

CHURCH HAS ORDAINED FOUR MINISTERS

Another early church member who has tried very graciously to help with the record is Mrs. O. W. Stroup. In Mrs. Stroup's notes she has the interesting information that the church has ordained four ministers, something we did not learn in other sources. Mrs. Stroup recalls the following.

"The First Baptist Church at Quitaque was organized in 1911 with five charter members, Bro. Hunt and wife; Dr. Breaker and wife; and Mrs. H. Hairston.

"Bro. Hunt was the first pastor and he served two years. The church met in the Methodist church building and worshipped with them until 1923. At this time they separated and built a tabernacle on lots donated by E. E. Burgess who was the first Sunday school superintendent.

"After moving to themselves, and having their own building, the first deacons were Amos Persons, F. W. Wise and L. E. Graham. The first pastor in this new era of life of the church was J. O. Tidwell. Bro. Williamson was the next pastor.

"He was followed by Bro. Smith who served about a year. Then Bro. H. F. Aulick, who was later editor of the Plains Baptist. Cal. D. Mc-

Gahey was next in order and served as pastor one year.

"W. M. Draper was next to be called as pastor and he served for seven years. During this time the parsonage was built and the basement of the present church was erected under his leadership, costing approximately \$12,500. The congregation finished it and moved into it in the spring of 1929.

"R. Neal Greer was the next pastor, and served about three years. Then Taylor Smith was pastor for one year and resigned because of poor health.

"The church was without a pastor for some time, and finally gave a unanimous call to J. Lowell Ponder, who accepted and moved on to the field. He was followed by R. E. Harrison, then Bro. Draper was called back to the church.

"He was followed by Fullingim, then Bro. Shaw, and then Ray Riley.

"There have been four ministers ordained by the church; E. W. Fishback, C. E. Wainwright, Joe Taylor and Bill Ebbs."

Miss Othella Woodruff was down from Floydada for a week end visit. Her mother stated that Othella had one more week of training before transferring to the Quitaque office of the West Texas Gas Co., where she will be bookkeeper.



Mrs. C. E. Bedwell was elected as pianist for the Baptist church in the fall of 1930, and with the exception of one year, has served in that capacity continuously since. At the time of her election, she was Miss Gladys Williamson, later becoming Mrs. Bedwell.

Before Mrs. Bedwell became the church pianist, Miss Geneva Metzger (now Mrs. Esker Curtis) served the church in this capacity. Others who have served as pianist, back in earlier days of the church, are Mrs. Gladys Wise and Miss Mary Ollie Persons. In some of the earliest minutes of the church it was recorded that Mrs. Joe Graham was elected as pianist.

Mrs. Bedwell is an accomplished musician. She studied piano during her attendance at grade school and high school, at her home in East Texas, and continued her musical studies when she entered Baylor college for women, at Belton, Texas. Later when she attended Baylor University at Waco, she studied voice and choral work, in connection with her study of instrumental music. At Baylor, she was a member of the Aeolian

Choir, and was one of a piano duo who played the accompaniments for the program at the close of school. She also studied piano and organ during a summer in Dallas.

CHURCH IS ORGANIZED WITH FIVE CHARTER MEMBERS

We tried unsuccessfully to find an official record of the charter membership of the Quitaque Baptist church, however the information we have is from one of the charter members, Mrs. J. J. Breaker of Clint, Texas.

She wrote to Mrs. J. N. Hamilton in reply to a request for help to establish the date that the church was organized. Mrs. Breaker says:

"When we moved to Quitaque in 1909 the people there had just recently build a Methodist church and we were there for the dedication. They had services about twice a month.

"I suppose it was about 1911 or '12, that a young preacher, Mr. Hunt and his wife came to Quitaque to visit his brother, Walter Hunt. We learned that he was a Baptist minister, so we had him

to hold services and we decided to organize a Baptist church, and use the church the other half time. So we did.

"There were only five of us who organized the church; Preacher Jim Hunt and his wife Rose; Mrs. Hairston; Dr. Breaker and myself. In a very short time there were quite a few additions. So that was the beginning of the Baptist church at Quitaque.

"I am glad to learn that you people are building a nice church. It would be a treat to me if I could visit there sometime. I would love to. I wish you people much success. Mrs. J. J. Breaker."

HANDS ARE BURNED WHEN WAX CLOTH IGNITES

N. L. Bedwell was here the first of the week from Dumas, visiting his daughters Mrs. John King and Mrs. Jean Grundy and families and other relatives. He came from Tulla with Ollis Young who went on to Turkey to visit relatives and transact business.

