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EMARKS



By DICK O'BRIEN

The older I grow and the more I observe the more I am convinced that the way professing Christians live, and not what they preach or profess, is the greatest influence in winning others to Christianity or driving them from it. An experience in my own childhood serves to illustrate what I mean.

I am the seventh boy in a family of eight boys and four girls. I think it was at the last count, I was not only an odd number by being seventh, but I was different in every other way from the rest of the family. In any given circumstances I would react in the most unexpected way, even to myself. I was accused of being to blame for nearly everything that went wrong about the place, and if there was an investigation I was usually convicted. One spring when the grass and weeds were growing faster than the crops some one left a gate open and all the work stock got out. It took the whole family until nearly noon to get them rounded up and back to work in the field. Dad wanted to know who left the gate open. As Andrew H. Brown would say, the finger of guilt pointed toward me. My Irish dad took the check rein off a wagon line, doubled it over, holding the buckle and snap in his hand, stood me off at a proper distance and angle and if you are rearing your children by the Ladies Home Journal, maybe you better not read the rest of this story. When the special session was about half over Dad let the buckle slip from his hand it struck me a painful blow just below and back of my knee. He did not strike me again, neither did he say anything, he simply turned and walked away. I went the other direction snubbing and crying and declaring to myself that when I got a little larger I would leave home and become a hobo, and maybe I would get killed by a freight train, then they would be sorry they mistreated me. But by the time supper was ready that evening and the tired, hungry family gathered to partake of the tasty meal that only a country mother can prepare, I had lost all ambitions to become a hobo and get killed by a freight train. The smell of country bacon, and the sight of blackeyed peas, candied yams, firm country butter, creamy sweet milk and an old fashioned peach cobbler, and no limitations on you except that imposed by nature in restricting your cubic capacity, is calculated to change your feeling about many things. Two or three days later a rain kept us indoors all day. As we children were playing about the place I ran through the room where Dad was reading the Baptist Standard. (I think that is a

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EVENTS TO COME

- April 28-30—West Texas Mexican Baptist Association, Pecos.
- April 29—High School Senior Day at Hardin-Simmons.
- May 4-6—Spring Pastor's Retreat, Camp Lueders.
- May 18-24—Southern Baptist Convention, Oklahoma City.
- May 27—Alumni and Ex-Student Banquet, H-S.U.
- June 1-47th Commencement, H. S.U.
- June 2—Registration, Summer Session, H-S.U.
- June 5-10—Preachers Evangelistic Conference, Fort Worth.
- June 7-15—Student Week, Ridgecrest.
- June 19-25—General Assembly, Camp Lueders.
- June 27—July 7—Texas Baptist Encampment, Palacios.
- July 9-14 Southwide Training Union Assembly, Ridgecrest.
- June 27-July 9—Texas Baptist Encampment, Palacios.
- July 10-12—Girls' Camp, Lueders.
- July 12-14—Boys' Camp, Lueders.
- July 22-28—Baptist World Alliance, Atlanta, Georgia.
- July 31-August 7—Paisano Encampment, Paisano Pass.

MEXICAN BAPTISTS MEET THIS WEEK END AT PECOS

The quarterly session of the West Texas Mexican Baptist association will convene at Pecos, Friday through Sunday, April 28 to 30. Missionary Scott Cotton of Big Spring is moderator of the association; Rev. Julian Ramirez, Slayton, vice president; Rev. Loyd Corder, Brownwood, secretary; Rev. A. L. Ortiz, Abilene, corresponding secretary; and M. B. Castro, Post, treasurer.

Evangelism will have a large place in the program of the association, Dr. J. L. Moye, field worker of the Home Mission Board preaching on this subject at the morning service Friday and the closing session Sunday night.

Other Americans scheduled to speak include Missionary J. A. Kidd of District Seven, Pastor W. M. Turner, of Pecos, Miss Eudaly of Grand Falls, and Hiram Duffer, Brownwood.

A sermon by Rev. Julian Ramirez of Slayton will feature the opening session Friday evening. Sunday School conferences will occupy two hours Friday morning. The W. M. U., the B. T. U. and board conferences will meet at the same time Saturday afternoon, and the business session of the association will occupy the afternoon period Sunday. It is noted that voluntary talks by messengers will have a place at the business session.

The young people will have charge of the Saturday night meeting with a massed chorus and a drama, "The Truthful Soldier" presented to the assembly. Another interesting feature is the seven o'clock matin service both Saturday and Sunday mornings. A missionary sermon will be preached Sunday morning by Rev. F. Dominguez, Carlsbad, N. M.

About twenty Mexican workers, including several women, have stated parts in the program.

HOME COMING PLANNED AT GORMAN ON MAY 7

Former pastors and former residents of Gorman are invited and urged by Pastor N. A. Saunders and the Baptist Church to have a part in the Homecoming day celebration, Sunday, May 7.

Rev. H. H. Stevens of Winters, who was pastor when the Gorman church reached the AA Standard in Sunday School will preach at the morning hour. Rev. P. D. O'Brien of Stamford, who was a school boy at Gorman, will speak in the afternoon and Pastor Saunders, at night. All former pastors who are present will be given time for brief talks between 2 and 3 in the afternoon.

Dinner will be served on the grounds and preparations are being made for a great day.

HOME COMING PROGRAM COLONY HILL CHURCH

- 9:45, Sunday School.
- 10:00, Song Service, Ernest Boyd, Holley.
- 10:10, Devotional—Rev. C. N. Jones, Abilene.
- 10:25, Church History—Rev. H. H. McGregor, Abilene.
- 10:50, Missions of the Church—Rev. R. H. Williams, Abilene.
- 11:20, Sermon—Dr. E. B. Atwood, Hardin-Simmons.
- 12:00, Lunch and Fellowship Hour.
- 1:30, Song Service—Ernest Boyd.
- 1:40, Devotional—Rev. A. R. McClure, Colony Hill.
- 2:00, Recognition Hour.
- 2:15, Sermon—Rev. E. P. Crocker, Abilene.

BROTHERHOOD NEWS

The men's Brotherhood of the Potosi Baptist Church held their monthly meeting April 25, had a fried chicken dinner, and there were 28 men present. Mr. Floyd Thomas was program chairman, and Mr. E. M. Collier, Association President, spoke on the "Aims of the Brotherhood."

The project adopted by the Potosi Brotherhood is to provide church and Sunday School services for the Dudley Baptist Church. This church has been disorganized for some time and it is being revived.

The Potosi Baptist Church can be complimented on having a most active Brotherhood. Rev. S. L. Tidwell is the pastor and is one of our most promising Hardin-Simmons ministerial students.

The next meeting of the Floyd association Brotherhood will be at Floydada, July 17.

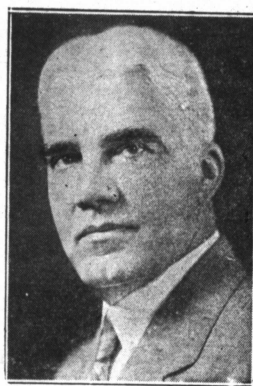
Speakers at Lueders



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Pastor, First Church, Tyler.



PROF. I. E. REYNOLDS
Chair of Music, Southwestern Seminary



DR. JOHN L. HILL
Book Editor, Sunday School Board



REV. J. W. MARSHALL
Secretary, Texas B. S. U.

BROTHERHOOD RALLY AT KNOX CITY APRIL 20

The Brotherhood in the First Baptist Church of Knox City has thirty-six members. It was organized in February with 22 charter members. The organization is planning some definite work to sponsor, and has some committees working on these projects at the present time. One committee arranges for services in communities where there is no Sunday School or preaching. Two committees have been contacted, and the pastor, Rev. H. E. East, has preached in these communities.

On Thursday night, April 20, Judge E. S. Cummings, District 17 president of the Brotherhood, brought a very inspiring message to our Brotherhood on the need of men backing their pastors in the work of evangelism. Every pastor should recognize Judge Cummings as being a true friend. Several of our men were touched by his message and have expressed a desire to work more for the Lord.

