Fourth, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to Mrs. Paul T. Vickers, and one to the West Texas Baptist.

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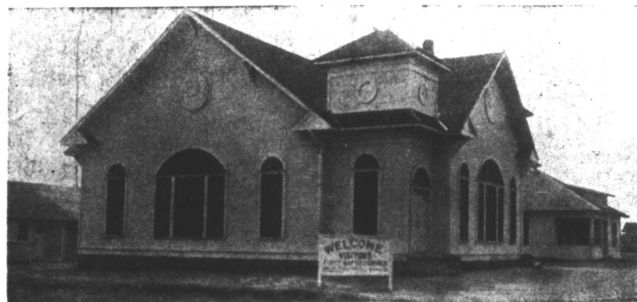
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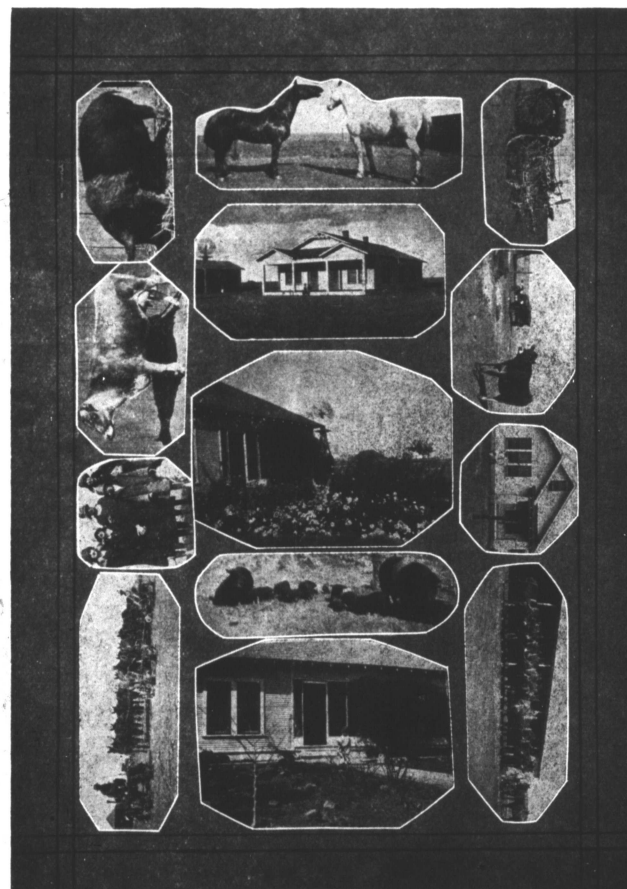
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News Notes

Rev. J. Perry King of Abilene is in
a meeting this week with Pastor
Frank McNair and the Lockett church
in Wilbarger county.

The Workers' Conference of the
Sweetwater Association met Monday
with the Mt. Olivet Church, south of
Sweetwater.

Pastor Geo. F. Brown is in a meet-
ing this week with a church in East
Texas. He stopped off in Abilene for
a day to visit his son who is a stu-
dent in Simmons.

Nearly forty-seven million persons
are now members of churches in the
United States. The gain in member-
ship last year was 800,000, the largest
in several years.

The churches in the Callahan asso-
ciation contributed \$2,500 to the con-
quest campaign, and a drive is now
being made for the spring mission col-
lections.

The First Baptist Church, Abilene,
is putting on a great budget program.
1470 members of the church have sub-
scribed \$40,524 on the budget. The
goal is \$45,000.

Pastor C. E. Ball is getting a good
start with his work with the First
Church, Rule. A local budget has
been put on and plans are under way
for a three-weeks Sunday School and
W. M. S. training school.

Budget Director R. A. Scranton
visited the Workers' meeting of the
Young County Association on the 4th
of April. A varied and interesting
program was rendered by the
brethren.

Rev. V. W. Tatum, student in Sim-
mons, has accepted the call of the
church at Ovalo, Texas, for half time.
Brother Tatum has resigned as pastor
at Weiner, Haskell Association, and
is now available for one-fourth or
half time.

Rev. Fred Cole, a graduate of Sim-
mons University, has recently been
called as pastor of the church at Sier-
ra Blanca, and has just closed a good
meeting with the church. He is also
pastor at Clint, in the El Paso Asso-
ciation.

The Lamar Street Church, Sweet-
water, has begun work on a new
church building. The basement has
been excavated and the other work
is going right on. Last Sunday the
church raised in cash and pledges
over \$1,500 for the building.

Rev. W. H. Howell of Simmons has
been called to the Cottonwood Church,
a good live, one half time work, with
one hundred and forty members. This
church called this noble man of God
as a pastor, then took a fine collec-
tion for the conquest campaign. They
are hopeful of a good year ahead.

Evangelist John R. Rice was in a
good meeting with Pastor J. C. Mc-
Kenzie and the Nugent Church last
week. They are in a meeting this
week with the Tuscola Church, of
which Brother McKenzie is pastor.
The meeting will continue for two
weeks.

Missionary John W. Newsom of the
Sweetwater Association was with the
Lamar Street Church, Sweetwater,
last week in a few days service. This
week he is in a meeting with the Neill
church south of Abilene. He is sched-
uled to hold a meeting at Colony Hill
next week.

Rev. W. H. Jackson writes from
Miami: "Am glad to be back in Texas.
To me there is no state like my native
state, Texas. New Mexico is fine,
but Texas is finer. My work starts
off nicely in Miami. Lots of fine
people here ready to work and sacri-
fice for the cause."

Evangelist W. C. Ashford who has
been supplying the pulpit at the First
Baptist Church, San Angelo, has just
closed a good meeting with that
church. Brother Ashford has been
doing a very constructive work dur-
ing the three months he has been
there. He is in a meeting at this time
with Pastor Heard and the First
Church, Big Spring.

Evangelist Jim Cramer of Denver,
Colorado, and Singer McCravy, are
leading in a revival meeting with the
First Church, Abilene. The meeting
began on the First Sunday and will
continue through the fourth Sunday.
The evangelist is going down the line
fighting sin, and the meeting is grow-
ing in interest daily.

Rev. R. Neal Greer, who recently
accepted the call of the church at Ris-
ing Star, has begun work on that
field. Brother Greer was pastor of
this church for some time, resigning
the work to go to Rule. The church
gave \$1,370 on the conquest campaign,
and monthly remittances are being
made to the general co-operative
work. The membership is 400.

Dr. W. R. White of the Southwest-
ern Seminary was with Pastor C. A.
Powell and the College Heights
Church, Abilene, in a fine meeting,
recently. Dr. White, who is to be-
come pastor of the First Church,
Greenville, June 1st, is one of the
most able preachers that has come
this way in a long time. The College
Heights Church has been greatly
strengthened by his coming.

Extensive plans are being made for
the home coming for the Hodges
church in Jones county. All former
pastors and former members of the
church are invited to be present. The
West Texas Baptist will carry a story
in the near future about this splendid
church and its beautiful new modern
building. The home coming will be on
fifth Sunday in May.

Rev. Lawrence Fitzgerald, senior in
Simmons University, will conduct a
young people's evangelistic meeting
with the First Baptist Church, El
Paso, beginning April 10th. Brother
Fitzgerald, who is president of the
Baptist Students Union of Texas, has
won distinction as a college debator
and is one of our most promising
young ministers.

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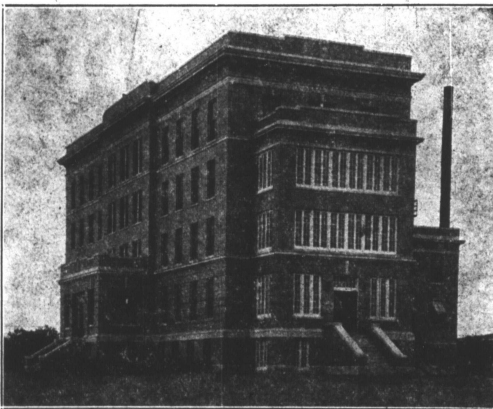
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State B. Y. P. U. Convention Meets at San Antonio Nov. 19; Large Crowd Expected

President John L. Boggs, will call the convention to order Thursday morning, November 24 at 10 o'clock sharp. The motto adopted by the convention is "Forward With Christ." The convention aims to: "100 per cent of Texas B. Y. P. U. members trained to be efficient church workers and effective, personal, individual, conversational soul-winners."

The last time the State B. Y. P. U. convention met in San Antonio was June 23 and 24, 1926. Rev. A. J. Harris was president at that time. There were only a few B. Y. P. U. in the state but the convention was an inspiring and up-lifting one. There are 4,000 B. Y. P. U.'s in Texas now with a membership of 118,000. Every one of these B. Y. P. U.'s should be represented at this great convention.

San Antonio Baptists are making large plans to take care of all messengers and visitors. Bed and breakfast will be provided free to all messengers and visitors attending the convention. A large committee has already been appointed to secure homes and this committee informs us that homes will be plenty and to spare to all who come. Mr. Frank Cunningham is chairman of the committee and all who wish to secure a home should write him, care First Baptist church, San Antonio.

San Antonio is a beautiful city with many interesting and attractive parks. It is worth a trip across the state of Texas to see the Alamo and the many other historic buildings. This is Texas Baptist young people's opportunity to see this beautiful city and this great section of the state.

The program follows:

Thursday Morning, November 24
8:00—Registration. Everyone should register. Registration fee \$1.00.

10:00—Convention called to order by President John L. Boggs.

10:05—Music, Mr. Robert Jolly, Houston, director; Mr. John Josey, Seminary Hill, pianist.

10:20—Organ selection by Prof. John Josey.

10:30—Welcome address, Dr. L. E. Gates, pastor First Baptist church, San Antonio.

10:45—Response to welcome address, Wright Chennault, Fort Arthur.

11:00—Address, "The B. Y. P. U. Force in Growing Denominational Schools," Dr. Edgar Godbold, president Howard Payne Baptist College, Brownwood.

11:30—Special organ selection, Prof. John Josey.

Thursday Afternoon, November 24
2:00—Departmental conference. (See program on pages.)

Thursday Night, November 24
7:30—Music, Robert Jolly and John Josey.

7:30—Illustrated song, Mrs. Cecil Osborne, Sherman.

7:35—Address, Dr. S. P. Brooks, Waco.

8:05—Special music.

8:10—Sermon, Dr. Marshall Craig, Dallas.

Friday Morning, November 25
9:00—Music, Robert Jolly and John Josey.

9:20—Open conference directed by Secretary T. C. Gardner.

10:00—"The B. Y. P. U. and Missions," Dr. A. L. Aulick, pastor University Baptist church, Austin.

10:30—Special music.

10:35—Address, "The Pastor and His Young People," Dr. W. M. Wright, Paris.

11:05—Address, Dr. F. S. Groner, Dallas.

11:40—Special music.

11:45—Sermon, Dr. Marshall Craig, Dallas.

Friday Afternoon, November 25
2:00—Departmental conferences. (See program on pages.)

Friday Night, November 25
7:00—Song service, Robert Jolly and John Josey.

7:15—Address, Dr. J. C. Hardy, Belton.

7:40—Special music.

7:45—Texas B. Y. P. U. work by T. C. Gardner.

8:05—Introduction of district B. Y. P. U. presidents and state workers.

8:20—Address, Dr. T. L. Holcomb, Sherman.

Saturday Morning, November 26
9:00—Song service, Robert Jolly and John Josey.

9:20—Election of officers.

9:35—Report of time and place for 1928 convention.

9:40—"The Resurrection," Miss Corrie Landers, San Antonio.

9:50—Address, E. J. Wright, Richmond, Va.

10:20—Open conference directed by Miss Grace Conn.

10:45—Special music.

10:50—Address, Dr. L. J. Van Ness, corresponding secretary Baptist messengers.

Sunday school board, Nashville, Tenn.

11:25—Special music.

11:30—Address, "Is Christianity Reasonable?" Dr. Wallace Bassett, Dallas.

Saturday Afternoon, November 26
2:00—Departmental conferences. (See program on pages.)

Saturday Night, November 26
7:00—Song service, Robert Jolly and John Josey.