Mr. Bedwell had come to Tulla from Dumas with his daughter Mrs. Reid Bethel and family. Mrs. Bethel happened to a painful accident last week. While waxing floors in her home, she got too close to an open fire and the oil-soaked cloth she was using ignited. She carried the flaming cloth to the kitchen and threw it in the sink, but both hands were burned in doing so,

one hand being severely injured. Mr. Bedwell stated that she was getting along very well.

LOCALS

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Goin of Floydada were here Sunday visiting their daughter Mrs. Allen Eingham and family.

Burl Clark, son of Mr. and Mrs. Pete Clark, was released Wednesday of last week from the Plainview sanitarium after several days treatment for a throat infection.

Mr. and Mrs. Venus Gillespie and Venus, Jr., visited here over the week end, from their new home at Crosbyton, and returned home her mother, Mrs. J. W. Hadaway who spent the past three weeks there with them.

Mrs. John T. Reagan, who was taken to the Silverton clinic last week, underwent surgery there Sunday. She was reported getting along very well.

Mr. and Mrs. Shug Drake and daughters were here from Amarillo over the week end visiting his parents Mr. and Mrs. Tracy Drake.

Buddy Grundy was here over the week end visiting his parents Mr. and Mrs. Jess Grundy. He made the trip from his home in Wichita Falls in his new Dodge.

Miss Rinky Holcomb was home from Amarillo to spend the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Holcomb.

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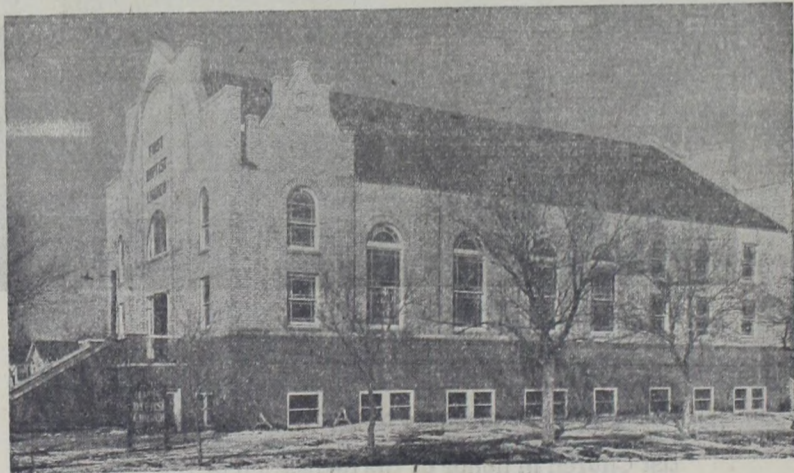


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SOME PLEASANT MEMORIES

J. O. Tidwell

(These notes are written at the request of the editor.)

Our stop and stay at Quitaque was very brief. It was in November of 1921 that I accepted the call of the Baptist church. The Baptists were working in the Methodist church and had been for ten years, and were attending their Sunday School with 65-75 in attendance. But soon the attendance increased up to 145, the Methodist and Baptists using half time each. The membership of the Baptist church was fifty-six, but not that many resident members. Bro. Boyd was the Methodist pastor.

Soon after we moved on the field bad weather set in, and we had a hard winter. We began a midweek prayer meeting. The attendance was small, but one night when five were present, just before we closed a small boy about ten years old came in. I spoke to him about trusting Christ as his Savior. He was interested and made profession of faith, and later joined the church. I baptized him with my boy, Roy Burgess and some others. This gave the young pastor assurance and confidence of the Lord's presence and leadership.

In April of 1922 we held a three weeks meeting, baptizing ten boys and one girl. One night we had a peculiar service. A serious and a deep spiritual interest prevailed. We dismissed about the usual time

but none left the building. We talked, sang, and prayed until midnight and the lights went out. Then we adjourned. "How loth we are to leave the place where Jesus shows His smiling face."

Some of our people wanted to build and were real anxious about having a church house of their own, but we had no funds, no lot, and no rich members. Some thought it was impossible. A few were willing to try. Bro. E. E. Burgess gave a lot, a subscription was started and it was decided to build a tabernacle on the lot. No large amounts were subscribed, but many subscribed to the building. Two of these are stamped on my mind till now. One was a basket of eggs given by a woman who was mother of a large, well-to-do family, but she didn't have the pocket book. Another was a lad who gave all his savings—\$23.00 in pennies, nickels, and dimes.