Also appearing on the program Thursday night was Mr. Leroy Jennings, president of the Brotherhood in First Baptist Church, Abilene, who spoke on the work the Brotherhood has done in that particular church, and Mr. Bob Speck, Sunday School superintendent of the First Baptist church in Rochester who spoke on the subject, "The Need of Men in Building a Sunday School."

We, in our Brotherhood in Knox City, feel very grateful to these men for bringing us the inspiration they did in this meeting. We invited representatives from all the churches in the Association to meet with us, but only four other churches were represented. Rev. E. S. Freeland, pastor of Gillespie, was present with two of his men; Rev. S. E. Stevenson, pastor at Goree and O'Brien, was present with representatives from both churches; and three laymen were present from Rochester.

ODIE KARR, President, Knox City Brotherhood.

S. S. INTEREST GROWING IN FISHER ASSOCIATION

The Fisher County Baptist churches already have more Sunday School Awards and more Standard Sunday Schools than for all of 1938. They expect to add many more awards during their Enlargement campaign from May 7 to 12, led by Secretary G. S. Hopkins. Several other Sunday Schools are almost standard.

Tye Church, where Rev. J. H. Hunt is pastor, recently had a record attendance of 109 at Sunday School.

PROMINENT LEADERS ON CAMP LUEDERS PROGRAM

Dr. John L. Hill of Nashville will be inspirational speaker, conducting riverside vesper services in addition to speaking at the tabernacle, at the West Texas Assembly at Camp Lueders, June 19 to 25, it was announced following a meeting of the encampment program committee at Abilene last week. Dr. Hill is one of the most sought-after speakers to young people in America.

Dr. Porter M. Bailes of Tyler, one of the leading pulpits orators of the South, will be encampment preacher, speaking twice daily including Sunday.

Prof. I. E. Reynolds, head of the department of sacred music at Southwestern Seminary and song leader at the Southern Baptist Convention which meets at Oklahoma City May 18 to 24, will conduct classes in sacred music designed for song leaders and pianists.

The W. M. U. conference of the encampment will be in charge of an outstanding faculty headed by Mrs. E. F. Lyon, the talented executive secretary of the Women's Missionary Union of Texas.

Among others announced on the partially completed program will be Rev. J. W. Marshall, State leader of the student movement; Dr. T. C. Gardner, executive secretary of the Training Union; W. J. Lites, field secretary for Sunday School; Mrs. Marshall and Mrs. Gardner will also appear as conference leaders.

An unusual feature will be daily conferences for the laymen which will be led by either Lawson H. Cook, Brotherhood leader for the South, or Assistant Secretary Hugh F. Latimer.

The completed program, which will feature many leaders of District Seventeen and adjoining areas, is expected to be ready for release within a few days, announces the committee chairman, Rev. J. S. Tierce, Clyde.

The summer camps for boys and girls will be held from July 10 to 14, the girls' meeting from Monday evening to noon Wednesday and the boys' camp following from Wednesday evening to Friday noon.

RACE GAMBLING FIGHT CONTINUES SAY LEADERS

Your committee gratefully acknowledges the cooperation the 4,000 Baptist and Methodist preachers of Texas have given it. Our leader at Austin, the Hon. Bryan Bradbury, says that we (you and your committee) contributed more than any other factor in the recent defeat of the gambling bill in the House of Representatives.

We now make what we hope is our final appeal. A desperate effort is being made in Austin to tack the defeated gambling bill as a rider to some tax bill as was done in 1933. Our leaders in Austin sincerely hope this effort will fail, but to make this failure doubly sure we are asking each of our 4,000 preachers to have one or two of their prominent business leaders to send a telegram or letter of protest to Speaker, members of the House, President and members of the Senate against the design of the gambling leaders. If this is done your committee believes the race track gambling issue will be settled in Texas for years to come.

Faithfully,
F. W. McConnell.
A. J. Weeks.
Jeff Davis.
W. D. Bradfield.

DISTRICT 17 W. M. U. CONVENES AT RANGER

Mrs. J. S. Tierce, Rec. Sec.

The thirty-first annual meeting of District 17 of Texas W. M. U. was held at the First Baptist church, Ranger, April 18-19. The president, Mrs. J. B. Buckley, called the meeting to order at 10 o'clock. A good program had been prepared and was well rendered with a few substitutions.

From the first song, led by Mrs. Frank Hicklin, chorister, a spirit of prayer prevailed throughout the two day session. The opening devotional was led by Mrs. J. Walton Moore, one of our faithful missionaries from China. A quartet from Ranger composed of Mrs. Frank Hicklin, Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. Rogers and Miss Georgia Beal Burchell, inspired us with a beautiful number in song. Mrs. Charles Talley, Jr., gave words of greeting and welcome. With the appointment of committees, the recognition of visitors and new members, and the adoption of the order of business as printed on the program, the organization moved beautifully throughout the session.

The president used as her theme for her message, "Lovest thou me?" choosing a part of the 21st chapter of John as a basis for her challenging address.

"Letting our lights shine" in our associations was responded to by associational presidents or representatives from each association. All reports showed a quickened interest in many phases of work, practically all apportionments being met. The report of the corresponding secretary-treasurer, Mrs. J. M. Chandler, was read and accepted. It will be published later.

At the close of the morning session we paused to pay loving tribute to those who had gone home during the year. Mrs. C. R. Sims beautifully presented the memorial service.

Mrs. E. A. Cain based her afternoon devotional on the theme, "Let our lights shine in our homes." Mr. R. Hobson favored us with a solo. A 35-minute conference was held by the general chairman of the district and the young people's leader.

Probably the highest hour of the meeting came during Christian education hour. Mrs. N. A. Moore had charge of the program. Mrs. W. A. Johnson, superintendent of the Southwestern Training School, was presented and spoke of her girls at the Training School. Misses Mildred Smith and Martha Jane Moore, two of our own daughters who will be in

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V. B. S. TRAINING SCHOOL IN ABILENE NEXT WEEK

Workers from eight churches and two missions in Abilene will participate in a training school for Vacation Bible school leaders which will be held at First Church, Abilene, May 1 and 2 and May 8.

Missionary B. N. Shepherd will be in charge of the school and teachers announced include Mesdames John Skillern and J. R. Fielder, Internedates; Mrs. E. O. Keeton and Miss Harriett Evans, Juniors; Misses Verna Lee Carson and Maltha Cagle, Primaries; Mrs. O. R. Jackson, Beginners; Miss Jeanelle Jennings, Dramatics.

A cordial invitation is extended to interested members from nearby towns to join in the studies, which are preparatory to a citywide Vacation Bible school in June.

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HIGH CHAIRS VS. ELECTRIC CHAIRS

The electric chair, said an officer of the "G-men" recently in a luncheon club address, is not the place to stop crime. To prevent crime, we should begin with the high chair.

It is an arresting thought but the G-man did not take credit for originality. He was merely putting a striking, new dress on an idea which was old thirty centuries ago when Solomon put it in his book. But knowing the proverb did not make the wise king a wise father who trained his children in the way they should go. Unfortunately, in the ages before and since his time, he has had a great deal of company.

Under the stress of our social and economic life of today, many parents find themselves, often too late, neglecting the most important business of their lives—the development of the character and the spiritual life of their children.

Not wealth nor social position nor fame nor power has a fraction of the importance of teaching our children to know Christ personally and training them to live God-fearing lives. Yet how many leave so-called Christian homes without that heritage.

An alumnus of Buckner Home recently made the public assertion that no child from that Christian home ever was enrolled at a state penal institution. So seldom does one go from any phase of our church life that it is the occasion of much notice.

But indispensable as is the church influence, a few minutes weekly can never make up for lack of proper training in the home. There is where God put the major emphasis, and there it will remain.