7:20—Awarding the efficiency and attendance banners.

7:35—Address, Dr. Marshall Craig, Dallas.

8:05—Special music.

8:15—Address, "Forward With Christ," Wallace Bassett, Dallas.

JONES COUNTY LEADS IN SUBSCRIPTION CONTEST

Standing of the Associations	
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Taylor County	25,000
Concho Valley	18,000
Rumels	8,000
Brownfield	8,000
Stonewall	8,000

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Where both papers are placed in every home in the church, the subscription is \$2.00 and each subscription counts 2,500.

Prizes
\$50.00 in cash will be given to the Association sending in the largest number of subscriptions.

\$50.00 in cash will be given the individual or organization that sends in the largest number of subscriptions.

\$30.00 will be given to the second and \$20.00 to the third winner in the individual or organization contest.

Any B. Y. P. U., W. M. U. or individual church may compete for the last three prizes.

WINSETT IN REVIVAL AT DOUGLAS, ARIZ.

The Winsett evangelistic party of Abilene, Texas, are now in the historic town of Douglas, Arizona, of Amie McPherson fame. They are in a revival with pastor Ben Matthews and the First Baptist church. They report that they find Ben Matthews an old time Baptist of the fundamental sort and holds to the old time Baptist teachings of every sort on baptism, the Lord's supper and the whole business. Matthews tells us that there is not a Baptist pastor in Arizona who is a Modernist and that only one or two waver on some of our fundamental teachings.

Douglas is one of the great melting centers of the southwest and reputes itself as being the second largest city on the Mexican border. There is one Baptist church of some three hundred members, and the work is experiencing growing pains under the leadership of the pastor.

A large Sunday school annex has recently been added to the church building, giving additional seating capacity to the auditorium, as well as housing a growing Bible school.

Much comment is still heard here for and against "Amie." The "Nigger Head" mountain made famous by her appearance there is pointed out to visitors as the place where she was first "lo-ca-ted."

The meeting here is taking hold in a great way. Winsett is doing some of the best preaching of his life, and crowds are coming in goodly numbers to hear the message. His western style appeals to the people and they hear him gladly. The Baptist church here is unusual in that they will not allow card players and dancers to teach in the Sunday school, nor will they allow such singing in the choir. Another church on the same block has a band that regularly dances. The two "extremes" in religion here have no fellowship, but why should they?

The campaign here will continue till the Convention meets at Wichita Falls.

ELECT EDUCATIONAL AND CHAIR DIRECTOR

Miss Lillian Hancock, recently of Jacksonville, Texas, has been secured to direct the choir at the First Baptist Church of Big Spring. Miss Hancock comes with an enviable reputation as a singer. This summer she studied in New York under the distinguished Duddy Buck. In addition to such excellent training Miss Hancock is also an experienced choir director, having directed the choir at the Temple Baptist Church, Houston for three years, and a choir at Palestine, Texas, for four years.

In addition to directing the choir Miss Hancock will, at both morning and night services, sing a solo, or furnish some special numbers to be rendered by some of her pupils or by members of the choir. The pastor, Rev. D. H. Heard is highly elated over the bright prospect of a splendid choir.

GENE TUNNEY'S ADVICE TO BOYS

Gene Tunney, heavyweight champion of the world, broke his characteristic silence at Dayton, Ohio recently and told some 6,000 news carriers the way to success.

Climbing from a marine who fought for \$30 a month to the gentle of the ring with a million-dollar valuation on his services, Gene Tunney's admonition appeared to register.

The first bit of advice he gave was not to smoke, because, he said, smoking kills the appetite and three square meals a day are absolutely necessary to proper development.

"Early to bed" was Tunney's second tip.

"Never take a drink of alcoholic liquor," was the next in line.

Fourth in his catechism was this: "Don't use profane language. It's a vulgarity for cowards only."

And lastly: "Have the will to win and you will win."—Miami Chief.

Merkel Sunday School Workers



The workers in the above pictures look pleased, and well they may; for they are members of the Merkel Sunday School and had a part in making this one of the leading schools in the Southern Baptist Convention.

Baptist Sanitarium Makes Good Report To Convention

During the year beginning September first, 1926 and closing August thirty-first, 1927 we have, without the shadow of a doubt, and the leadership of the Holy Spirit. The good Lord has blessed us with great blessings in such a great measure that we cannot begin to tell the things He has done for us. Through His leadership and blessings we are able to report substantial growth during this period of time. We would give Him the praise and all the glory—we do ascribe it all to Him.

Our growth has been steady thru the three years in which we have operated. During the first year we ministered to 876 patients; during the second year to 1086; while during the year that has just closed, 1508 patients were admitted. We are, day by day, winning a larger place in the hearts and in the lives of all the people who live in our section. Twenty-four physicians and surgeons have been included in our staff during the year.

Those To Whom We Administered
Number of patients admitted: surgical cases, 1041; medical cases, 376; obstetrical cases, 91. Total cases 1508.

Number of male patients, 670; number of female patients, 838. Total patients, 1508.

Ages of patients: New born to 1 year, 106; 1 year to 6 years, 67; 7 years to 12 years, 104; 13 years to 20 years, 237; 21 years to 30 years, 609; 31 years to 40 years, 271; 41 years to 50 years, 92; 51 years to 60 years, 66; 61 years to 70 years, 43; 71 years to 80 years, 13. Total 1508.

Religious persuasion: Baptists, 345; Methodists, 168; Christians, 102; Church of Christ, 45; Presbyterian, 25; Catholics, 6; Christian Science, 1; Other denominations, 15; no church relationship, 781. Total, 1508.

It will be seen that our helping hand has been extended to men and women of all ages and to various religious persuasions.

The Spiritual Life
The doors of this institution are always open for the various ministrations of the Lord, that they may come and go at all hours of the day or night. They have been glad indeed in their ministrations as they have brought comfort to the sorrowing and hope to the sick and suffering.

Services are held daily in the nurse's hall and twice each week in the hospital. We are all fundamentalists—believe the whole Bible put in the Master's commission. Our supervising nurses are all Christians, while a large per cent of our student nurses are likewise Christians.

Our Equipment And Our Service
While our institution is not so large as some others, yet the equipment that has been installed and the service we render is second to none. Our X-Ray equipment alone cost \$14,000. No better can be found in our state. Our operating room is equipped in a first class way. Our corps of nurses, both graduate and student, are of the highest type of womanhood and their training is of the first order.

The New Management
Brother L. A. Sanders is our superintendent. Since he and his good family came the work has gone forward by leaps and bounds. This is truly a great Christian institution run on Christian principles.

Our Needs
Shall we tell you of our needs? Just so long as we live, just so long as we serve, just so long as we minister to the sick and suffering among those about us—just that long will we be in need. Our total indebtedness is around \$100,000. We need money with which to meet this indebtedness. We need money for charity, other improvements and equipment. God will provide it in His own good time and in His own good way.

FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
—By S. F. Baucum, Field Sec'y.

FORMER WEST TEXAN IS TEACHER IN TENNESSEE

I am getting hungry for some Texas news. When you last heard from me I lived at Doyle, Tenn. I am now principal of Watauga Academy at Butler, Tenn. This is one of the mountain schools of the Southern Baptist Convention.

I moved to Clyde, N. C. the first of June to become principal of one of our schools but I had been on the field only one week when I received notice that the Home Board had closed the school. We began our school here on August 23rd. We have an enrollment of only seventy three pupils.

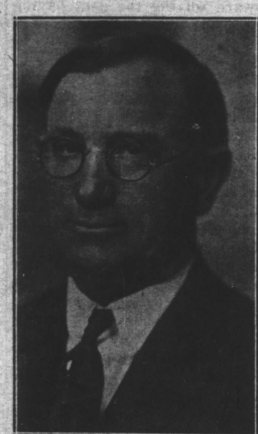
I like school work just fine, but not quite so well as I like church work. I preach every Sunday. I am pastor of two good country churches. These churches are not over five miles from Butler.

You will find a check for two dollars and fifty cents. I want the West Texas Baptist and the Baptist Standard.

C. A. TODD.

Merkel Church Is Third In South To Reach The Advanced Standard S. S.

The First Baptist Church, Merkel has the distinction of being one of the three churches in the Southern Baptist Convention to reach the Advanced Standard. Rev. Ira L. Parrock, pastor of the Merkel Church gives the following interesting facts as to how this was accomplished:



REV. IRA L. PARROCK,
Pastor First Baptist Church, Merkel

CONFERENCE ON STEWARDSHIP BE HELD AT SANTONE

Every pastor in Texas should attend the state stewardship and budget conferences which will be held in San Antonio, Texas, in connection with the state B. Y. P. U. convention, November 24-26. Two hours will be given to these conferences each day the convention is in session. The conference will be held in the new auditorium of the First Baptist Church. The program follows:

Thursday, November 24
2:00 P. M.—Devotional, R. A. Scanton.

2:15 P. M.—"Stewardship of Life"—A. L. Aulick, Austin.

2:45 P. M.—Conference Period.

3:30 P. M.—"Gathering up the Threads"—John L. Whorton, Longview.

4:00 P. M.—Adjournment.

Friday, November 25
2:00 P. M.—Scripture reading and special music—Grady Metcalf, Texarkana.

2:15 P. M.—"Stewardship of the Gospel"—R. A. Scanton.

2:45 P. M.—Conference Period.

3:30 P. M.—"Settling the Big Question"—Geo. J. Mason, Dallas.

4:00 P. M.—Adjournment.

Saturday, November 26
2:00 P. M.—Devotional—G. A. Carlton, Waco.

2:15 P. M.—"Stewardship of Possession"—R. L. Powell, San Marcos.

2:45 P. M.—Conference Period.

3:30 P. M.—"What Now?"—F. S. Groner, Dallas.

4:00 P. M.—Adjournment.

CONCERNING EXTENSION OF TIME FOR THE FALL ROUNDUP

F. S. Groner

Numerous requests have come to our office from certain points in Texas, especially from the Plains and Panhandle, urging that we keep our books open until after the first Sunday in November. Our auditor insists that we close our books November 3rd, thus giving enough time after the close of the convention year to get the funds to our office.

However, after consulting with members of the Executive Committee of our Board, and with the Executive Committee of the Conquest Campaign, it has been decided to announce that a supplementary report will be made at the convention the morning of Friday, November 18th, of all funds received on either the Co-operative Program or the Conquest Campaign after the closing of November 17th.

When the list of churches is published in the Standard December 1st, showing the amount contributed by each church for both causes, the supplementary amount remitted after the closing of the books, and up to and including November 17th, will be given along with the other funds received before the close of the convention year.

Let the brethren take notice of this arrangement and press the campaign right on to the convention, making final remittances to the office at Dallas, or to our treasurer, Mr. Geo. Mason, in care of the Convention at Wichita Falls, by not later than Thursday, November 17th.

The Fifth Sunday meeting of the Rumsels County Association was held with the Oxen Church. At the Saturday morning hour a fine program was rendered. The W. M. U. of the association used the afternoon period to bring reports of the women's work in the association.

"It might be interesting to many people to know how we account for Merkel ever reaching the Advanced Standard with her Sunday School. There are three things that have helped to bring this about. These three things are so interwoven that it is not easy to say which is the more important factor. It is certain that no two of them would have ever made the Sunday School what it is. The three factors that have helped this Sunday School to reach this Standard held, we are told, by only two other Sunday Schools in all the South, are prayer, training and co-operation.

"If we had not had a band of praying men and women that would pray instead of fainting in the face of difficulties we would have failed long ago. There never came a time in our efforts to reach this standard that we could not ask the Lord for anything we needed with the assurance that He would give it to us. Of course we did not sit idly down and tell the Lord our needs. We went in our limit and turned every stone in sight and then we asked the Lord to do the things we could not do. He gave us many of our officers and teachers, and much of our equipment came in direct answer to prayer.