Darkness brings out the stars. We had no opposition—enemies enough to make it interesting. God's presence, His blessings, true loyal friends were manifested all along the way. The Lord said "Go, and I will be with you." He did not fail us.

The Tabernacle was built and about completed on Aug. 22. The Methodists held their meeting first in the tabernacle. They had a great revival, having about 75 professions of faith the last night of their meeting. Our meeting followed with only one week's services—having 46 additions, 35 for baptism. Brother Mat Harder did the preaching, and Bro. Collins led the

singing. God graciously blessed them. The total additions for the year were 86. The total membership at the close of the year was 141. Soon after the meeting our Sunday School was organized. Thus the work went on.

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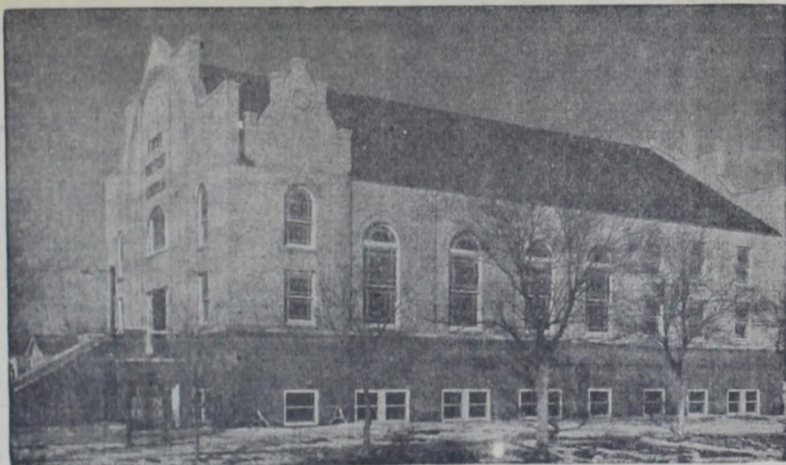
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A FRIENDLY WORD FROM REV. J. LOWELL PONDER

In the search for old records of the First Baptist Church, the editor thought of Rev. J. Lowell Ponder (of Houston—and a former pastor), who was a great one for keeping records, making charts and graphs, so an appeal was sent to him for information, or help of any kind. He replied in his own typical manner, and while he had very little information to impart regarding the church affairs, you will enjoy the news of his family. Bro. Ponder says:

"While I was there I set myself to the task of writing a history of the church. I found the permanent records badly kept, and unable to find the first ten years or so of the Minutes, so could do nothing about it.

"The only source of information would be the annual minutes of Floyd Association. It would be a long, tedious task to compile the needed information, but it would be correct information. There is a complete file of the minutes in the Baptist Historical Library at the Southwestern Seminary in Fort Worth.

"Still love the kids. They have a rough row to hoe in these times. I'm thinking of the ones in the process of growing up. You see, mine are well along now. Gene is

19, Kathryn is 15. He has a good job with RCA, and doing night school in University of Houston. He makes a lot more money going to school than I did when I married. Kathryn is doing fine. She finishes high school in 1950. She is my musician—a real pianist; the long haired stuff.

"Ora (Madam Queen) is doing excellent. Getting better looking all the time. She is working at one of the larger churches here in town, as director of visitation. Ours is a busy family.

"Ten years ago next Sunday the Quitaque church extended me a call as its pastor. The last Sunday in the month I preached my first sermon as pastor. It was a fifth Sunday then, too. Lotta water under the proverbial bridge since then. Left there May 1, 1940. Have spoken 2451 times since then in 350 different churches. And driven more than 300,000 miles. The Massa has been mighty good to me in so many ways, I have enjoyed many, many privileges in these few years.

"You know I get mighty hungry sometimes to be a pastor again. In this work it's hop-skip-and-jump; no deep roots anywhere. No abiding contacts. No really living with people and their needs. Of course I could have taken advantage of my position and projected myself into many choice pastor-

ates, but I haven't; not once. I have always followed one pattern; the will of God. I admit that it is difficult sometimes to discover what it is, but it can be found. After that there is only one thing to do—follow it, and one will be happy in it.

"Didn't intend to preach. All of that may be of little interest to you but it was in my heart.

"Today I have a letter from Ray Riley asking me to be there for the celebration on February 13. I don't know whether I can make it or not. I certainly want to. The big hitch is that my annual district convention meets the next day at Huntsville, so it would be a flying trip for sure. When I come I'd like to have a day or two to prowl around—maybe spend Thursday helping to get the paper out."