WIN ONE AND TRAIN ONE

A Guest Editorial by T. C. Gardner

The Gospel makes its appeal to man on the basis that he is a personal being, that he thinks, is emotional and chooses at his will. The Gospel elicits a personal response from man. Baptists believe that by nature, by choice and by practice, man is a winner. Baptists also believe that there is just one way for a man to be saved—"For by Grace are ye saved through faith and that not of yourselves: it is a gift of God."—Ephesians 2:8. Baptists believe that the Gospel of Jesus should be trumpeted out to the four corners of the earth. They believe that an honest, earnest, sincere effort should be made to win all people to Him. It would be wonderful if every member of every Baptist Church would make an effort each year to win one to Christ, at the same time, train to serve Christ.

Baptists believe in training. They believe in the proverb, "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it." The Baptist Training Union is designed to train, indoctrinate and develop all Baptists. A place has been made in its organization for every member of the family. Perhaps the greatest need of the Training Union now is a very large number of men and women who will dedicate their lives to the holy task of serving as leaders, sponsors and officers in the Training Union. The training task and training opportunity is so great that it demands the best men and women in the State. It should be remembered always that we cannot have first-rate organizations with a second-rate leadership. It is my deliberate opinion that there is not a man or woman in Texas who is too big intellectually, educationally or spiritually to serve as a leader or sponsor or any of the Training Union organizations.

Every Baptist should make an effort to win a soul to Christ this year. As we win, let's do not neglect to train. Baptists must educate or abdicate.

"AMEN"

There is a wide difference of opinion among Christian people regarding the policies and personality of the Governor of Texas but all of us can echo a hearty "Amen," when he declares that a revival of religion is essential to the well-being of the state.

Whether you agree with Governor O'Daniel in politics or not, you must admit that it bodes well for the future of a state when the chief executive publicly pleads with the people to unite in prayer for a settlement of their difficulties. We need to remind ourselves more often that the American Constitution, the greatest document ascribed wholly to human hands, resulted a century and a half ago when Benjamin Franklin, on a day sultry of weather and tempers, moved that the Constitutional convention precede its deliberations with prayer.

Never before had a nation been so founded upon a bedrock of prayer and never has a nation so prospered. In these latter years we have tended to despise our heritage as outmoded. We turned from our characteristic American idealism. And we have been in great danger of losing our traditional American prosperity.

The Governor's plea for revival is but another indication of the current trend of thought in that direction. Regardless of our political bias, may we accept his urging in sincerity and join in the prayer that Texas might lead the nation and the world in a return to Christianity which will reach down to the roots of our everyday life. Amen, Governor O'Daniel, Amen.

News Notes

In a revival at Crosbyton led by Pastor R. C. Tension, there were 42 professions of faith, and 37 additions, 26 for baptism. H. J. West of Phillips led the song service.

There were 88 additions to Colonial Church, Dallas, 65 for baptism, in a revival led by Rev. J. Krank Murrell of Denison. A high attendance of 580 in Sunday School and 228 in B. T. U. was reached during the meeting. Rev. John G. Moore is pastor.

Rev. Leonard W. Cronin, chaplain in the C. C. C., and Rev. C. J. McCarty, pastor of Calvary Church, Lubbock, were preachers in First Church, Lubbock, in the absence of Dr. C. E. Hereford who is assisting Dr. A. D. Foreman, Jr., in a fine revival in First Church, San Angelo.

The goal of 175 Standard Sunday Schools in Texas was reached by the time of the Waco Convention.

The Arizona State Mission Board has elected Rev. John Maguire, nine years Sunday School field worker in Alabama and now pastor at Florala, Alabama, as the successor to Secretary S. S. Bassell who has resigned effective June 1.

Dr. Douglas Carver of Harlingen will be camp pastor, and Miss Blanche Walker, missionary to China, will again be among the speakers at the Arizona Assembly at Prescott this summer.

Over 100 men were present at a Brotherhood rally at North Roby last week at which time the men of North Roby Church completed an organization.

Missionary H. D. Blair of Cisco association recently led in reorganizing the Mitchell church near Cisco. There were 23 additions in the meeting conducted by Rev. Blair and there were a total of 73 at Sunday School on Easter Sunday. The church expects to call a pastor soon.

Following the deeply spiritual revival recently led by Rev. E. F. Cole of Lamesa in First Church, Breckenridge, they had a record attendance of 864 in Sunday School on Easter Sunday and 703 the week following. A striking feature of the Breckenridge meeting was the large number of young married people who were converted.

The May worker's conference of Rannels association will meet May 9 at Bradshaw.

Dr. William H. Joyner, state evangelist, who is now in a revival with Pastor E. D. Dunlap and First Church, Mexia, goes next to Highland Church, Texarkana.

The Clyde revival led by Pastor S. L. Tidwell of Potosi and Weinert stirred the church deeply an average of 100 attending the prayer services during the meeting and a record Sunday School attendance. There were eleven conversions, six for baptism.

There were 14 conversions in the deeply spiritual revival at Gilmer led by Dr. Millard A. Jenkins. All but one of the converts were adults.

Thirty Baptist churches in Memphis, Tenn., are in a simultaneous revival. Evangelist T. C. Crume is with the Prescott Memorial Church in this meeting.

Lueders reports two good study courses recently, with 34 taking examinations in the Training Union work and 30 completing the Sunday School courses. Local talent made up the faculties of both schools.

B. T. U. BIBLE READINGS FOR MAY 1 TO 7

Adult and Senior
Monday—Luke 19:28-48. Tuesday—Luke 20:1-18. Wednesday—Luke 20:19-47. Thursday—Luke 21:1-24. Friday—Luke 21:25-38. Saturday—Luke 22:1-30. Sunday—Sunday School lesson, Acts 18:1.

Intermediate
Monday—Ruth 1:1-13. Tuesday—Ruth 1:14 to 2:3. Wednesday—Ruth 2:4-16. Thursday—Ruth 2:17 to 3:6. Friday—Ruth 3:7-18. Saturday—Ruth 4:1-22. Sunday—Sunday School lesson.

Junior
Monday—Psalm 46:1-7. Tuesday—Psalm 47:1-9. Wednesday—Psalm 48:9-14. Thursday—Psalm 50:1-7. Friday—Psalm 51:1-7. Saturday—Psalm 51:8-13. Sunday—Sunday School lesson.

Something to Think About

By A. A. Blaine

The prolonged drouth at planting season is causing a lot of anxiety in this section of Texas just now, also rumors that an unusually heavy crop of grasshoppers, or locusts as they were called during Bible times, is expected. Such things are not just "happenings" as some are wont to believe, but are a result of sin on the part of people who are called by the name of the Lord. Physical depressions and drouths are always preceded by Spiritual depressions and drouths. God's inspired writer quoted him as saying in 2 Chronicles 7:13-14, "If I shut up the heaven that there be no rain, or if I command the locusts to devour the land, or if I send pestilences among my people; If my people which are called by my name, shall (1) Humble themselves (2) and pray (3) and seek my face (4) And turn from their wicked ways; then will I (1) hear from heaven (2) and will forgive their sin (3) and will heal their land. These four conditions to be met on man's part spell genuine repentance. God has promised, in response to such repentance, to take care of man's Spiritual need first and then take care of his physical need by healing his land. This passage from the Old Testament is in keeping with a passage from the New Testament (Matt. 6:33) Seek ye first the Kingdom of God, and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you. We may well conclude that as our faith so will our spiritual and temporal welfare be.

A GROWING MENACE

By T. C. Gardner

I have just received a letter from a federal judge. He writes about several interesting things. One paragraph is as follows: "I have on my schedule for the afternoon a conference at the doctor's office with a broken-hearted old father whose very life has been crushed by an erring son, the erring son and the family physician. They have invited me to come in for a consultation at which time some plan for the future of this son is to be decided upon. Whiskey is a growing menace in our country, and I know of nothing that is doing the damage to our men and women whiskey is. How long, how long, will we tolerate it?" The above was written by a judge that is having contacts with large groups of people every day. He knows what he is talking about. Christian people should re-study and re-think this whole question of the evils of the liquor traffic.