"But I am sure that prayer alone never would have brought us to the Advanced Standard. The Lord teaches us to watch as well as pray, and the same Bible that admonishes us to 'Pray without ceasing' also commands 'Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.' Some ten years ago Mr. Walter Jackson, now with the First Baptist Church of Abilene as educational director, started Merkel on her way to the advanced standard by starting teacher training work here. Possibly Merkel has more 'Blue Seal' holders and more 'Gold Seal' holders and more workers with the 'Master Workman's' degree than any other Sunday School its size in West Texas. This is because Mr. Jackson started the work right. The Lord said a long time ago 'My people perish for lack of knowledge.' This is still true and especially true in Sunday School. We spend their energy in 'misdirected' work. Many well meaning people spend their energy in 'misdirected' channels and see their Sunday School fail. We thank God for the men and women that have prepared for us the teacher training books. Each one of them are masters of the subject they deal with and they are not offering us untried theories but they are giving us tried and practical plans. Our people have succeeded because they knew how to use the inspiration that they found in the prayer hours.

"The third factor that helped win the standard was the fine spirit of co-operation found among our people. We account for this spirit by the fact that the people were a praying people and by the fact that they had studied the work enough to know their own duties and the need of co-operation. None of our people think you can have a first class modern Sunday School without working for it. And our people are learning that it is about as hard to hold this standard as it is to get it. However, our people are working hard to hold this standard not for the sake of the standard but because we have found that every demand of the standard simply makes a more efficient Sunday School. We do not feel that there is any red tape about the two standards held up by the Sunday School Board and we have held the first Standard for ten years. Every department is preparing to ask for the standard award for 1928 as soon as they can and our Sunday School will ask for the advanced Standard as soon as these departments are declared standard for 1928. We like our 1927 banner but we are already looking forward to hanging a 1928 Advanced Standard Banner by its side early in the coming year."

NOTICE TO CHURCHES SEEKING AID FROM THE BOARD

We respectfully call the attention of all churches that may apply for assistance from our Board another year to three important principles by which they should be governed and by which the Board and the headquarters office will be influenced in considering their applications.

1. Every request for aid must be endorsed by the associational board before it will be considered by the State Board.

2. All requests that do not reach the Dallas office in time to be tabulated and considered at the first meeting of the Board, early in December, will be referred to the next quarterly meeting of the Board, which will convene in March, 1928. The headquarters office should not be asked to assume responsibility for making appropriations that can be considered by the Board, and it will not assume authority to consider requests for aid from churches between the first annual meeting of the Board in December and its next quarterly meeting in March following.

3. Only churches that are on the budget for both local support and the denominational Cooperative program will be granted an appropriation. The application from the church must state whether or not it is on the budget as herein provided.

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SOLVING OUR DEBT PROBLEM

The last issue of the Baptist Standard contained some timely articles on the question of caring for our denominational institutions during our present crises. The West Texas Baptist for some time has advocated taking these institutions out of the unified budget as a means of assisting the debt paying program. To the ardent supporters of our unified program this might seem like a drastic measure, but the seriousness of the situation certainly calls for drastic measures. We confidently believe that to take the hospitals and schools out of the budget, at least during the period of the debt paying campaign, will go a long way toward solving the debt paying problem. We would sum up our reasons for believing this as follows:

In the first place it would be a great stimulus for the raising of money to pay our missions debts. Our people generally are sold to the idea of missions—State, Home and Foreign—and a vigorous campaign for missions would meet with a hearty response from the denomination in general and would result in the raising of the crushing debt on all our mission boards. A vast majority of our people are not sold to the idea of Christian education and the constant decline in receipts for mission work since the unified budget was adopted is due, largely to this indifference to educational work.

The taking of our institutions from the unified budget would not only benefit missions but it would aid greatly in the raising of the debts on the institutions. It would allow the management of each of these institutions the opportunity to take advantage of the local appeal in saving them. These institutions are great assets to the communities in which they are located. A local appeal for them would not only meet with a hearty response from the Baptist constituency, but the local business men would respond to the urgent appeal to save them. The objection has been raised that to adopt this plan would turn a flood of field men from the institutions loose on our churches to harass them for money. It is true that some harassing is going to be necessary to pay these debts—a great deal more harassing than has been done so far. As a permanent policy we would not favor going back to the old policy of using the public appeal by field men as a means of raising money. The budget is the only sensible way of financing the kingdom work, and when it is sufficiently developed it will adequately care for all our causes. At the present time, however, it will not meet the serious and urgent need. If this plan were adopted it would not necessarily interfere with the churches that are on the budget. These churches could adopt the general denominational mission budget and then adopt an institutional budget and designate this money wherever they see fit.

Taking the institutions from the budget would also allow the various institutions the opportunity of making an effective appeal to their alumni and ex-students. For example, Baylor University has thousands of alumni all over Texas and the Southland who should be willing to get under the load of helping pay the debt of their alma mater. The same would be true of the other institutions.

It seems to us that it has been thoroughly demonstrated that the present plan of pooling all debts and trying to pay them by a general appeal to denominational loyalty, will not meet the situation. The money that has been paid and pledged for this purpose has been secured at the expense of the regular yearly budget.

We believe every well informed Baptist will readily admit that the dominant message of the New Testament is the missionary message, and the supreme task of the church of Jesus Christ is to preach the unsearchable riches of our risen Lord. We believe thoroughly in Christian education and hospital work, but we do question the wisdom of placing these causes in the same budget with mission work, if in placing them there the cause of missions is made to suffer.

Another reason we would suggest for taking our institutions out of the budget is that it now seems an impossibility to save all our educational institutions. We have now in Texas about ten of these institutions. They have all served a noble mission in our denominational work, but the increasing competition in state education, and the increasing demands of higher standards of efficiency makes the task of trying to save them all a seemingly hopeless one. This plan will give the local constituency and the management of these schools a last opportunity to try to save them and place them on a solid foundation. The only possible hope of saving them at this time is for the local constituency to take them in hand and raise the funds needed for that purpose.

Let us as a great host of cooperating Baptist meet these perplexing issues at the convention at Wichita Falls, not in the spirit of criticism, but in the spirit of Christ and an unselfish love for one another and a lost world.

STATE CONVENTION AT WICHITA FALLS

Next week Texas Baptist will meet at Wichita Falls for their annual state convention. The pastors and laymen conference and the W. M. U. meetings will begin on Tuesday morning, November 15. The convention proper will meet for organization on Wednesday evening, the 16th. A large attendance is expected at this meeting. Many perplexing problems will confront the convention. The constant attacks made recently on the work has caused the fire of criticism and unrest to be kindled anew. It will require, as Pastor Matthews of Mineral Wells says, a great deal of grit, gumption, grace and greenback to solve our problems. There are mountains of difficulties on each side of us; the Red Sea of unrest lies before us; the Egyptian army is hotly pursuing in the rear. What we need now is to stand still and see the glory of God and then heed His glorious command to go forward.

MINERAL WELLS IS NOMINATED

The beautiful little city of Mineral Wells is bidding again this year for the next meeting of the convention. The city is centrally located and makes an ideal place for a convention. We hereby nominate Mineral Wells for the 1928 meeting place for the General Baptist Convention of Texas.

BURDEN BEARING

"Every man shall bear his own burdens."
"Bear ye one another's burdens and thus fulfill the law of Christ."
"Cast thy burden upon the Lord and He shall sustain thee; He will never suffer the righteous to be moved."
There is food for thought in these passages from God's Book for Texas Baptist. To heed their admonition will solve all our problems in a glorious fashion.

LISTEN MR. BUSINESS MAN

Again Roger W. Babson speaks sensible words when he says: "The three greatest institutions or the three greatest forces in the world's history have been the church, Sabbath observance and family prayers. For these three things the churches have stood throughout the ages. The future of America is wrapped up with the future of the churches. Your children are safe, not because the policemen or judges, but because of

preachers. Sweep away the churches and the preachers and America crumbles. Only as long as you back the church and the preachers will America continue to progress along the pathway of her destiny."—Watchman-Examiner.

Missionary preaching will re-create the missionary conscience, and the missionary conscience will call forth the needed missionary funds.

What Do You Know About This?

Taken as a whole, Southern Baptists give decidedly less per capita to the Lord's work than any other large denomination in America. The record for last year shows Southern Baptist averaging \$10.96 each, while the record for other leading denominations showed Southern Methodists giving \$16.23; Southern Presbyterians, \$32.61; Northern Baptists, \$32.49; Northern Presbyterians, \$41.80; and Seventh Day Adventists, \$73.30. The Adventists gave to foreign missions alone last year \$23.43 per capita.

A layman in one of our leading Southern cities, who attends preaching services twice every Sunday, recently expressed a real hunger for missionary sermons, saying he had heard an average of less than one a year for the last ten years, except when a visitor occupied the pulpit. Does such a layman belong to your church?

Southern Baptists spent \$100,000,000 last year on such luxuries as tobacco, soft drinks, candy, ice cream, chewing gum, theaters and similar amusements, sporting goods, jewelry, perfumes and cosmetics, while to all religious purposes they contributed only \$40,000,000. Is it any wonder that God's causes suffer when we put two and one-half times as much money into luxuries as we invest in religion.

Someone has said that one of the chief reasons for the lack of loyalty on the part of so many Baptists to our denominational work is a lack of doctrinal conviction. In other words, it is difficult for one to be loyal to and enthusiastic for a proposition or cause in which he does not thoroughly believe. Baptist people must be more thoroughly indoctrinated before we can expect them to be fully enlisted. We need a widespread revival of doctrinal preaching.

To the treasurer of one of our city churches there recently came on a Sunday morning a layman with an envelope containing a check. "Here is a check," the layman explained, "which I do not want to be applied to my pledge, but to go in as an extra thank offering. God and the sheep have been mighty good to me the past week, and I want to show my appreciation." It developed that the man who is a livestock commission merchant, had made a profit of \$2,500 on a deal the preceding week, and he lost no time in bringing his tithe into the Lord's treasury. When all Baptist laymen are taught to be good stewards of their substance there will be sufficient funds in the Lord's treasury to provide for every need.

Secretary J. T. Henderson of the Baptist Brotherhood is accustomed to make an observation like this: "We take great pride in counting our numbers, but very little pride in making our numbers count." Does there not lie just here the secret of the greatest weakness in our Southern Baptist system—the failure to enlist and develop, through adequate preaching, teaching and personal effort, the members of our churches? The late Dr. J. B. Gambrell used to say, "Baptists are great in going out and evangelizing the people, taking them in the creek and baptizing them, and then laying them out on the bank to dry. And many of them get fearfully dry, too."

At the recent session of the Southern Baptist Convention Dr. Fred F. Brown of the First Baptist Church, Knoxville, told how one of his members who had been peculiarly blessed of the Lord in a business way recently, brought him a special contribution of \$25,000, the contributor making some such statement as the following:

"The Lord has been wonderfully good to me, and I want to show my appreciation by giving this \$25,000 to the Cooperative Program. I want it to go as an extra offering, undesignated, as my brethren know so much better than I do how the money should go. My only request is that my name shall be known only to my pastor and to my Lord." This pastor cultivates and develops his layman and finds great joy in watching them grow.

SWEETWATER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION COLUMN

Charles D. Owens, Missionary
Just one more Sunday before the meeting of the State convention. We have a letter from Dr. Groner, stating that the books will not close November 1st, as was previously announced, but will remain open to November 17th. This has been done in compliance with many requests coming from various sections of the state. Pastors and churches are asking for another Sunday in which to round up a good, substantial offering for our campaign. We trust that every church in our Association will round up a good offering next Sunday, put it in the hands of their messengers to take with them to the Convention. Brethren do this for Christ's sake! See that your church is represented by messengers in the Convention. Make it possible for your pastor to go. Remember that we only have a few days in which to attend to this important matter. Let us begin now!

The missionary found some churches during the six years he spent in Arkansas that were afflicted with the following named members. Brethren I. M. Agniti, A. Titewad, I. Doolittle, I. C. Poverty and Dick Tator also sisters Emma Grouch, Aggie Tator, Emma Tator, Susie Grumbler and Emma Pessimist. This group of ten members have an interesting history. They are "agin" missionary endeavor because they are "titewads." They "doolittle," except "grouch" and "grumble." Being "pessimist," they see "poverty." They are agitators of that spirit and seek to be imitators of those who would dictate the policy of our denominational life. We trust they will never come to Texas, especially to Sweetwater Association. Let them remain where they are, please! The great mass of Arkansas Baptists are among God's choicest saints. We welcome that class.