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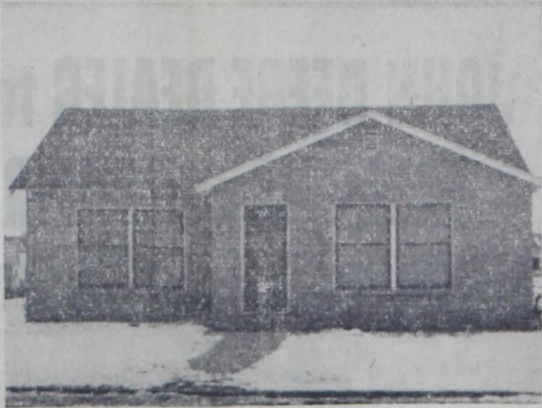
"The new Oldsmobile Series '88' is the only car in its class that combines the distinctive 'Futuramic' design and the revolutionary 'Rocket' engine," Ralston said. "It also is the first car to make the high-compression performance of that new power plant available in the new, lower, wider 'Body by Fisher'. This gives it an extremely favorable power-to-weight ratio, and provides perfect 'balance' between big car comfort and roadability, plus easy maneuverability."

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The first parsonage which was built in 1928-29, was sold when the new house was completed in 1947. Rev. Riley and family are the first to occupy the new home, moving there from the old parsonage in December, 1947.

FIRST REPORT OF WMS IS IN 1922

In 1922 the Womens Missionary Union reported a membership of twelve, with Mrs. J. A. Johnson as president. The society continued to grow until in 1934 the membership reported was 53, with four organizations. This is the largest membership in the report.

No report of the the society's officers is given from 1925, when Mrs. Johnson still was serving as chairman, until 1937 when Mrs. Jim Stroup took the office.

Other presidents of the society shown in the report are Mrs. R. B. Persons, Mrs. C. E. Bedwell, Mrs. E. K. Dunavant, Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Stroup also served as chairmen again, and for several terms.

Membership through the years has varied. The lowest shown is 12 members and the highest 53.

Mrs. Jim Stroup is the present president of the WMSU, and the membership is 25, divided into two circles.

THAT SANTA CLAUS BUSINESS

Two boys were talking over the Sunday School lesson. "Do you believe all that business about the devil?" one asked.

"Heck, no," replied the other boy, "it's like that Santa Claus stuff—it's just your old man!"

REV. AULICK DIED IN 1948

A note from Mrs. Nora Lewis at San Angelo, brings information about a former pastor of the Quitaque Baptist church. Mrs. Lewis reports that Rev. Aulick (who was the first full-time pastor called by the church) had lived in San Angelo for the past 13 years, until his death about a month ago. Mrs. Lewis stated that Rev. Aulick had been in poor health for three or four years and at his death was almost blind.

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Femaled Ditto: I beg your pardon. I thought it belonged to the man sitting down.

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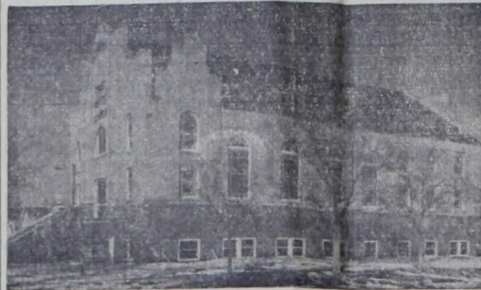
"Well, she has a good appetite and sleeps well."

Junior: Daddy, are you sure that the world is round?

Daddy: Yes, I'm positive.