SELF DENIAL

By GORDON BARRETT

The first step in disciplinship is self-denial. God denied himself of His Son. Jesus denied himself of Life that He might save the world. And Paul tells us, "Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of His." We are not to become Christians for what we can get out of it, but rather for what we can put into it.

I dare say every student of the Bible, deep down in his heart admires Paul. There is a cause. Paul said, "But what things were gained to me, those I counted loss for Christ. Yea, doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ." Paul also asked for fellowship in suffering with Christ.

History is as silent as the grave as to when and where any great victory has been won, that some person or persons did not have to suffer to win it.

Bunyan, Livingston, Judson, and many others immortalized themselves, not by what they got, but by what they gave. If there is any other road to true greatness, than that of great service, it is yet to be discovered. For it was Jesus who said, "Whoever will be great among you, let him be your minister; and whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant."

It should not be the fear of hell, or the hope of heaven that should actuate us in our Christian service. But like our Lord and Master, a burning desire to do our Father's will. If the tree is good, the fruits will be good; if the fountain is pure, the stream you need not dread.

God grant that the day may soon come, when all Christian people can and will say as the Psalmist said, "Lo, I come; in the volume of the book it is written of me, I delight to do thy will, O my God, yea, thy law is within my heart." Other than this, no matter what we do, nor how we do it, we fail.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

April 30, 1939

By Hight C Moore

PAUL CROSSES INTO EUROPE

Read Acts 15:36 to 17:15
Study Acts 15:36; 16:4-15

Returning to Antioch in Syria from Jerusalem where the burning mission problem was solved as to admitting Gentiles to church membership, Barnabas and Paul separated, each taking a helper. Paul, beginning his second missionary journey, revisited the missions in Asia Minor. Attended by Silas and Timothy he proceeded westward contrary to plan, but under impulse of the Spirit to the seaport city of Troas. Here Luke joined the party and the visional Macedonian summoned them to Europe. They responded at once and so planted at Philippi about A. D. 50 the first church on that continent.

1. Enlisting Associate Missionaries (Acts 15)

Mission personnel was doubled by the enlistment of new helpers. Paul proposed to Barnabas, companion on his first tour, that they visit every mission point where they had preached the gospel. Barnabas agreed, but was bent on again taking with them his kinsman, John Mark, of Jerusalem. To this plan Paul did not agree since Mark had turned back from Perga when they were on the threshold of their work in Pamphylia, Pisidia, and Lycania. So sharp did their contention become over the matter that Paul and Barnabas agreed to separate, the understanding apparently being that Barnabas would revisit his native country of Cyprus, while Paul would revisit the countries west of his native Cilicia. At any rate, instead of one company there were two—Barnabas attended by Mark sailing for Cyprus, and Paul attended by Silas proceeding through Syria and Cilicia.

2. Edifying Mission Churches (Acts 16)

Mission advance included the edification of the brethren in mission churches. In his tour westward through Asia Minor, Paul spent some time in Syria in the neighborhood of Antioch, and then traveled through Cilicia, the scene of his earlier but unrecorded ministry. His special work was "confirming the churches" by encouragement, indoctrination, and doubtless exhibition of the letter from the Jerusalem council touching the Christian liberty of Gentile believers. Taking the main road through Cilicia from Tarsus or thereabouts, Paul soon found himself at Derbe whence after a brief stay he passed on to Lystra. Here he found Timothy, a trophy of his former visit, in high repute among the brethren as an evangelist. Needing just such an assistant in his present journey, Paul wished Timothy to accompany him which he gladly did, though to forestall possible complications that might arise in dealing with the Jews, Paul thought it wise to have Timothy submit to the Hebrew rite of circumcision. So they went on their way, establishing the churches in the faith and daily witnessing accessions to them.

3. Encountering Closed Doors in Asia (Acts 16)

Mission restraint was affected by the closed doors in Asia. Some of the new fields in Asia Minor which they planned to enter were closed to Paul and his companions. Thus they traversed Phrygia and also spent some time in Galatia, where Paul, being detained by an unknown malady longer than he had expected, was cordially received by the Galatians and did a remarkable work among them. The Holy Spirit forbade their proposed evangelism in the Roman province of Asia and would not suffer them to enter the province of Bithynia. Moreover, they passed by the province of Mysia without attempting to evangelize it. But notwithstanding these providential restraints, there was a great work behind him as well as a great task before him when Paul reached the city of Troas on the shores of the Aegean Sea.

4. Entering the Open Door into Europe (Acts 16)

Mission opportunity was afforded in the open door to Europe. At Troas Paul had the good fortune to add another valuable member to his missionary party. It may have been without pre-arrangement or more likely at the request of Paul, who was possibly still emaciated from his sickness in Galatia, that Luke, the beloved physician, became henceforth the attendant, associate, and chronicler of the great apostle. But the question of questions before Paul at Troas was the field for his future labors. However, he was not long kept in suspense. Before him at night in a vision there stood a Macedonian beseeching him to come to that country. Thus, the path of duty was made clear and Paul determined to pursue it without a moment's delay. Taking the first boat, Paul and his party sailed with favoring breeze to the island of Samothrace which they reached in a day and there anchored for the night. The next day they reached the city of Neapolis, which was an important harbor on the Macedonian coast. Leaving there they set foot for the first time on the soil of Europe. A journey of ten miles inland brought the missionaries to the city of Philippi, which was a Roman colony was not only a military center, but also in its government a miniature of the Imperial City on the banks of the Tiber.

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'5 Establishing the Church at Philippi (Acts 16)

Mission Expansion came with the founding of the church at Philippi. Though the Jews were not numerous enough in Philippi to have a synagogue there, a Place of Prayer by the riverside beyond the city limits was maintained, principally by a few devout women. Thither the missionaries went on the sabbath and seized the opportunity to preach the gospel. One of the listeners was Lydia, a dealer in dyed goods which were doubtless imported from her native city of Thyatira. The words of Paul went straight to her heart which the Lord opened; she believed and thus became the first convert in Europe; and she showed her faith by being baptized, by leading her household to believe and be baptized, and by constraining the missionaries to be her guests during their stay in the city. Thus the Philippian church was founded.

The Lesson of the Lesson

Follow the Guidance of the Holy Spirit

(1) Guidance in Direction. "Went through the region." Every step ought to be under impulse of the Spirit. No move should be made without his suggestion. Let him set our faces and feet in the way he would have us go. (2) Guidance in Silence. "Forbidden—to speak the word." When God wishes us to speak, let no man keep silent. But when God commands silence, let no man speak. The consecrated tongue must sometimes be still. (3) Guidance in Prevention. "Suffered them not." Are not our plans often disregarded and destroyed? No matter, if Providence deals the blow. The shut door guides as truly as the open door.

(4) Guidance in Need. "A man of Macedonia standing—beseeching—saying." Europe had its culture and its power, but it needed the religion of Jesus Christ. Nowhere was there deeper need of the gospel. (5) Guidance in Location. "Philippi—a city—first of the district, a Roman colony." There is a particular place where we ought to labor. In some way we are fitted for it just at the time it opens to us. Shrink not, though it takes us to another continent.

Gold in the Golden Texts

After he had seen the vision, immediately he endeavored to go into Macedonia. Acts 16:10.

See. That is first; and it is fundamental. The vision is there; see it. It is of God; know it. It is unveiled for a pressing purpose; understand it.

Then follow the flashlight upon the path of duty ahead. It may lead away from old haunts; never mind. It may take into stormy seas; trust God. It will lead directly to new and wider and richer fields; "go forth into Macedonia."

And "Straightway" is the word; delay not. God is guiding; gird at once and follow on!

Daily Bible Readings

April 24—"Come . . . and Help Us." Acts 16:6-10.

April 25—"The Conversion of Lydia." Acts 16:11-15.

April 26—"Casting Out the Evil Spirit." Acts 16:16-18.

April 27—"Paul in Prison." Acts 16:19-25.

April 28—"The Jailer Saved." Acts 16:26-34.

April 29—"The Gospel in Berea." Acts 17:10-12.

April 30—"The Gospel of Every Land." Psalms 67:1-7.