MINISTRIAL STUDENTS OF THE SIMMONS UNIVERSITY
You will be interested in seeing the following list of ministerial students now enrolled in Simmons University. Some of them have been preaching for the past five or six years and are great preachers and efficient pastors. Others, who have been preaching from one to three years, have been wonderfully blessed in their work of evangelism and pastorate. There are still others, who have just entered the ministry that have as bright prospects before them, as those of more mature age, because of their faith and deep consecration.

This is a mighty army of God's men. Answering His call to preach the Word.
Some of them must receive additional aid at once, if they continue in school, they have families to support and are often forced to seek employment during hours that should be given to preparation of their school work. Some unmarried men are "keeping batch," and securing jobs here and there to assist them in paying their bills.
It would be a noble thing for our

clerk of the Ministerial Council of the University:
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Rev. J. R. McCorkle has resigned as missionary of the Runnels County Association to again accept the missionary work in the Coleman County Association. Brother McCorkle was missionary in this association for sixteen years before going to the Runnels association. He is one of the best missionaries in the west, and the Coleman brethren have been trying to get him back ever since he left them.

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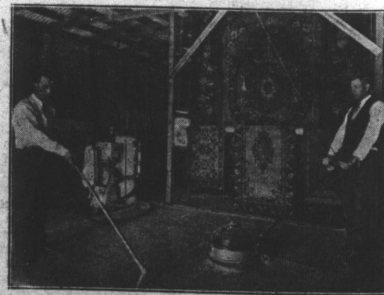
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B. S. U. Convention Selects Simmons For Next Meeting; Dallas Program Is Success

Two University Students Considered For Executive Board

By Truett Hutton

When the curtain fell upon the meeting of the eighth annual B. S. U. convention of Texas, at the First Baptist Church, Dallas, Sunday, October 23, all arrangements had been made to bring the 1928 convention to Simmons. This will be the second time within four years that Abilene has been selected as the meeting place of the convention.

Mr. John Caylor, who has for some time been secretary of the State B. S. U., assured the convention group that no higher type of entertainment could be accorded them anywhere than they would receive in Abilene. Simmons B. S. U. leaders are very optimistic over having secured the 1928 convention.

Approximately 1,000 Baptist students, from every college in the State will attend the convention here next year.

No Other Bids

Soon after arriving in Dallas, Lawrence Fitzgerald, president of the State B. S. U. learned that there was a possibility of Abilene getting the convention for 1928. He immediately wired President Sandefor, who made necessary arrangements with the city officials and wired that Simmons would gladly be host to the 1928 convention. Abilene was the only place that asked for the 1928 convention.

Andrew Allen, ministerial student in the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary at Fort Worth was elected president of the State B. S. U. to succeed Lawrence Fitzgerald, who is a senior in Simmons. Other members of the executive committee are: Ralph Cuy of Baylor University, ministerial president; Tom Gentry of Baylor Medical College, Dallas; Volunteer President, Hubert Cameron of Burleson College, Greenville; President of Special Workers, W. W. Thyd of University of Texas, member at large, Betty Opal Kurfess of C. I. A., Denton, President of the Y. W. A.

The executive committee will select other members of the convention. It has not been definitely learned who all the other officers will be, but two Simmons students have been named among the group. Henry Wren, Vice President of the Ministerial Council and Elizabeth Board, Secretary of the Y. W. A.

100 Simmonsites

More than 100 Simmonsites attended the convention at Dallas. All of the programs were reported most interesting and inspiring. There was not a dull moment throughout the whole convention. Everyone who made the trip reports having received a great inspiration from the convention.

The theme "Christ Adequate," was carried throughout the convention. Dr. Marshall Craig of Dallas led the devotional for each service. Dr. Craig said the leaders of the B. S. U. were among the favored few. He challenged every one present to hold Christ up before the various student bodies on their campuses when they returned to school. He asked the question: "What per cent Christian am I, are you?" What per cent Christian are you on your campus? What per cent do you love sinners and hate sin? How much are you growing spiritually while you are developing your mental powers? All of these Dr. Craig said are questions every college man and woman should apply to themselves.

Bassett Speaks

Dr. Wallace Bassett of Dallas brought the opening address Friday evening at 8:30 following the de-

votional led by Dr. Craig. Dr. Bassett used as his theme: "Christ Adequate for the Lost World." Christ is adequate he said because of what He is, because of what He did, because of what He can do, and because of what He will do.

Three speakers were on the program Saturday. At 9:15 Mr. Frank H. Lowell spoke on the subject: "Christ Adequate in Campus Activities." Mr. Lowell said there were four demons that confront every student on a college campus. Demons of indifference, self satisfaction, self sufficiency and doubt.

At 10:25 Dr. H. E. Dana of the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary spoke on the subject: "Christ Adequate in History." Dr. Dana said all men have failed in history, but Jesus Christ never failed. Alexander the Great, Julius Caesar and Napoleon Bonaparte had each sought to conquer the world but failed because they were inadequate. Christ, he said was adequate because He had always led His people out of trouble into a land of safety.

Homecoming Calls Hundreds Of Exes Thanksgiving Day

Plans have already been launched for the Simmons' Exes annual Homecoming on Thanksgiving, when the Cowboys meet the rival Howard Payne Yellow Jackets on Paramount Field.

Prof. J. E. Burnam, president of the Simmons Alumni Association, together with university administrative authorities, is appointing committees, and starting work on a program for the day.

A banquet at the university cafeteria will be tendered all visiting exes at noon on Thanksgiving Day. Students will be given their meals early, and the entire cafeteria accommodations will be turned over to the returning grads.

An estimated crowd of 12,000 saw the Thanksgiving game here in 1925, and the school is expecting to care for a crowd of 15,000 this fall. Already President Sandefor and Mr. Burnam are receiving communications from former students all over the State, and a record-breaking crowd of exes is expected on the campus for the Homecoming.

Fisher Co. Exes Are Organized

On last Friday the alumni and ex-students teaching in Fisher county met at institute. Feeling the need of organization, the following officers were elected: president, Thomas Patterson; vice president, Phil J. Little; secretary-treasurer, Opal Patterson; yell leader, Lela Patton Knowles; pianist, Jessie Maude Humphries.

After the election of officers, a number of yells were given for the Cowboy team that was to battle the Hill Billies that afternoon.

The following were appointed as a social committee: O. B. King, Ina Patterson, Lela Patton Knowles, Sybil Robinson, and Dewey L. Smith. Members of the organization are: Thomas Patterson, Ina Patterson, Rozella Veasey, Jessie Maude Humphries, Sybil Robinson, Dewey L. Smith, Phil J. Little, Lillian Aashburn Little, Edyth Wright, Aloine McQueen, Jessie Carothers, Pearl Gann, O. B. King, Lela Patton Knowles, Roy B. Muffere, Ruby Phoenix, Opal Patterson, Mr. Hall, and Mrs. Kilgore.

Three-Year Contract Signed With Baylor and T.C.U. for Triangular Forensic Meets

Will Debate T. C. U. Here And Baylor University At Waco

Simmons representatives of men's debating have received a contract for triangular debates with T. C. U. and Baylor University to extend over a period of three years. According to the contract the three teams will meet this year and the next two succeeding years.

The debates will be managed each year by one of the three schools, T. C. U. managing this year. Baylor next, and Simmons the third year. The managing team is to submit three questions, which will be ranked by each team according to preference by each team.

The three questions submitted by the T. C. U. representative are:

1—Resolved: that the Fordney-McCumber bill is detrimental to the best interests of the United States.

2—Resolved: that we should condemn that part of the foreign policy of the United States which has resulted in its intervention by force of arms in the governments of Latin America.

3—Resolved: that U. S. loans and investments should be protected only by the country in which the investments are made.

T. C. U. gives first choice to the first question, Simmons to the second, while Baylor has not yet made a choice.

Each team will meet the other two teams on the same date. Simmons will meet T. C. U. here and at the same time will engage Baylor at Waco. Similarly each school will entertain a visiting team while at the same time meeting the other team away from home.

In each instance the home team will debate the affirmative and the visiting team the negative. This makes it necessary that each school have a team working each side of the question.

This year T. C. U. will meet Baylor at Fort Worth and Simmons here. Baylor engages Simmons at Waco and T. C. U. away from home. Simmons goes to Baylor and remains at home to meet T. C. U.

DR. PENDER IS CHAPEL SPEAKER

Dr. R. C. Pender, field secretary for the Buckner Orphan's Home, spoke in chapel Wednesday. It was his seventy-sixth birthday.

Complying with a request, he told something of his eventful life, the hardships he experienced as an orphan in the care of a habitual drunkard and later as a hired boy to a Presbyterian elder.

In the midst of his speech, Dr. Pender got in a controversy with Dr. Cooper and President Sandefor over some question, it seems, relative to their native state, Arkansas.

As a boy Dr. Pender came to Texas, a land then inhabited by wild animals as well as wild men. He attended a typical school of that day. Dr. Pender delighted the students with the recital of a speech which he made in school.

It was his great desire to be a lawyer, but immediately after his conversion in 1872 he felt the call to the ministry. Forty-eight years ago Dr. Pender made his first gift to Buckner Orphan's Home.

In conclusion Dr. Pender gave the secret of a genuinely happy life. "Make somebody else happy," he said, "and there will be a reflex influence which will make you the happier of the two."

The Simmons Cowhands were entertained Tuesday evening in the ball room of the Hilton Hotel with a prom by the Loud Town Bunch. A cleverly arranged program, music by the hotel orchestra, caps and streamers, combined to make it a delightful informal affair.

Attended by more than six hundred students and faculty members, the all-university Halloween Frolic Monday evening was the most successful social affair thus far of the year.

The Junior class met Tuesday evening at 7:30 in Mary-Frances parlor. Mr. Deberry urged all the Juniors

to have their pictures made for the Bronco.

Miss Porter was immediately nominated and elected class favorite by acclamation.

More than sixty members of the Choral Club were present at the first rehearsal in the new Auditorium Tuesday night. Professor Work led them in a thorough workout in preparation for their premier appearance on November 29, at which time the Auditorium will be formally presented to the public.

Plans have been made whereby pictures for the Bronco of the four classes of Simmons University will be made during this week and next according to Leroy Jennings, business manager of the Bronco.

Miss Bernice Thompson was chosen as the favorite of the sophomore class last Wednesday evening at a meeting of the class in the Chapel

building. Miss Jayne Rose Head and Miss Thompson were nominated at a meeting of the sophomores Thursday preceding, but there was no election.

Bob Whippley, editor of the Brand, was forced to go to Colorado, his home, last Saturday, on account of illness. He was not seriously ill, and thought when he left that he would be back this week.

The senior class met Tuesday evening in the Fine Arts auditorium and elected Miss Frances Melton class favorite.

Simmons is openly seeking membership in the Southwestern Conference, and her application for membership will be decided upon when that athletic association holds its annual meeting in Dallas early in December.

The bid for the Cowboys' membership in the major conference has al-

ready been forwarded to Dr. D. A. Penick of the University of Texas, president of the conference. President Sandefor announced this week. The application has also been unofficially broached to the seven conference members, and sympathetic responses have been received from every one of them.

The formal application comes as a result of continued agitation on the part of Simmons backers and athletic directors who believe the university teams can be rated on a par with the Southwestern clubs. A game has been matched with the Southern Methodist University Mustangs for next year, by the Simmons athletic management, and present plans are now to book the Cowboys for three more Southwestern conference games.