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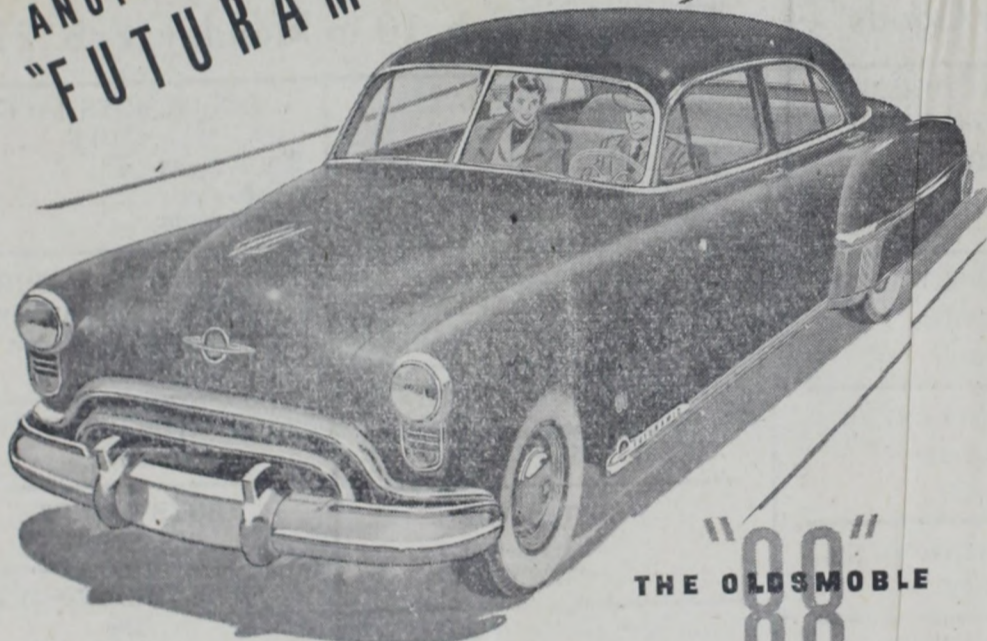
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TECH STUDENTS TRY ADVENTURE FOR A CHANGE

Lubbock—The enchantment of the open road proved stronger than the advantages of a class room for two Texas Tech students who started this week on an international hitchhiking trek instead of joining classmates in registration lines.

The student-hitchhikers, Warren Henegar of Lubbock and Jimmie Armstrong of Littlefield, will leave the United States at Brownsville after taking all inoculations necessary to enter Mexico, Central and South America. They will make the trip on foot except for generous motorists that may from time to time give them a lift, Henegar said.

They have packs of their own design which hold their clothing, cooking utensils, plenty of writing supplies and a camera. The boys

plan to bring back enough data for a good story series and numerous pictures.

From Panama, which they will reach going overland via Mexico, they are planning to take a native boat to Columbia, S.A., and from there travel down the west coast, crossing the continent at Bolivia, and returning up the east coast. Henegar described their trip as a sharecroppers tour of Latin America" as they plan to live mainly off the land. The only thing definite in their schedule is a "hope to be back in time to start school next fall."

Both boys are graduates of Littlefield schools and have planned the trip since grade school days.

They are journalism majors at Texas Tech.

Quiet people aren't the only ones who don't say much.

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DOUBT YOUR DOUBTS

E. B. Thompson

That anxious father who came to Jesus about his son who was ill, expressed what is often in the minds and hearts of us all—his doubt! Said he: "Lord I believe, help thou mine unbelief." It is an intriguing statement indeed when one considers the fact that he is actually saying two things—"I believe, and I don't believe."

The actual fact is that irreligion implies a creed as surely as does religion. A person who claims not to believe in God must of necessity believe that unbelief! And, many a person's return to religious faith comes about by the fact that his doubts, once reserved for God and religion, become active against his belief in no-God. He begins to doubt his doubts, if you please! He tests the foundations for his disbelief and finds it unfound.

Men live not by their uncertainties, but by the things which they verily believe. Columbus doubted the ancient theory of the geography of the world, but it wasn't just that doubt that made him great; his greatness sprang from his positive belief that the world was round, and his willingness to set sail on the strength of that belief.

Doubts, in and of themselves, are likely to be static, inactive and non-productive; while faith brings action, movement, and productivity. Faith sends men in quest of the truth in which they believe, and this quest becomes their very life, hope, and power. Doubt your doubts, and trust your beliefs.

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This same medical association now plans to get control of the supply of all competitive healing professions, so they can cut off replacements in these healing professions and make the shortage even more acute and thus raise the prices higher than today.

The Basic Science Bill (S. B. 63) is designed to give the Medical Association complete control of all branches of the healing arts and it is being pushed by unlimited funds and a high-priced lobby. If we, the people, do not write, phone or visit our senators and representatives, we will have this infamous legislation forced upon us.

This is a call for action. If you want to know the names of your legislators, phone this newspaper. Address letters to them at Capitol Station, Austin. Stop that Basic Science bill. Write, wire or phone today. (Paid adv.)

NOTICE OF BIDS FOR COUNTY & COMMON SCHOOL DEPOSITORY

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received until the second Monday in February, same being the 14th day of February, A. D. 1949, at 10:00 o'clock a.m., for a depository of Briscoe County funds, and for a depository of the funds of the Common School Districts of Briscoe County, at which time said bids will be publicly opened and read before the Commissioners' Court of Briscoe County, Texas, and a depository for said funds selected for the ensuing two year term.