B. T. U. TOPICS FOR APRIL 30TH

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Senior: Christ's Minority in Japan.

Intermediates: The Question Mark in the Orient.

Junior: When Elijah was Prophet in Israel.

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Mrs. Lockett Writes Of Return To Africa

Ogbomosh, Nigeria, West Africa, March 9, 1939.

Dear Friends:

I have wanted to write each of you personally, but I have been so occupied with work on the Mission field since arriving January fifth in Nigeria that to write each friend separately has been well nigh impossible. The three new young lady missionaries, Vivian Nowell, Amanda Tinkle, Elizabeth Truly, and I set sail from New York December the tenth for Liverpool on our way to Nigeria. We had a rough but pleasant voyage all the way to England. Then, we spent three days in freezing cold Liverpool amongst great throngs of Christmas shoppers while we were buying intensively for the tropics. English friends of mine came to Liverpool to see me one day and we had a happy time together.

We set sail from Liverpool for Lagos, Nigeria, December 21. We had only four days of cold, rough weather. We spent Christmas day at beautiful Madeira Island. Forty odd passengers on the "Abosso," our boat, went to Madeira for the winter to get away from the intensively cold weather of England. Right after Christmas we went into our summer clothes and were soon wearing tropical helmets to keep from getting sunstroke. We enjoyed the smooth tropical sea, and again I thrilled to the marvelous beauty of the West African coast cities and towns, where several times our ship spent a day discharging and taking on cargo.

Beautiful City

When we arrived in Lagos, our port, the girls agreed with me that Lagos is the most beautiful city of them all. Seven of our missionaries were at the boat to meet us and welcome us to Africa. Doctor and Mrs. George Green of Ogbomosh had come in their station wagon to take us up country to our respective stations, and our luggage was sent ahead by truck.

We spent a day and a night in Lagos at the Academy with Mr. A. Scott Patterson. Always before Doctor Lockett had been with me, and for many years Lucille Reagan and the Duvals had been there to welcome us. Our hearts were made sad at the thought of the dear ones who had passed on, and that Mrs. Duval had retired in Canada. We were happy to find that Mr. Patterson is carrying on the Lagos work in a fine way. He is out here alone, with Mrs. Patterson in Georgia looking after the children. They are willing to make that sacrifice for the work's sake. I know just how hard that is for both of them; for Doctor Lockett was here once for fourteen months while I was in America with our children.

My heart sings with joy just to be back on my mission field. Both natives and white people have given me a glorious welcome and many have told me that they feel that my return is in answer to prayer. A number of native boys that Doctor Lockett and I sent to school through the years are employed in mission work and government service at Lagos, so many of them came to the mission house there to salute me. They were delighted that I still remembered Yoruba. Everything I wanted to say just seemed to come as if I had been thinking and talking Yoruba during my more than five years in America. Needless to say, I was happy to be able to talk with them in their own dialect. Only a missionary who has been away from one's field for several years and gets to return can imagine how happy I was to be back here again. But there was a note of sadness in it all too—these people had loved Doctor Lockett devotedly, and it brought back their grief anew to see me without him.

Miss Truly At Abeokuta

We spent a night in Abeokuta on our way to Ogbomosh and got to see our good missionary friends there. We left Elizabeth Truly there to study the language and teach in the Baptist Girls' School. She and I had become devoted to each other as we had roomed together on our voyage, and it was hard to part. We had hoped that we might work in the same section; but I feel that she will have wonderful opportunities to serve her Lord and Master where she is. She is fine, capable, and consecrated. Elizabeth volunteered when I was talking in Southwestern Seminary three years ago at the Texas State Y. W. A. Houseparty, so I call her my daughter in the Gospel.

We are expecting Josephine Scaggs from Southwestern Seminary, who volunteered for Africa at the same time that Elizabeth did, to come to Nigeria next summer. She is one of the most capable and consecrated young women that I have ever known. Both missionaries and natives were

happy to welcome the three young women who came with me.

Miss Nowell and I came to Ogbomosh, and again I am principal of mosho. Vivian is Doctor Green's secretary, the Ogbomosh Baptist Day School. Amanda Tinkle came to Ogbomosh for a visit of a week, then went on to Shaki to study Yoruba for six months before returning to Ogbomosh to take up her work as a nurse in the Baptist Hospital here. Amanda has not been well since she arrived.

I am sharing the nurses' home at Ogbomosh with Kathleen Manley and am looking after the housekeeping at present. I was glad to find my cook, Wusi, already working here. I had trained him as a boy to cook for Doctor Lockett and me. He is excellent help, a faithful Christian, and will do anything in the world to please me.

Natives Welcome

For several days I could hardly do anything but talk to the natives who poured in to salute me. Numbers of my old boys came from places miles away to greet me, and others wrote letters of welcome. How my heart rejoiced to see so many of the boys who had become preachers and teachers. I believe one of the greatest investments one can make is to educate a Yoruba boy or girl in our mission schools. It costs only from twenty-five to forty dollars to send a boy or girl to school for a year and give one his or her books, food and clothing.

A friend from Memphis, Tennessee had turned fifty dollars over to me to help boys go to school. I could have used ten times that much right away if I had had it. There are so many worthy ones who are begging for the opportunity to go to school whose parents are too poor to help them. There are so many to choose from. One boy made a special appeal to my heart. He left his home town on faith and came to Ogbomosh. He had gone as far as he could in his home school. He was in rags and tatters and had an ulcer on his leg. I was afraid to have him live in the house with the other boys because his ulcer was from yaws. He said, one day, "Missus, please have mercy on me and help me to go to school, I love the Lord and want to work for Him, but I can't do much without further education." I sent him over to the hospital for injections, which soon cured his yaws. He stayed out in town until he was well and then came later to stay in the boys' house at the nurses' home. I have given him the job of cutting down weeds and the tall grass in my old compound for his morning and afternoon work. I find him very industrious, and he is also bright and studious. He passed his entrance examinations into Standard Five, and he seems to be very happy to have the opportunity to be in a good school. He is exceedingly grateful for his two simple cotton uniforms and his new books. It is such boys as this one who become our future native workers. Mr. McKinney's money is not only helping him, but two others, one a college student.

Ojo, my former houseboy and a day school student when I left Nigeria five and a half years ago, was in Ogbomosh from the Baptist Teachers' College at Iwo for his Christmas vacation when I arrived. He was a tremendous help to me in unpacking and getting my things put in order at the nurses' home. He is very neat and orderly, and he is one of the brightest and best Christians among the boys that Doctor Lockett and I sent to school. The Elkin Lockett Y. W. A. of Euclid Avenue Baptist Church, St. Louis, has been paying his school fees at the college for three years. I wish that every one of those young women might know him and see what a fine boy he is. I am expecting great things of him as a Christian preacher and teacher, which he hopes to become. I spent some of Mr. McKinney's money on Ojo to help defray some necessary expenses for him and to get him a new uniform.

Since the yellow fever epidemic in Ogbomosh, white people have not lived in the house that Doctor Lockett and I occupied for years, because of its proximity to the native town. The house is well built and the yard of four and a half or five acres still has mango and avocado, as well as many fine citrus fruit trees, bearing excellent fruit. The pineapple and banana plants were cut down during the yellow fever epidemic, and the yard had grown up in weeds and tall grass. The lovely tropical flower beds were weeded and gone. It looked like the ghost of the place it used to be. I was really glad not to return there to live.

Growing Day School

The mission has voted to turn the house and yard over to me for day

school use as it adjoins the school premises. Already the yard has been cleared of weeds and the agricultural teacher is having his boys lay out their gardens there. I am going to have the girls cultivate the flower gardens as that is their part of the agricultural work. The boys' house in the yard, which already had a good kitchen, is used for teaching domestic science. The manual training teacher is teaching mechanical drawing and bench work in two rooms downstairs, and a clinic for the day school pupils run by our doctors and nurses is in a downstairs room. Upstairs I am to have an office away from the Day School where I can do personal work with the unsaved, and we are to have a science laboratory and a library in two other rooms. It is a joy to see the place come to life again and be put to a good use. I am happy in executing these plans for the day school.