The schedule for the Oratorical and Debating Council is still incomplete although a number of schools have been definitely signed up for debate with Simmons University

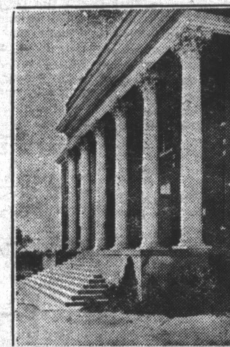
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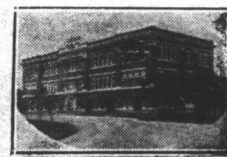
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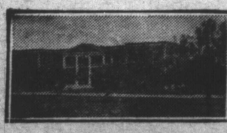
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S. U. Exes Will Soon Return to Campus

By J. Lowell Ponder

What is more grand and glorious than going back to the old home town, and seeing the many things that remind us of other days? Why, a fellow can start down the street with a smile on his face a yard long and a warm, joyous, expectant, and tight feeling around the region of his gizzard. He will look into the face of every person he meets, hoping to find some of the old gang.

It makes a fellow feel good all over to hear one of them sing out, "Hi, ho, how'n the world are you?" You can actually get a kick out of seeing that individual you had your last scrap with; that is just how charitable you feel toward the whole

world. There is nothing that gives quite so much genuine joy as the warm greeting of an old friend. These experiences keep sweet the milk of human kindness.

All that talk above is just leading up to the subject, which is the Simmons' Homecoming. The old students will be here in large numbers on Thanksgiving Day. There are several incentives that should attract them in the aforesaid "large numbers." The biggest one is the opportunity of seeing old friends, and experiencing that good fellowship of the "good old days." This fellowship will be increased by the serving of a

turkey dinner, FREE, at the cafeteria, to all old Simmons students. Eating, as some of our national clubs have discovered, is the finest way in the world to promote fellowship. My! what a time they will have recalling memories.

To finish this off, the Cowboys will meet the Yellowjackets, in the annual football classic. As this is the BIG game every year, the old grads will live again the days when they did the rooting and the playing. Then, as is the old custom goes, we will have the bonfire after we beat them. Oh boy! If that isn't it, what does it take to be the end of the proverbial well nigh perfect day.

News Notes

On October 25th the members of the B. Y. P. U. of the Wilmeth Baptist Church, Runnels Association, enjoyed a social at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Will Pickett. There were ninety members in attendance and the time was very profitably spent in a social way and in a discussion of better means of improving the unions. Twelve cakes and several gallons of hot chocolate were consumed. The Wilmeth church has three live unions with a unified program, and an average attendance of around seventy-five. The editor is pastor of this church, and we claim it is one of the best to be found anywhere.

The Fifth Sunday meeting of the Dickens Association was held with the Steele Hill Church. The program was missionary, doctrinal, and inspirational. Some of the brethren who appeared on the program are, T. S. Lambert, J. C. Scott, R. C. James, Victor Crabtree, Wayne Gryzale, H. L. Burnam, W. B. Bennett, W. M. Scott, A. P. Stokes, P. G. Rodgers.

The First Baptist Church, Robert Lee, under the leadership of James A. Corder, is gaining ground. Brother Corder has been on that field for only a few months, but he has won his way into the hearts of his people. All services are being largely attended by the people of that community. Last Sunday was promotion day in the Sunday school.

The Fifth Sunday meeting of the Stonewall Association met with the Valley View Church, five miles west of Aspermont. A fine program was rendered and the attendance was large.

W. T. North has resigned as pastor at Jayton and is now pastor at Peacock and Girard. His home is at Peacock.

W. L. Leach, a former West Texan, is now located at Waldron, Ark. He writes: "Enclosed check for which let another West Texan in the fold of subscribers. I am situated in Middle western Arkansas among the mountains. Have a good work; been here two years, with 135 additions to the church. I am happy in my work, but there is a tender place in a down town theater.

Dr. Millard A. Jenkins is in a revival meeting at Dublin, Ga., where he was pastor twenty years ago. At this writing we have not learned the results of the meeting.

A nice list of subscriptions have been sent in from the Brushby Church in the Haskell Association by Mrs. R. F. Suggs. Rev. J. A. Kinser of Abilene is pastor of the church.

The View Church in the Sweetwater Association is in a church building program. A finance and building committee was recently appointed and over \$1,000 was raised last Sunday. The building will be a modern country church building with basement and Sunday school rooms. Brother W. G. Tankersley of Abilene is pastor of this church. He held a good meeting with the church in the summer, organized a good B. Y. P. U. and the Sunday school work is growing rapidly.

The Hogg evangelistic party have just closed a four weeks revival meeting in Abilene in which several of the churches of the city cooperated. Dr. Hogg is a mighty preacher of the old time gospel, thoroughly orthodox in his preaching and his ministry has been a great blessing to Abilene.

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RAMBLING REMARKS

I am so far behind with my Remarks that I hardly know where to begin. Since my last contribution our annual Association has met, we have had a revival in our church, several of our pastors have been called to different fields, we have had our Round-up collections, a Fifth Sunday meeting session has gone by, and twin boys born at our house. If I should tell all I know, (which I never do) it would be necessary to use a whole issue of the paper. We shall not ask for that much space.

Our Associational meeting at Rochester was marked by unity, fellowship and a general spirit of optimism. Brother I. N. Alvis was re-elected Moderator, and Joe Burton clerk. Dr. White of Greenville gave the main address on the denominational program which was well received by the large delegation from over the territory. We were royally entertained by the Rochester church, and will meet with the Munday church next year. The election of a missionary was postponed until the next meeting of the Board. Several welcome visitors were present at the meeting.

Brother H. R. Whatley, of Haskell, has recently received a very urgent call, to become pastor of the Central Baptist Church, Houston. But after much prayer he has decided to stay with the Haskell church. The work at Haskell was never in a more healthy state than now. The Sunday school is up to a high standard of attendance and efficiency. They have maintained the A-1 Standard for several years. Their preaching services fill the house every Sunday. Pastor Whatley and family have just moved into a beautiful new pastor's home. The house is of stucco, and modern in every way.

Brother C. E. Ball, of Rule, helped us in a ten days meeting early in September. We had good crowds in spite of the busy season, and the meeting was a great success in many ways. There were more than twenty additions with 14 for baptism. The church and community were well pleased with the preaching of Brother Ball. Of one thing you may be sure, C. E. Ball will do a type of work in a revival that will go on blessing the church and community after he is gone, and will leave no dread in the mind of the pastor as to what will be done with the ingathering. We are all better for having had him with us, and we thank God that we have such men as he is the man the churches of this association.

The Fifth Sunday meeting at Knox City last week was one of the best we have ever attended. We have only missed two such meetings in 15 years, and we do not remember to have attended one where more inspiring hours were enjoyed than at this one. In the first place, a wonderful program was arranged. Emphasis was put upon things that count. The meeting was distinctly missionary throughout. Space would forbid our going into detail in reporting this meeting, but we feel that our work was greatly set forward by this outlook program.

Our associational board met at Knox City last week and unanimously elected Brother J. C. Parks of the Fisher County Association, as missionary. We are overjoyed to learn that he will accept, and move on the field immediately. We have a great territory, and great folks here and hope to continue a worth while program of associational missions. Crops are splendid, prices good and we feel that we must show our appreciation by giving a liberal amount of it to His cause.

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Our World Mission Task

F. S. Groner.

Never since God's call to Abraham and his choice of an elect people through Abraham, has there rested upon any nation such a responsibility for world wide evangelization as today rests upon America, and when I say America I mean North America, and especially the United States. Talk as you may about paramount issues and paramount questions, but the paramount duty of Christian America at this time is to give the Christian religion to all tribes and races of men.

This challenge rests upon two patient realities. The first is the fact of the world's unspeakable need. Nine hundred million today who have not heard of our Savior, and five hundred millions of this generation will die without an opportunity to trust Christ, at the pace that we are now going. Clamant in our ears is the Macedonian cry as it comes up from the vast and unexplored expanse of Heathendom. Second, the other factor of this challenge is the limitless resources of America, spiritual and material. Probably, one-sixth of the bona fide Christian people of the earth live in North America, and two-thirds of all the Baptists of the world live in the United States. One-third of the actual wealth of the world belongs to the people of this Republic. Our appraised wealth today is nearly \$400,000,000,000.00. When I was born the United States ranked fourth in point of wealth, but today we possess more wealth than the four other major powers of the world combined, England and the British Isles, France, Germany, and Italy. The wealth of the South alone is placed at \$100,000,000,000.00, or more than that of any other single nation outside of our own. One half of the manufactured products of the world is made in the United States, one half of the railway mileage of the world is in the United States. Three-fourths of the telegraph and telephone equipment of the world is in the United States, and 90 per cent of the motor vehicles of the world are made and operated within the confines of this Republic.

No such fabulous wealth has ever been possessed by any other single nation in all the sweep of the centuries. Thus it will be seen that since America has the largest Christian population of any country on the globe and is predominantly the wealthiest nation, we are thus better equipped to answer the call and supply the needs of the unevangelized half of the human race.

Of a truth we need "A New Vision of World Missions." If the redeemed of Christian America could once feel

the urge of the Great Commission and become sensitive to the heart cry that wells up from the dumb misery of nine hundred millions of our fellow human beings, we would not rest complacently in our snug corner of the earth surrounded by wealth and luxury. Our Baptist people need to learn anew Ezekiel 3:18, "When I say unto the wicked, 'Thou shalt surely die'; and thou givest him not warning, nor speakest to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life; the same wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand." We need to repair once more to the feet of the inspired apostle and have him to teach us, "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach, except they be sent?" Missions, indeed! And what does missions mean? It means "to send." A missionary is one sent. A missionary Baptist is one who aids in the sending. A missionary Baptist church is a church that supports by its prayers and its gifts the cause of Christian missions. The one supreme purpose for which the Lord Christ founded the church and placed it here among men is the propagation of Christian missions, the evangelization of lost humanity.

Seventeen years ago Dr. F. B. Meyer of London stated before an American audience that the greatest missionary opportunity in the world lies at the door of the people of this nation. I make bold to say that our country cannot shunt its missionary opportunity and go on unchastened said that, "America is God's last by divine judgment. Emerson once said that, 'America is God's last chance for the human race.' Emerson's statement granted, then if we of this Christian land shall fail Jehovah in this high day of duty we calmly snatch from the hand of our God His last instrument for the redemption of a lost world. God's first elect agent for the conversion of the world was the Jewish nation and it failed Him; the nominal Christian Roman empire failed God; continental Europe and the British Isles in the order have failed to measure up to the high call of the King of kings, and now if America shall fail the blood of a lost race and of a doomed planet will be required at our hands. What shall our answer be!

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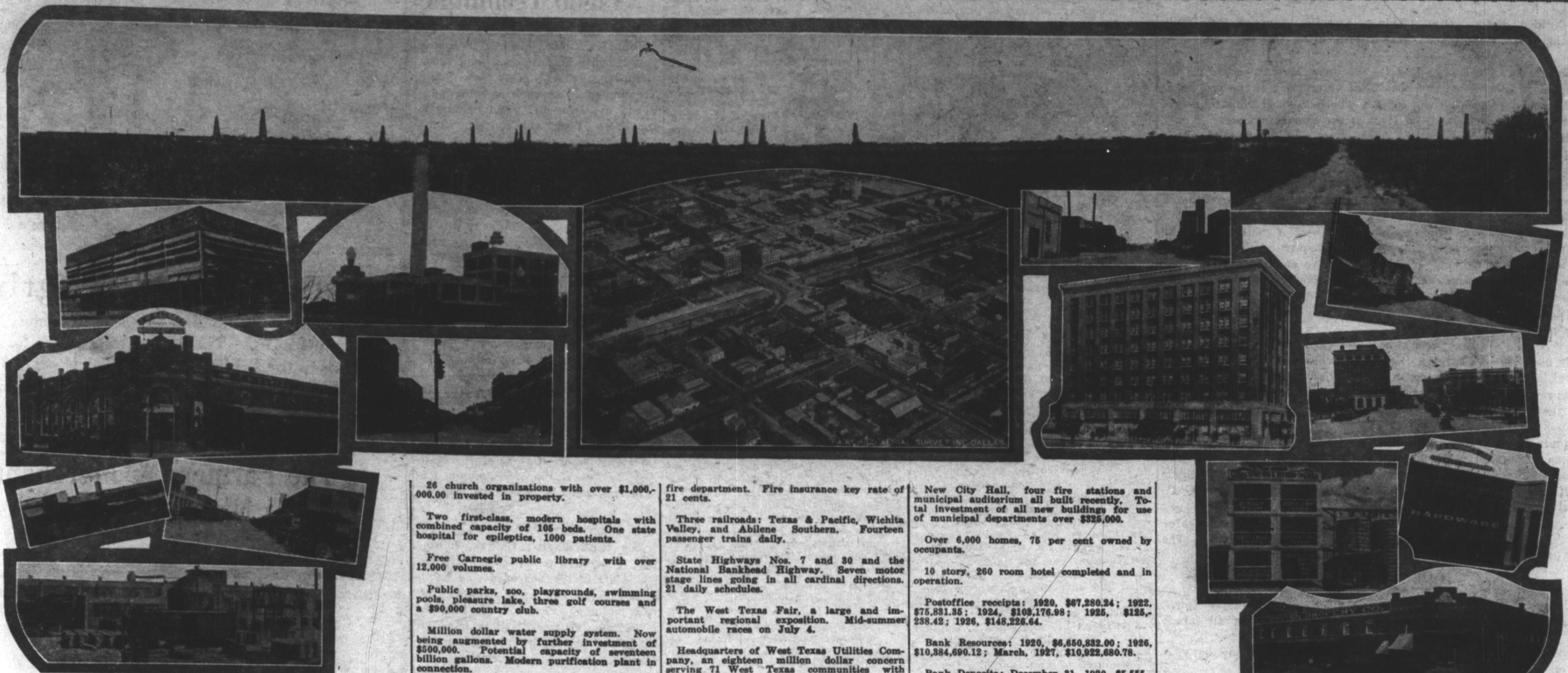
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Over 50 miles of standard sewer lines serving the entire city. Modern motorized

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Three railroads: Texas & Pacific, Wichita Valley, and Abilene Southern. Fourteen passenger trains daily.

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10 story, 260 room hotel completed and in operation.

Postoffice receipts: 1920, \$97,330.34; 1922, \$75,231.35; 1924, \$109,170.96; 1925, \$125,238.43; 1926, \$148,225.64.

Bank Resources: 1926, \$4,650,332.00; 1926, \$10,384,600.12; March, 1927, \$10,922,680.78.

Bank Deposits: December 31, 1920, \$5,555,523.00; December 31, 1926, \$8,210,925.19; March 25, 1927, \$9,948,046.00.

Bank Clearings: 1923, \$26,730,812.00; 1926, \$43,727,961.54.

Building Permits: 1924, \$1,755,353.00; 1925, \$2,121,257.00; 1926, \$4,608,618.00. First five months 1927 over \$1,500,000.00.

City tax rate (including school) \$2.25.

Property Values: 1924, \$13,565,580.00; 1925, \$14,945,415.00; 1926, \$30,565,865.00.

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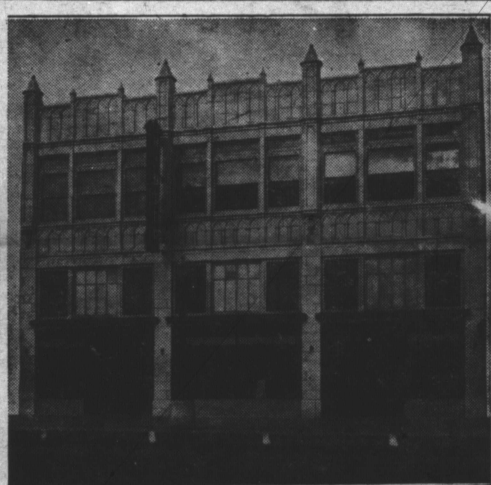
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Pastors Are Urged to Pray For Spiritual Awakening

Revival Is Needed Before Other Things Can Be Accomplished—Daily Claiming God's Promises on Prayer Will Bring the Blessing.

Many reasons have been suggested for the slump in the receipts for the general missionary, educational and benevolent enterprises of the denomination, but the primary reason, all will concede who pause and think, is a lack of spirituality in the churches and the lives of the church members.

Recognizing this situation, and the further fact that no effort that it is possible to put forth will effect a remedy until spiritual power is first afforded, pastors throughout the South are being urged by President Trust of the Southern Baptist Convention and the corresponding secretaries of the various state boards, to agree to engage daily in earnest prayer that God will give Southern Baptists the spiritual awakening they so much need. The pastors are also asked to enlist as many members of their churches as they can in this covenant to pray daily for a great spiritual revival.

Of course, a revival will not automatically solve all our problems, but with the deepening of the spiritual life which a true revival will produce, all other tasks will be made easier, for when they are revived the people will have a mind to work, give, serve and perform every other duty which God has enjoined upon them.

Need for Revival is Widespread

The vast majority of Southern Baptist churches and members greatly need a revival, and we are persuaded if the pastors would themselves pray daily for that revival, and enlist their people in joining them in such a petition to God, the Lord would hear and pour out upon the denomination such a blessing as it has never known before.

All Southern Baptists believe the Bible to be the inspired Word of God. Since this is so, they naturally believe what the Bible says is true. Before entering into an effort to pray down a revival from heaven, it will be helpful if we refresh our minds with some of the illuminating passages from God's Word on prayer.

For the sake of emphasis these passages have been grouped around three divisions of the general subject, "GOD'S MESSAGE ON PRAYER"—The Duty of Prayer, the Conditions in Prayer, and Some Promises in Prayer:

1. The Command

Men ought always to pray and faint not. Luke 18:1.
With all prayer and supplication, praying at all seasons in the Spirit, and watching thereunto in all perseverance and supplication for all saints. Eph. 6:18.

In everything, by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. Phil. 4:6.

Continue steadfastly in prayer, watching therein with thanksgiving. Col. 4:2.

Rejoice always; pray without ceasing; and in everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus to you-ward. 1 Thess. 5:16-18.

2. The Conditions

If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear. Ps. 66:18.
And without faith it is impossible to be well pleasing unto him; for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him. Heb. 11:6.

If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatsoever ye will, and it shall be done unto you. John 15:7.

He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto the Father. John 14:12.

Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may spend it on your pleasures. James 4:3.

But let him ask in faith, nothing doubting; for he that doubteth is like the surge of the sea driven by the wind and tossed. James 1:6.

But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses. Matt. 6:15.

He that turneth away his ear from hearing the law, even his prayer is an abomination. Prov. 28:9.

Beloved, if our hearts condemn us not, we have boldness toward God; and whatsoever we ask we receive of him, because we keep his commandments and do the things that are pleasing in his sight. 1 John 3:21, 22.

Some Promises

All things are possible to him that believeth. Mark 9:23.
And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive. Matt. 21:22.

If ye shall ask anything of the Father, he will give it you in my name. John 16:23.

I can do all things in him that strengthened me. Phil. 4:13.
And my God shall supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. Phil. 4:19.

Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and show thee great things and difficult, which thou knowest not. Jer. 33:3.

And it shall come to pass, that before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking I will hear. Isa. 65:24.

There is absolutely no question but that if Southern Baptist pastors and people will claim God's promises in prayer, as quoted above, the Lord will hear and pour out such a blessing as they have never known before. God is just waiting to be put to the test. It is literally true, as someone has said, "We cannot do anything until we have prayed, but when we have really prayed, we can do everything." May we claim God's richest blessings through constant, daily, concerted prayer.

Our Unpossessed Possessions

(Sermon preached before the Ciso Baptist Association, October 5th, 1937 by J. L. Roden, pastor at Caddo, Texas, and published by request of the Association.)

Scripture reading, 1 Kings 22:1-6. Text, verse 3. "And the king of Israel said unto his servants, Know ye that Ramoth in Gilead is ours, and we are still, and take it not out of the hand of the king of Syria?"

This incident occurred during the time of the divided kingdom. Ahab was king of Israel, and Jehoshaphat was king of Judah. Israel and Judah had ceased their quarrels and fighting and were peaceable with one another at this time. So in the third year of the reign of peace between Israel and Syria, Jehoshaphat, king of Judah, went over to visit Ahab, king of Israel. It was at this time that Ahab seemed to have waked up to the fact that Israel had a valuable possession just east of the Jordan that they were not in possession of. He called his people together and said to them, "Know ye that Ramoth-Gilead is ours, and we are still, and take it not?" Then Ahab asked Jehoshaphat if he would go with him to battle against Ramoth, and Jehoshaphat said, "I am as thou art, my people as thy people, my horses as thy horses." They inquired of the Lord, by the prophets, whether they should go up to battle or forbear, and the prophets said, "Go up; for the Lord shall deliver it into the hand of the king."

Some Unpossessed Possessions
"Know ye that Ramoth is ours?" As I see lost souls all about us in our district and throughout the land, and as I think of God's promise of eternal life through His Son, the first thing that I would remind you of is the peace in Christ that belongs to the sons of men that many, many, many are not in possession of. The king of Syria made a covenant with the king of Israel, and in this covenant was the promise that Israel

unselfish way, work with a co-operative spirit in order that we may reach our possibilities for the Lord in this association. A man once boarded a train that was scheduled to leave out in just a few minutes. The train was delayed considerably. The passenger inquired of one of the trainmen if they did not have water. "Plenty of water," was the reply. "but it isn't hot." We have a great numbers but they are not enlisted; plenty of time, talent and lives, but they are not consecrated to God; plenty of power, but it isn't harnessed. We may be inclined to boast of nearly half a million Baptist in Texas, or nearly four millions in the South, but so many of these are not enlisted with their lives and possessions dedicated to the great Commander as a truly loyal soldier ought to be. And the strange thing about it is that some are satisfied for the situation to remain as it is.

Satisfaction Without Complete Possession

"And we be still, and take it not," There was this great and strong city, Ramoth, just east of the Jordan that belonged to Israel, but they had not gone up and taken it. So Syria still occupied it. Our enemy, the Devil, is going to occupy every inch of ground that we, as God's people, do not lay claim to and actually take out of his possession. God has promised that His people shall inherit the land and we ought not to be content without it. For three years this city, this valuable possession, lay out just before Israel and they were content to be without it, content that the enemy should occupy and enjoy it. What great and sundry blessings have been, and are, just before us. They are ours. God has promised them. But because of doubt, because of fear, because of aloofness, for the lack of confidence and courage we have hesitated and have not gone forth laying claim to our possessions. Many Christians go not only three years but through life and come to the end only to realize and regret that life has been a blank so far as their taking hold of and realizing the joy of completely possessing God's offered possessions is concerned.

Why had not Israel gone up and taken the city? How could they be satisfied without this possession? There are a number of things that suggest themselves to our mind in answer to this question. They must have been a very careless people. It seems that they were certainly indifferent to the great possession that was theirs. That sin of indifference; how it does get hold of even good people sometimes. Do you pastors ever meet with it? I think I have seen churches where this sin was pretty general. The preacher could get no inspiration or response from the congregation scarcely at all. A preacher will dry up and die under such a condition. I think, too, that I have seen preachers whose feeling and attitude toward the great heart-searching message of the gospel portrayed a spirit of indifference. It is even true that a church will take the dry rot with such a preacher. This sin of indifference often comes under our observation with the individual here and there. When we speak to some about a more loyal and faithful attitude toward the Cause, they will acknowledge that they ought to have, but they have to do this or they can't do that, and the whole excuse is made up of "ands," "buts" and "ifs." The fact is the sin of indifference has them blinded to the great and blessed possession that they do not possess. They have no knowledge of the great necessity of interest. They have no care or concern about the most valuable possessions; spiritual, and eternal. They have no conviction concerning duty or privilege.

Cowardice might have kept Israel from going up against Ramoth. That sometimes keeps us from doing some things just as we would if we were not afraid. It takes courage sometimes to stand in defense of a right in the face of a gain-saying world. It takes courage for a preacher to preach the whole truth when he knows that the most influential member disagrees with it. But we must be brave and bold for God. Paul frequently requested prayer for himself on this point. In this day of modernism, higher criticism and higher learning the ambitious young man, preacher or layman, meets with temptations to turn from the "old paths," the tried and true way and truth of the gospel to more popular thought and pursuit. But let us be men of courage, "steadfast and unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, in as much as we know that our labor is not in vain in the Lord." We must take care of our timidity we will fail to defend the truth against falsehood and destructive criticism, and thus make moral cowards of ourselves. Sin fights under cover always. Sin and impurities in our lives will make cowards of us. Let us "watch and pray that we enter not into temptation, for the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak."