We need more money. We have started a school, which I am supervising, at the leper colony with two teachers working there. We have started on faith. I do not know just where the teachers' salaries of five pounds, \$25 monthly, will come from. Some of my tithe will go to that cause and I feel that God will move the heart of some one to give the rest. Many of the boys and girls who are now lepers will be cured. They are now having the opportunity of learning of Christ as their Savior, and we feel that it is only fair to educate them now and prepare them for future usefulness.

Dr. Walker With Lepers

Doctor Glenn Walker is doing a fine job of the leper work. Naturally, my heart and sympathy are in this project because Doctor Lockett started it years ago. They are now constructing a chapel there to be known as the B. L. Lockett Memorial Chapel. The first Sunday that I was here I was asked to speak to the lepers at their eleven o'clock service. Of course I gladly did so. I never before in my life had a more interested or attentive congregation. How my heart goes out in sympathy to them!

Many of the lepers that Doctor Lockett treated have been cured and dismissed. Two of our brightest and best Christian teachers are men who have been cured of that loathsome disease. Eyetayo, the best English teacher I have ever had in the Ogbomosh Baptist Day School, is one who was cured of leprosy. He is now head master of the Illora school, and he has recently written me that he has felt the call to preach and will next year enter our theological seminary for training. Time and again he has been offered excellent government positions that would pay far more money than our mission can ever afford to pay him, but he prefers to stay with the mission. In his recent letter to me he spoke of the inspiration that Doctor Lockett had been to him through the years when he had almost given up hope of being a normal human being again. He attributes his call to the ministry to Doctor Lockett's influence upon him.

Everywhere I look I see how well Lee Lockett built in the lives of Christian men, in the training of hospital workers, and in the excellent buildings he erected. I have often wondered why I was left and he was taken; but I know that God in His wisdom doeth all things well. I shall endeavor to make my life count for God as much as I possibly can.

I have no car, so I am going with Miss Sanders who has one, to Baki church. It is in one of the worst neglected heathen sections of this city of 86,000 black people. Eva Sanders, one of our nurses, holds a clinic three times a week and has charge of a one-teacher school there. Many men, women and children come to this Sunday School and church. One of our Seminary students is the pastor, Miss Sanders, the preacher, and I walk for a mile from the main road through the town each Sunday morning saluting the natives and asking them to come to the services. This always brings out some new ones. I expect later to assist in a church where there is no missionary in charge.

Staff Overworked

I often go with Kathleen Manley to make her last rounds at the hospital at ten or eleven o'clock at night. The native nurses are always on their jobs working with the sick with great patience and sympathy. We have had a terrible scourge of contagious diseases lately at the hospital and also at the home for motherless babies. Some have had mumps, measles, and pneumonia. There is still an epidemic of typhoid and yellow fever in Nigeria. Our hospital has cured and lost people from both the latter diseases. Some of you will remember that

Kathleen Manley, Doctor Leonard Long, and Lena Lair recovered from yellow fever at the time that Lucille Reagan and Frances Jones died from it.

Misses Sanders and Manley, as well as our two doctors, have been terribly busy and overworked lately. It is almost heart breaking to see people suffer so, but I thank God that we have a hospital and doctors and nurses to care for them. In many instances since I have been here patients have accepted Christ. Miss Sanders brings her portable organ over and plays for the convalescent ones. They learn to sing the Christian songs and are happy in doing so.

We need several times as many doctors and nurses as we have now, and we are praying that God will call them to this work and that Christian people in America will pay their salaries. The nurses' training is being carried on in a fine way. Years ago Doctor Lockett trained some excellent laboratory technicians who are still carrying on that work and teaching others to do the same.

Motherless Babies

While Miss Kersey is on furlough Kathleen Manley has charge of the Motherless Babies' Home in addition to her other work. A number of the babies have been very ill. One little girl, about three years old, that is a prime favorite at the home, almost died of the mumps recently. She had become very listless and took no interest in anything. Friends of mine from San Antonio sent out thirteen dressed dolls when I came; Kathleen took one over to this little sick child. From the moment she got it she began to improve and refused to part with the doll night or day. Now she is quite well again. I am using some of the dolls in the kindergarten and others in the hospital.

Not long ago a Mohammedan father came for his little son, Gordon, who had lived for three years at the Motherless Babies' Home. The father had not visited Gordon often and the child did not know him. The white nurses, the black girls who care for the children, and the entire household were in tears. None wanted Gordon to leave. The father very wisely decided to pay for his son to stay one year long while he visits him and gets to know him. We know that this child will receive only Mohammedan training after he goes to his father, and our nurses are doing all in their power to teach him of the saving power of Christ. He is very bright and already knows many Christian songs and Bible verses. The plan of salvation is so simple that oft times very small children can understand it. We hope that Gordon may go away with the love of Jesus so bound up in his heart that he will never become a Mohammedan.

The people are doing an excellent work at the Seminary. Eva Sanders is teaching two or three classes there in addition to her work as a nurse. There are so many needs that we wonder which we should stress most. Sometimes I wish that I were three people instead of one. I love to visit in the town and do personal work among the heathen. I could give every bit of my time to that; but I know that the training of boys and girls is equally as necessary as personal work. With our small force of missionaries here our only hope is successfully to train natives to do Christian work as well as for us to do

it. When we see the heathen in their degradation, filth, disease, and sin we know that Christ is the only answer to it all. We can do so little in our own strength, but so much in the strength of the Lord.

Health conditions are bad, and often our missionaries are sick. I have already had one bout with malaria. Quinine does not agree with me. When I have to take large doses of it I get a bad intestinal upset and more trouble follows. I am happy to be well again and back at my work. I begrudge even one day given to sickness.

I must thank each of you who sent me such lovely letters and parting gifts when I sailed from New York. I was absolutely overwhelmed with your love for me and your kindnesses. I appreciate your friendship, your interest, and your prayers more than I shall ever be able to tell you. God is so good to me, and in spite of my losses and sorrows of the past, I now have a singing heart and am as happy as can be.

May God's richest blessings rest upon each of you and your good works for Him.

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WEST ZONE MEETING AT NOLAN

The monthly Sunday School meeting of the West zone of Sweetwater association met with Nolan Church, Sunday afternoon, April 16. The theme of the interesting program was, "Our Best for the Master." Speakers included J. M. Sibley and Charles McLaughlin of Sweetwater; Orvil Hendon and W. H. Pillion, Hylton; J. H. Dean, Blackwell; and T. J. Young of Trent.

Lamar Street Church, Sweetwater, with 33 present, won the attendance banner. Total attendance was 172, representing seven churches.

Blackwell will be host to the next meeting on May 21.

D. L. MOODY AGENCY GIVES TONS OF BOOKS

The 43rd annual report of the D. L. Moody Missionary Book Funds shows that during the fiscal year just closed 2,479,237 copies of the Moody books, Evangel booklets, Testaments, Scripture portions and Gospel tracts have been distributed among twenty or more different classes of needy folk, such as the mountaineers, pioneers, prisoners, patients in public hospitals, seamen, negroes, firemen and the peoples of Latin America, Philippine Islands, Alaska, India, Spain, Italy, and Africa, by the Bible Institute Colportage Association of Chicago.

This vast amount of Christian literature has been sent free to schools teachers, chaplains and Christian workers for careful distribution, and many encouraging reports from them have been received. The chaplain of the Tennessee Industrial School writes, "I am sure that if you could see the marvelous change in the attitude that is fast coming over the children, you would feel keenly the real service that you are rendering by sending these messages of inspiration and salvation to these dear boys and girls."

The Moody books were placed in 4,514 mountain schools of the South. Of the 147,000 children reached in this way, 38,934 earned rewards of Pocket Treasures and Testaments for memorizing Scripture. One teacher writes: "Twenty of the children have signed their books of John, accepting Christ, and are very happy in their new lives. The children are anxious to help others."