Again, the love of ease and pleasure might have been another thing that kept Ahab and Israel from taking their possession. We are a case and pleasure loving people. I have been talking to our people at Caddo about a new church building, (we certainly need it) but they are crying hard times. Business is a little dull in these oil field towns, but our folks are still buying luxuries. They still attend the fairs and shows. They still drive their automobiles and some of them are buying new ones. It is not the hard times that keep us from going forward and reaching our possibilities. It is hard hearts. It is not good times that we especially need. It is good men and women who love God better than they love ease and pleasure, better than they love anything else.

Decision To Take the Possession
Ahab now decided to go up and take the city. He formed an alliance with Jehoshaphat to go up with him. He said to Jehoshaphat: "Wilt thou go with me to battle to Ramoth-Gilead?" and Jehoshaphat said, "I am as thou art, my people as thy people, my horses as thy horses." Now, dear friends, isn't that the way to victory? These two kingdoms, Israel and Judah, were kin. They had had their disputes, quarrels and

fight, but now they unite against a common foe. Dear fellow-pastors, today will we not form an alliance and rout the wrong? Will we not co-operate and lay hold of our possibilities? As this challenge comes to us today, let every pastor lay aside his selfishness, forget any differences, quarrels or misunderstandings with any other pastor or brother, and pray God to forgive his jealous and prejudice if there has ever been or does now exist such, and let him fall in line with our missionary and go up and take our possessions. Brethren, are not we all of the same Christ? Are not we of the same cause? Is not your cause my cause my cause, your cause, and Christ's cause our cause? Before God today I answer to our missionary, to every pastor in the association and to every true man of Christ that "I am as thou art, my people as thy people, my horses as thy horses." Is that your answer?

Now they were united. They were as one. Jehoshaphat said to Ahab, "Let us inquire at the word of the Lord." Jehoshaphat knew unless God was with them they would fail. That is not less true today, my friends. God forbid that I, as a pastor, should undertake any program for our church without first inquiring of the Lord if it should be done. True if we proceed with our program in this association in our own knowledge and strength, we fail. Organization and co-operation may be perfect but unless God is in it, it fails. So Ahab called the prophets together and ask of them if he should go against Ramoth to battle or if he should forbear. And they said, "Go up; for the Lord shall deliver it into the hand of the king." There is no doubt in my mind, brethren, that God is commanding you and me that with one mind, one spirit and one purpose we go up; that we go up and lay hold of our possessions on every field in this association."

"Shall we, whose souls are lighted,
With wisdom from on high,
Shall we to men benighted,
The lamp of life deny?"

Prof. Irl Allison Writes Book On Piano Technique

Prof. Irl Allison, head of the piano department, is having a new book published, called "This New Piano Technique." The book is being published by Schroeder and Gunther, Inc., New York, the concern which also publishes Allison's music.

Included in the book, which will contain over three hundred pages, are studies made through fourteen years of experience with the new ideas and methods of piano playing. It will be one of a very few books dealing with this subject, and the only one written by an American.

The purpose of the book is to help those who are striving to master the new piano technique and to aid teachers in imparting it to others. It includes the ideas of Breithaupt, Matthay, Lovette, Godowsky, as well as a number of new ones developed by the author.

Some of the chapter headings are: The Development of Piano Technique, Observations in the Concert Hall, The Physics of Piano Technique, Relaxation, Dead Weight, Live Weight, etc.

The First Baptist Church, Ballinger, is building a new pastors home. The old building has been torn down and work is well under way on the new building. Pastor J. H. McClain is getting the work well in hand on that field, and he is proving a great asset to the entire association.

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QUARTERLY REPORT OF TREASURER FOR JULY, AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER

Expense Fund	
July 1—Balance on hand	\$138.24
August 30—Sweetwater Association, Lamar Ch. S. W.	.50
August 30—Big Spring Association, Knot Cr.	1.25
September 8—Big Spring Association, Munday Ch.	1.00
	\$138.99
Disbursements:	
September 8—Abilene Printing Company, report blanks for the Young People's leader	16.00
October 1—Balance on hand	\$122.99
Breadlove Loan Fund	
July 1—Balance on hand	7.50
August 15—Sweetwater Asso. First Ch. Abilene	88.86
August 30— " " " "	106.00
August 30— " " College H. Ch.	1.25
	197.61
Disbursements:	
August 18—Simmons University	83.86
August 18— " " " "	106.25
	190.11
Oct. 1—Balance on hand	7.50
Baylor Belton Endowment	
July 1—Balance on hand	15.00
July 9—Lamesa Association	14.00
August 29— " " " "	12.00
	41.00
Disbursements:	
August 29—Mrs. J. E. Leigh	41.00
October 1—Balance on hand	00
Miscellaneous	
July 1—Balance	00
August 30—Sweetwater Asso. College H. Ch. R. C.	1.05
Buckner Scholarship	1.05
August 30—Big Spring Asso. Knott Ch. love gift to scholarship girl	2.25
	\$3.30
Disbursements:	
August 30—R. C. Buckner	1.05
October 1—Balance on hand	\$2.25
Bible Scholarship Fund	
July 1—Balance	\$83.50
July 26—Haskell Association	1.75
August 30—Sweetwater Asso. College H. Ch.	1.25
	\$86.50
Disbursements:	
October 1—Balance on hand	\$86.50
State Executive Board Scholarship	
July 1—Balance	00
August 8—Jones Asso. Miss Penick V. P. Leader	\$1.00
October 1—Balance on hand	\$1.00
West Texas Baptist Sanitarium	
July 1—Balance on hand	00
July 9—Lamesa Asso. lines 10.00, room furnishing 10.00	\$20.00
August 30—Sweetwater Asso. Lamar Church Charity fund	1.00
	\$21.00
Disbursements:	
July 9—West Texas Baptist Sanitarium	20.00
October 1—Balance on hand	\$1.00
Balance's	
Expense Fund	\$122.99
Breadlove Loan Fund	7.50
State Executive Board Scholarship	1.00
West Texas Baptist Sant.	1.00
Miscellaneous	2.25
Margaret Fund	26.04
Bible Scholarship Fund	86.50
	\$247.28

Respectfully Submitted,
 Mrs. Robert J. Jones.

REPORT OF CORRESPONDING SECRETARY, ABILENE DISTRICT FOR QUARTER ENDING, SEPTEMBER 30, 1927

Fisher County Association
 Home Mission Thank Offering, \$2.80; B. O. H. cash, \$14.60; Ass'n's missions, \$12; miscellaneous, \$2.50; Taylor Col. End. \$3; local, \$2.50; W. Tex. Bapt. San., \$9; Total \$36.40. (live societies reporting). Number observing September week of prayer, 1; number taking Royal Service, 12; baptist Standard, 9. Mrs. Guy McAvoy, Pres.; Mrs. J. W. Roberts, Cor.-Sec.
Haskell—1927 program \$267.25, women, \$10.75; Y. W. A.; conquest campaign, \$25.00; old ministers, \$10.00; charity, \$6.00; miscellaneous, \$12.25; local, \$140.00, (three societies reporting). Number tithers, 35; observing September week of prayer, 0; mission study classes, 4; subscribers Royal Service, 39; Baptist Standard, 40; H. and F. Fields, 2; World Comrades, 7. Total, \$753.74. Mrs. J. U. Bowden, Pres.; Mrs. A. O. Brock, Cor.-Sec.
Jones County—1927 program \$41.01; conquest campaign, \$40; B. O. H. cash, \$21.90; B. O. H. boxes, \$21.00; women, \$50; Y. W. A.; ass'n's missions, \$137.50; city missions, \$10; miscellaneous, \$86.75; district and ass'n's expense fund, 60c; local \$1004.60; state missions week of prayer, \$10.50 women, \$3.00 G. A.; Taylor dormitory, \$25.00; total \$1002.55; number tithers, W. M. S., 30; Y. W. A., 1; observing September week of prayer: W. M. S., 4; Y. W. A., 1; G. A., 1; one society reporting: A-1; mission study classes, W. M. S. 8; Y. W. A. 2; G. A., 2; R. A., 1; Sunbeams, 1; number taking Royal Service, 15; Baptist Standard, 78; H. and F. Fields, 16; World Comrades, 2; Mrs. J. W. Doherty, Pres.; Miss Lillian Plunk, Cor.-Sec.
Lamesa—1927 program, \$64.62; conquest campaign, \$33.00; B. O. H. cash, \$60.00; ass'n's missions, \$86.23; miscellaneous, \$8.00; local, \$428.23; total, \$670.08; number observing September week of prayer, 2; mission study classes held, 3; Mrs. Ross a Smith, Pres.; Mrs. J. Elmer Barron, Cor.-Sec.
Mitchell-Scurry—1927 program, \$12.00; B. O. H. cash, \$6.00; B. O. H. boxes, \$17.00; missionary box, \$11; home missions, \$3.50; charity, \$3.00; evangelistic work, \$13.50; local, \$608.37; education, \$27.50; entertainment for seniors, \$11.15; total, \$711.02; tithers, 12; observing September week of prayer, 3; mission study classes, 14; taking Royal Service, 44; Baptist Standard, 51; H. and F. Fields, 14; World Comrades, 1; Mrs. A. L. Whipkey, Pres.; Mrs. D. S. Phenix, Cor.-Sec.
Sweetwater—1927 program, W. M. S., \$530.11; Y. W. A., \$44.69; G. A., \$29.71; R. A., \$3.40; Sunbeams, \$44.00; Sunbeams, \$1.00; sanitarium lines, \$76.50; Breadlove Loan Fund, \$190.11; B. O. H. cash, \$4.25; sanitarium debt, W. M. S., \$52.28; Y. W. A., \$4.64; G. A., \$1.16; sanitarium room, \$70; San. charity fund, \$8.33; ass'n's missions, W. M. S., \$62.96; Y. W. A., \$3.49; G. A., \$7; city missions, W. M. S., \$16.07; Y. W. A., \$1.16; G. A., \$29; charity, W. M. S., \$167.64; Y. W. A., \$2.32; G. A., \$8; miscellaneous \$69.00; expense fund, \$1.00; scholarship, \$1.25; Simmons End. W. M. S., \$78.42; Y. W. A., \$6.92; G. A., \$1.74; local, \$3709.76; love gifts W. M. S., \$50.00; Y. W. A., \$274.32; G. A., \$106.71; R. A., \$26.72; Sunbeams, \$48.60; pastors' salaries, \$104.00; Lockett fund W. M. S., \$65.36; Y. W. A., \$5.81; G. A., \$1.45; Simmons' ministerial aid W. M. S., \$13.07; Y. W. A., \$1.16; G. A., \$29; Sunshine nursery, \$9.50; educational purposes, \$18.45; state mission thank offering Sunbeams, \$1.70; R. C. Buckner scholarship, Sunbeams \$1.45; 10 societies reporting; totals: W. M. S., \$5347.06; young people, \$578.18; grand total, \$5925.24; tithers, W. M. S., 35; Y. W. A., 2; observing September week of prayer —; mission study classes, 2; taking Royal Service, 25; Baptist Standard, 34; H.

and F. Fields, 6; World Comrades, 2; Mrs. R. M. White, Pres.; Mrs. Geo. L. Paxton, Cor.-Sec. Grand total, \$9,709.33.

PERSONAL SERVICE REPORT

Personal service report of Abilene district for quarter ending September 30, 1927.

Bib Spring—(annual report) Devotional services held 72; visits 2,000; conversions 73; Bibles 48; good literature 748; garments 563; baskets of food 468; hours of nursing 632; number engaged in personal services 82. Mrs. Flora Runyan, Coahoma, chairman.
Fisher—A letter from chairman Mrs. A. M. Josey, Sylvester, states that no society chairmen have sent reports this quarter.
Haskell—No report. Mrs. Vestus Alviss, chairman.
Jones—Devotional services held 185; visits 554; conversions 1; Bibles 1; good literature 66 (copies); gar-

ments 131; hours of nursing 437. Mrs. J. L. Keen, Hamlin, chairman. Lamesa—No report. Card from new chairman, Mrs. Ina Grant, Lamesa whose work began Oct. 1st. Mitchell-Scurry—No report. Mrs. Elmer Gardner, Hermleigh, chairman.
Stonewall—Visits 125; garments 5; hours of nursing 171. Mrs. F. T. Whitaker, Jayton, chairman.
Sweetwater—Devotional services 320; visits 1517; conversions 1; Bibles 1; good literature 510; garments 211; baskets of food 58; hours of nursing 237; number engaged in personal service 165; no aiding outside charity 39. Mrs. A. R. Booth, Merkel, chairman.
Haskell, Jones, Lamesa and Stonewall have new chairmen whom we heartily welcome.
 Respectively submitted,
MRS. GEO. L. PAXTON,
 242 Orange, chairman.

MISSION STUDY REPORT (Quarterly)

October 1, 1926 to September 30, 1927. Abilene district, Mrs. Chas. T. Whaley, chairman.

W. M. S.
 Number associations in district, 32. Number association representatives 18. Classes, 162.
Certificate Course No. 1: Small silver seal, 984; Large silver seal, 39.
Certificate Course No. 2: Small silver seal, 211; Large silver seal, 8.
Advanced Course: Reading seal, 7; examining seal, 1; diploma, 1.
Honor Course: First honor certificate, 4; seals for classes taught, 3; second honor certificate, 1.
Home and Foreign Course: Small

gold seal, 14; large garnet seal, 1; blue seal, 6; red seal, 6; second garnet seal, 1.
Total Awards, 1233. Grand total, 1372.
Young People's Course
 Y. W. A. Course: Classes, 8; small gold seal, 62; large green seal, 1; blue seal, 0; red seal, 3; second green seal, 10.
 G. A., R. A. and S. B.: Classes, 4; 1, 2; small gold seal, 46; blue seal, 4; red seal, 2; stamps, 14. Total Awards 184.

BENEVOLENCE REPORT Abilene District

July, August and September, 1927
 Mrs. K. S. Beckett, Chairman
Big Spring association: Ministerial relief, \$2.50. Total, \$2.50.
Fisher Association: Cash and boxes, \$187.00; shower and cash, \$12.00; ministerial relief, \$2.50; love gifts, \$25.00; charity, \$50. Total \$277.10.
Haskell Association: B. O. H. cash, \$148; W. T. Baptist Sanitarium, cash, \$53. Total \$201.00.
Jones County Association: B. O. H. cash, \$15; B. O. H. boxes, \$210;

W. T. Baptist Sanitarium cash, \$31; ministerial relief, \$20. Total \$276.00.
Lamesa Association: B. O. H. cash, \$133.18; B. O. H. boxes, \$79.10; eggs, \$53.50; W. T. Baptist Sanitarium cash, \$10; ministerial relief, \$35.25. Total \$311.03.
Mitchell-Scurry Association: Reported "total for all purposes" \$3213.60.
Sweetwater Association: Sends "Report for three quarters." Good report but cannot be used here.

Total: Cannot make this total as cash and boxes are not sent separate in some cases.

The church at Sweet Home has called Brother Claud Stovall for full time. We do not know what his decision will be. This is a wonderful thing for a country church to do. But why not? They are amply able to put on such a program, and the Lord will, beyond doubt, add His blessings to such a move. Many of our strong country churches would do well to follow this worthy example.

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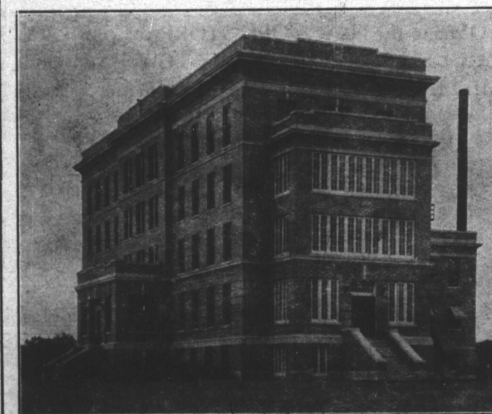
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After other matters of routine business new officers were elected to serve this newly organized body. Mrs. J. T. Jones of Olney was elected president and Mrs. A. W. Wright of Olney, Secy-Treas.

Conference adjourned to meet in Graham the latter part of January.

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YOUNG THROCKMORTON ASSOCIATION

Recently Missionary Agee has been with pastor M. F. Richardson and Eliasville church in a Sunday school institute. Two classes were taught in "What Baptist Believe." Brother Agee teaching the young people and the pastor the adults. Then both classes united while Bro. Agee taught "Standard Sunday School by Flake." Fifteen diplomas were given on Sunday school administrative course, while some thirty seals were granted. Since the school some dozen other seals have been merited by our teachers.

We hope to become a standard school soon.

During this study course the pastor and Bro. Agee, assisted by some other workers, took a religious census, which revealed many uninitiated Baptists in our midst. The Sunday school was reorganized to take care of our possibilities. Several new classes were formed. Visiting communities appointed and some definite work planned to reach the uninitiated.

At our last regular service three deacons were ordained, namely R. H. Dunman, L. I. Layne, and D. E. Bryant. The ordination council consisted of the pastor, Rev. Milam, the deacons of the church, E. M. Agee and L. B. Connell. The pastor examined the candidates. Bro. Milam led the ordination prayer and Brother Connell, pastor of Throckmorton First Church preached the sermon. The service was spiritual and helpful. At the close a collection was taken for the cooperation program.

Since the above service we have received Brother Long, a deacon into our fellowship and have lost a deacon by death. Brother Marshall Davis died at the Graham hospital and was buried at Graham Tuesday, November 1. The pastor officiating. Many friends and loved ones from here attending. He leaves a wife and two children, Mrs. Arthur Davis and Mrs. T. H. Bailey of Oil City, and a host of friends and neighbors to mourn their loss.

Eliasville W. M. S. recently sent a box of linen to Baptist Hospital at Abilene. They are beginning a new study course, "From Strength to Strength," a home mission book, taught by Mrs. Richardson. Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Salmon are making fine leaders for our Intermediate B. Y. P. U. The attendance, zeal and interest of our large group of Intermediates indicate a live and worth while organization.

The ladies of Throckmorton and Young Association met at Throckmorton October 21st, and united and elected officers. Mrs. J. F. Jones of Olney, president; Mrs. Wright, secretary-treasurer. Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Anderson gave an interesting account of the recent W. M. U. Board meeting at Dallas.

REV. R. G. BAUCOM
HAS 50 YEARS SERVICE
WITH TEXAS BAPTIST

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these two years he raised eight thousand, five hundred dollars to add four stories to the first unit of the new building.

On account of the illness of his youngest son, he resigned the position with the State Board, and entered into the work of an Association Missionary, serving the Uvalde, Waco, Lampasas, Rehoboth, and Concho Valley Association respectively.

One interesting fact about Brother Baucum's work, is that no association board ever had to use one dollar of money raised for Association Missions to pay interest, nor did he ever have to wait a day for his salary.

He left the association mission work to become field secretary of the West Texas Baptist Sanitarium in April, 1926. However before leaving the Concho Association, Rev. Baucum raised money, and laid the corner stone for the hospital at San Angelo. The first year's work for the West Texas Baptist Sanitarium was largely given to the reselling the sanitarium to the people.

As to whether his work has been successful or not the records of the institution show for its self. The history of the first year of the sanitarium show there were eight hundred, seventy-six patients. There were one thousand plus during the second year of his work, and fifteen hundred plus, the third year.

The first year of his work with the sanitarium no association in West Texas gave a cash offering, but the last year every association visited mad a cash offering for charity work, and a number of churches have extended him an invitation to visit them in the interest and work of the institution.

During his work as a minister, both a pastor and missionary there has been three thousand and twenty additions to the different churches. Two thousand plus of this number were by baptism, and seven hundred coming from other denominations.

Brother Baucum is now entering upon the fourth year with the West Texas Baptist Sanitarium. Though he may be going to his four score years, he is very enthusiastic in his work, with the promise of many years of good service in the work.

ABILENE FIRST CHURCH
MAKES FINE RECORD
IN TRAINING WORK

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meeting was a luncheon, to be served in the church dining hall, prepared by classes and departments in rotation, costing twenty cents a plate, and open to anyone who wished to come, but served especially for the convenience of the teachers and officers who were expected to attend the meeting. The luncheon is not a compulsory part of the meeting, but it is proving to be a very popular half-hour preceding the regular meeting. And "they" said the luncheon could not be served without losing money, but it has paid for itself from the beginning.

The next step in this program was demanding the attendance of all workers of classes in the Young Peoples' and Adult departments, and in all departments below the Young

Peoples'. This attendance is excused upon only two grounds: absence from the city, and illness. To begin with, this rule was not rigidly enforced, but little by little, as sentiment grew in favor of it, it came to be a definite part of the program. Any teacher or officer, at the present time, who misses three successive meetings unless for the reasons stated above, is automatically relieved of any further duties in connection with the Sunday School organization. And again, "they" said it could not be done, unless, of course, all the workers were to be driven away. In answer to this, week by week, more classes and departments are being one hundred per cent in attendance at this meeting.

Another step in building up such a meeting, is allowing absolutely nothing to interfere with it. Since the first meeting, a year and a half ago, there has been a meeting every week. They are not always full time sessions, but always the luncheon and the general session is had. Concerning this, too, some there were who said that occasionally the meeting would need to be done away with, in special cases, of course. But it has not been done away with one time, and it has grown steadily as a result of this.

This weekly meeting, keeping pace with the growth of the church, has meant increased efficiency, boundless enthusiasm, and deeper spirituality in every organization of the church. It is a far cry from an attendance of thirty or forty to one or more than three hundred, in a church of more than three thousand members, but it has been done, and it can be done again, even when "they" say: "Oh, you'll never do that."

At least no one ever has done it."

WEST AUSTRALIA OFFICIAL ENDORSES BIBLE READING IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

There has been much discussion, pro and con, on the question of reading the Bible in public schools. In Western Australia the government provides for the reading of the Bible in the public schools. Recently Knox H. Smith, secretary, Citizens Bible in public schools. Recently Knox H. Smith, secretary, Citizens Bible in Schools Propaganda Committee, sent a questionnaire to the department of education of Western Australia. The following is a copy of the questionnaire and the replies sent:

(1) Does your plan of giving scripture lessons in the schools by the state teachers enable the children to gain a fair knowledge of the Bible?

Answer: Yes.

(2) Do the state teachers take as much interest in scripture lessons as they do in the other lessons?

Answer: Yes.

(3) Do the scripture lessons (by the teachers) create discord with your Roman Catholic state teachers and Roman Catholic parents?

Answer: No.

(4) Are the children interested on the whole in scripture lessons?

Answer: Yes.

(5) Do the children memorize the Ten Commandments and other parts of Scripture?

Answer: Yes.

(6) Do the lessons create friction with parents or cause rancor in the schools?

Answer: No.

(7) Are any Government grants

CASH PRIZE OF \$150 OFFERED BAPTIST STUDENTS

The Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, has offered a money prize of \$150.00 to the Baptist student of a senior class for 1927-1928 working for an A. B. or corresponding degree, who will write the best essay on the subject: "Our Baptist Principles and the Vital Religious Life of Our Day." When the best paper in each state is selected, there will be an additional \$50.00 for the best paper of the South.

Conditions of the contest are: "1. Papers must be handed in or mailed to G. S. Hopkins, State Sunday school secretary, Dallas, by January 10, 1928.

given to denominational or church schools in your state?

Answer: No.

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If you know that you have talent And your neighbor naught but gold Or that all his goods are mortgaged If the truth were only told, Don't say it!

If you know some dreadful scandal, Such as gossips always court, And could add a few words to it When they call for your support, Don't say it!

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—Author Unknown.

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