More than 70,000 Gospel messages were sent to the countries of Latin America in the Spanish and Portuguese language, and missionaries report souls saved and the faith of believers strengthened as a result of their careful distribution. One writes from Brazil as follows: "We have been able to use God's Love with great results. God has wonderfully blessed it to many and we would be most grateful if you could let us have another 1,000 of them."

An effort is being made to place the Moody books in the hands of 7,000,000 negroes in the rural districts of the South, as one of the quickest ways to give them the Gospel and save them from the inroads of religious cults. It is said that 300,000 negroes in America have turned to Mohammedanism.

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Announce Plans For Summer Work

Collins Directs School
From June 2 to August 19

By JACK GARDNER

Annual summer session at Hardin-Simmons university will begin on June 2 and continue until August 19, Dr. R. A. Collins, H-SU dean of students and summer school director, announced today in making public completed plans, and faculty personnel.

Instruction will be offered in 26 departments. The entire session will include two terms, of six weeks each, the first to begin on June 2, and the second on July 12.

Summer school will be divided into two terms again this summer, Dr. Collins said, to permit students to complete one or more courses in each six weeks period.

A special automobile safety driving course will be offered by the AAA, in conjunction with safety courses in other Abilene colleges, Dr. Collins said.

Another special course will be a health class in care of the teeth, conducted by a leading dentist.

These courses, designed to train prospective teachers for public school instruction, will run three weeks each, with students to receive credit in education and physical education.

The H-SU laboratory school will be held this summer as usual under the direction of Fanjane Stovall, principal of the Oakland school in Fort Worth. Physical education and supervised play courses for boys and girls will be offered again by Coach Frank Kimbrough and Otho M. Polk.

The summer recreation program will include free motion picture program, to be given in an open air theatre.

H. S. Fatherree, assistant superintendent of Abilene city schools, will be a guest professor again this summer, in the department of education.

Members of the summer session faculty by departments: Dr. R. A. Collins, director, and education; Loyce Adams, business administration; D. W. Arnette, biology; H. R. Arrant, chemistry; M. M. Ballard, Spanish; Katharine Boyd, speech; J. E. Burnam, mathematics; L. Q. Campbell, English; A. M. Carpenter, art; Lola Gibson Deaton, voice; Hoyt Ford, education.

Murray Flynn, economics and government; Frank Kimbrough, athletics; Suella Lacy, writing; E. M. Landers, history; M. B. McClure, band; Dr. Julius Olsen, physics; Otho M. Polk, physical education; Herbert M. Preston, violin, public school music; Dr. R. N. Richardson, history; Herschel Schooley, journalism; Fanjane Stovall, education, and laboratory school director; Dr. O. O. Watts, chemistry; E. Edwin Young, piano, and H. S. Fatherree, education.

RAMBLING REMARKS

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good thing for Baptist boys and girls to find their dads and dmothers doing now.) He glanced over his silver rimmed glasses and seeing which boy I was asked me to sit down. I did, and in fear that it was another special session. I knew there was enough to justify one but I didn't know that Dad knew. I sat very uneasily until he had finished his article. (He always put the emphasis on the last part of that word.) Very deliberately he put the paper on the table, removed his glasses with tantalizing deliberation and began, "Son I am not going to apologize to you for punishing you the other day, because you deserved to be punished." I hurried to agree with him, because it always paid to agree with my dad. "But," he said seeming to swallow something that kept coming up in his throat, "I am sorry I hit you with that buckle. I didn't intend to do that." ... That was all he said, but that was enough. I went out of that room a very sober little boy. I sat down and leaned against an umbrella china tree in the back yard, and did the deepest thinking I had ever done up to that time. It finally dawned on me that a man as old as my father, and with a house and yard full of boys and girls, who would remember for several days an unintentional wrong he had done a six year old boy, must be a real Christian man. And then there I resolved that when I grew up I wanted to be a good Christian man like my dad. I have never outgrown that ambition. I have no desire today that goes deeper, nor reaches higher than the desire to be the kind of Christian man, "who lets his light so shine that others seeing his good works will glorify his Father which is in heaven."

... I didn't mean to preach in the column this week, but yesterday was my father's birthday and the thoughts of him have occupied most of my time the past few hours. If our children have a dad like that I shudder to think, I am their only chance.

Needed - Greatly - Needed A Million Personal Soul Winners

By L. R. Scarborough

There are millions of Southern Baptists. They have almost limitless soul winning opportunities. There are nearly 25,000 churches, half a million trained Sunday school forces, 21,000 pastor leaders, a million consecrated women, a million raw-boned, red-blooded men, all of whom are more or less in touch with our churches. There lie at their doors millions of lost. We are in an effort to win them. We are using church evangelism, pastoral evangelism, domestic evangelism, organizational evangelism, indoor and outdoor evangelism, highway, wayside and roadside evangelism, all sorts of evangelism, and our greatest need is personal soul winners.

We need a million now, well-trained, Bible-informed, Holy Spirit inspired and empowered, consecrated soul winners, who know something of the fine art of drawing the gospel net; men and women, young people and children, who know how to face an individual, in church, in Sunday school, on the street, in the office, in the home, in the automobiles, trains, airplanes, and tell them about Christ, show them the way to Christ, lead them to personally accept Christ, giving up their sins.

If we had a million consecrated soul winners now at work constantly, with Pentecostal praying, witnessing

and power, all the pastors could baptize every Sunday morning and Sunday night and at prayer meeting and in between times. It would take that to keep up with our baptizing. As it is, it takes 23 Baptists a whole year to lead one to Christ and to baptism. Suppose we had a million at it constantly. What a mighty result! Pentecost would be repeated and perpetuated and a new day would swoop Christianity.

How are we to get them? I suggest some ways: (1) Pray for them; (2) Plan for them; (3) Train them, call them out, urge them out, lead them out, go with them. This is largely the task of the preachers, but it is the task also of mothers, Sunday School teachers and all the leaders. That is the major task of Christianity today.

If I could, with the weight of a world, I would lay this on the hearts of pastors and the church forces to train, quickly, multitudes of the strongest and best men and women in our churches to win somebody to Christ today, and then somebody tomorrow, and on. That's my message, with my heart in it. Let's find a million personal soul winners in our churches and train them and push them out into the work of winning the lost everywhere!

District 17 WMU

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the school next year, were introduced. During the Hardin-Simmons hour, Mr. Aaron Grant spoke on "Why I Like Hardin-Simmons University." The quartet, composed of Aaron Grant, Connell Taylor, Ray McCullough and J. L. Dixon, rendered three welcomed numbers. Mrs. Moore presented our Hardin-Simmons scholarship son and daughters, each of whom expressed words of appreciation for what the women of the district had done for them.

Mrs. Bert Low spoke on the history of the Margaret Fund and presented our own Margaret Fund daughter, Miss Martha Jane Moore, who thanked the women for "mothering" her and her brother Jimmie. Our hearts were thrilled as we listened to Miss Carmen Arroyo, our foreign student, tell of her experiences since she became a Christian.

Mrs. P. D. O'Brien presided for the young people's program Tuesday evening. Miss Wanda Garrett led a beautiful devotional, reading Mark 15:12-14 and speaking on "Crucifying Christ." After reports from associational young people's leaders, a beautiful and impressive pageant, "The Way of the Cross," was given by the intermediate G. A.'s of Ranger. The climax of the evening came when our state young people's leader, Mrs. R. L. Mathis, delivered a challenging address on "The Changing World."

Wednesday morning Mrs. R. L. Mathis brought a timely devotional on the subject, "What is Prayer?" The reports of the standing committee chairmen were very interesting, since each presented her work in some unusual way.

Mrs. Ed Hahn, Missions chairman, reported seven volunteers for home and foreign service, 400 missionary programs for women, 258 for young people, 1731 women attending special seasons of prayer, 877 young people.

Mrs. Geo. W. Thomas presented the five links in the chain of personal service: survey, assign, prayer, perform, report.

Mrs. R. A. Lerner, mission study chairman, reported 69 societies, 136 mission study classes in W. M. S. and 74 in young people's organizations.

Mrs. B. M. Writaker, stewardship chairman, being unable to attend, the secretary read her report. We have 520 tithers among the women; 936 women and 234 young people have given to missions.

Mrs. Judson Prince's periodicals report showed 741 subscribers to Baptist Standard; 1,3327 to West Texas Baptist; and 327 to other Southern Baptist periodicals.

The Bible Study chairman, Mrs. C. M. Caldwell outlined plans for her work. Mrs. P. D. O'Brien reported 98 young people's organizations with 224 tithers.

Mrs. Geo. L. Paxton gave the benevolence report. She introduced Rev. Jack Badley, a product of Buckner Orphan Home, who spoke on "What Buckner Orphans Home Means to Me." Mrs. P. C. McGahey talked on "Hendrick Memorial Hospital." Rev. J. J. Ponder, one of our beneficiaries, spoke on "Ministerial Relief."

Mrs. E. B. Atwood, publicity chairman spoke on "Let our lights shine through publicity." She introduced

Mr. R. E. Dudley, editor of the West Texas Baptist, who urged that we send in our news items.

Mrs. B. A. Copass, state W. M. U. president, gave a most challenging and encouraging message on "Going Forward."

A girls' quintet, composed of Misses Dortha Williams, Georgia Beal Burchel, Margaret Jo McClesky, Murrell D. Murrell, and Media Ann Scott, favored us with two lovely numbers in song.

Mrs. Bryan Ball led the afternoon devotional on the subject, "Come unto Me."

Rev. B. N. Shepherd, district missionary, outlined the plans for the evangelistic campaign.

Miss Murrell D. Murrell inspired us with a violin solo.

The report of the methods and finance committee was presented by Mrs. D. W. Arnette. It will be printed.

The nominating committee presented the names of last year's officers for re-election.

Registration committee reported 450 in attendance, in addition to local women who did not register.

Pastor Fred Moreland reports good services Sunday with 165 in Sunday School and four additions to the church.

Book By Miss Hatchett Adopted In Louisiana

Adoption of her volume, Travel by Land, Water, Air, for library use in Louisiana, has been recently made, Ethel L. Hatchett, of the department of education at Hardin-Simmons university, has just been advised by her publishers. Miss Hatchett's book was recently adopted as a supplementary reader in Arkansas, and is listed in the new Texas course of study.

Men, you have lucky days coming. Buy razor blades, shaving creams, lotions, tooth pastes, and 250 other bargains at 1c each when you buy one more of the same items at a regular price—beginning April 29th through May 6th, inclusive.

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HELPING THE HELPLESS

Peggy Lee has spent most of her six months in this world in Hendrick Memorial Hospital. Her lungs do not function properly and she is compelled to live in an oxygen tent. When she is older, staff doctors expect to perform an operation which will permit her to live naturally.

Peggy Lee's father is an honest, hard-working farm laborer. He has courageously supported his family without asking for any form of public relief, but of course he has no hope of paying the heavy hospital bill which is necessary to save his baby's life.

Superintendent Collier estimates that the hospital is spending over nine dollars per day in caring for this one case. Oxygen and other supplies used represent an outlay of around \$400 above the care and nursing furnished by the hospital. In the months that pass before the little sufferer can be allowed to go home this will be doubled and perhaps redoubled. Only a non-profit hospital can give such benefactions and it can be continued only if people with a love for suffering humanity are moved to contribute to the charity fund.

"Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these—"

NEWS OF LAMESA ASSN.

The Workers' Conference of Lamesa association met April 20 with Pastor Curtis and the First Baptist Church of Seminole. It was said to be one of the best meetings and the best attended in "several moons." Curtis and that church know how to put it over. Of course Sam Malone was there with his high-heeled, cowboy boots helping to put it over. Also, to add to the spirit of the meeting this church is in a building program, adding more to the building and putting up anew pastor's home. We also had as our guest speaker Bro. John Williams of Hobbs, N. M., who brought a great message on the plan of salvation. The next meeting will be held with Bro. Arnett and the church at Five Mile.

We have a new addition to our group of pastors in the coming of Bro. Roy Clayton to the church at Andrews. We feel that the church has made a wise choice and we predict great things for them.

Bro. Cole recently led in a great revival with the First Church, Breckenridge, and Bro. Phil McGahey and, as usual, they had a great meeting.

Bro. Guest and the church at Higginbotham have just closed a great meeting in which there were several conversions and additions to the church. Bro. Curtis of Seminole led in the meeting.

Bro. W. C. Wright and the church at Fairview are in the midst of a revival with Bro. Rogers of Brownfield leading. We haven't learned the results.

Bro. Lloyd Gentry, a son of this writer, preached the baccalaureate sermon for the school at O. K. last Sunday.

Will be back again.
J. J. GENTRY.

SENTENCE SERMONS

O. D. HENLEY

Church leaders ought to co-operate or abdicate.

Only melted souls can be poured into God's mold.

God is often disappointed, but never disappointing.

Can God say of you, "I tried to lead you and you wouldn't be led: I tried to feed you and you wouldn't be fed?"

Life's battles are lost or won before they are begun.

CHURCH BULLETIN SECTION

O. K. CHURCH

Sunday School 10:30 a. m.
B. T. U. 8:00 p. m.
Preaching 11:15 a. m. and 8:45 p. m.

We are rejoicing over the services Sunday. The crowds are growing and our people are showing an unusual amount of interest in the work. If you were absent, we missed you, and you are missing a blessing.

How we thank God for the way our special mission offering was cared for.

Remember our services Sunday. The pastor will be with you.

Sam Brian, Pastor.
Joe Snellgrove, Supt.

COLONY HILL

Colony Hill Baptist Church extends a welcome to everyone to come to our Homecoming Sunday, April 30.

See program on another page of this paper.

H. W. Martin, Pastor.

NEILL

Missionary B. N. Shepherd will deliver an inspirational address at our B. T. U. social at the church Saturday evening at 7:45. There will be 32 awards presented at this time. Refreshments will be served and an interesting program delivered.

Thos. J. Young, Pastor.

PROGRAM

Workers' Conference of the Sweetwater Baptist Association with the Live Oak Baptist Church, May 11. Theme: "Expression of God's Love." 10:00 Song Service—J. D. Riddle. 10:10 Devotional—W. H. Pillion. 10:25 "As Expressed in His Word"—Rev. J. M. Sibley. 10:55 "As Expressed in His Compassion"—Rev. Fred W. King. 11:25 Business. 11:35 Special Music—J. D. Riddle. 11:40 "As Expressed in His Preservation"—Rev. W. D. Green.

Lunch. 1:30 Board Meeting—Associational and W. M. U.

2:00 Song and Praise—J. D. Riddle. 2:10 Associational Sunday School Work—Rev. Dean Elkins. 2:35 Inspirational Address, "Song of Solomon"—Dr. M. A. Jenkins.

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BRADSHAW

We had another good day Sunday; two additions to the church, large increase in attendance and we started Sunday School on time with 40 present. Surely we will strive to have all present and on time in the near future.

We had our largest number in B. T. U. Sunday night. Mr. Horn is making a real director. There will be a special program by the senior union Sunday night. We expect a large crowd.

Harold Russ, Pastor.

HATCHEL

With the time for our D. V. B. S. and revival meeting set, we must be about the Master's business in order that we may accomplish much good for Him.

Let us start now and work for a record attendance for the First Sunday. We should increase our attendance and enrollment by at least 20 within the next month. I believe we can do this if we make an honest effort.

Harold Russ, Pastor.

FAIRVIEW, JONES ASSN.

Sunday School, 10 a. m. Howard Jenkins, Supt.

B. T. U. 7:30 p. m. Bertie Agnew, director.

Your pastor will be with you in the morning service.

We rejoice in the good attendance last Sunday, and may we not forget that God's people should be in God's house on the Lord's day.

Bring a lost friend to the service and pray for his salvation.
Charles Tarrance, Pastor.

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