Such bids will be addressed to the Commissioners' Court of Briscoe County, Texas, and submitted to the County Clerk.

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TABERNACLE IS FIRST HOME

Above is pictured the first home of the Quitaque Baptist Church. The congregation had been meeting since organization of the church, with the Methodists in their building. In January, 1922, a committee was appointed for the purpose of securing a location for a church building. Serving on this committee were Lewis Graham, E. E. Burgess, J. H. Daniel, Tom Corder and Mrs. Joe Graham.

The committee decided upon the lots which were donated by Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Burgess (the same location where the new church now stands.) They secured \$800 in pledges, including the cost of the lots, which was \$300, donated by Mr. and Mrs. Burgess.

The building committee continued to work on securing funds, and enough was raised to finish paying off the costs of the building in September, 1922. In October, 1922, the first committee was relieved of their duties, and a new committee appointed composed of Amos Persons, Frank Wise, Mrs. Brown and

Mr. McBride.

(The above notes were taken from the church records at Quitaque.)

According to a letter from Bro. J. O. Tidwell, published elsewhere in this issue, the Baptists completed their tabernacle in Aug., 1922. Bro. Tidwell was serving as pastor at the time.

The large roomy tabernacle served the community for many purposes, and one year it served as the school house.

The school building burned in the summer of 1925 (O. R. Tipps was superintendent at the time) and school the next year was held in the tabernacle. J. W. Lyon, Jr., who remembers attending school in the old building, says, it was not very uncomfortable but when the winds blew and the hail storms struck "it really shook the roof."

In 1928, when it was decided to erect another church building, the structure was sold to J. W. Lyon, Sr., and moved to the location on East Main street, where it now stands. It has served for many

years to house his blacksmith shop.

We did not succeed in learning who were the people in the picture nor the date it was made.

TREASURE IN SPANISH GOLD BURIED IN WEST TEXAS

Austin, Texas—A treasure in Spanish gold is still buried somewhere in West Texas, according to a legend recounted in the current issue of the Junior Historian by Frieda Lucas of Wichita Falls.

Writing for the magazine which has publication headquarters in Texas Historical Association offices at the University of Texas, Miss Lucas relates that many fortunes have been poured in to a futile search for the \$50,000,000 worth of gold and other treasure, reportedly buried by the Spaniards between Clyde and Abilene.

The original story, according to Miss Lucas, states that leaders of a Spanish pack train transporting the gold to the coast, heard Indians were planning to attack them and buried the treasure.

The map indicating the trea-

sure's location was sent to Spain where it was found many years later in a cathedral, and returned to Texas. As late as 1937 men were digging at the site where the treasure is believed to be buried, the young author writes.

Other contributors to the current issue are from chapters in schools in Texas City, Fort Worth, San Marcos, Palestine, Baytown, Huntsville, Wichita Falls, Cuero, Dallas, Henderson, San Antonio, and Iraan.

BITS O' BUSINESS

The consumer's dollar is getting bigger in purchasing power. So says the Department of Labor Statistics, which notes that the current drop in the cost of living may remove one of the arguments labor has been using to demand higher wages. The Department expects labor to ask for more money for different reasons now. You can hear inflation cracking all over the country. Oil prices dropped again last week, while cocoa is now selling for only about a half of what it was a year ago.

Retail meat prices average 13 per cent to 26 per cent below last September's levels. But what is one man's price is another man's income. So, soon you can expect some of those whose prices are dropping to begin complaining about hardships they are undergoing. That's human nature. As a consumer, you will welcome the lower prices; as a producer, you will look upon them as a conspiracy against an adequate income for you and your family.

Customer: Say, you know that cheese you sold me yesterday?
Grocer: Yes, sir.

Customer: Well, did you say it was imported or deported?

Long skirts sure have ruined a lot of American scenery.



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George Owens, choir leader in the Baptist church, has filled that office for a long time. Sunday, Feb. 6, marked 19 years that he has led the singing for the church.

Mr. Owens came to Quitaque from Rising Star in February, 1930. He was barbering at that time, and did not bring his family here until early in 1931.

Besides barbering, he worked at the ice plant and in 1936 he bought the plant and continued to operate it until 1939.

Mr. Owens has a clear tenor voice, and while his formal musical training has been limited, he has had years of experience in leading people to sing. Besides serving as song director in his home church, he often is elected to lead the singing in revival meetings over a wide area.

Immediately preceding him as song leader was Barney Martin. Mr. Martin left here some years ago and is now living at Weatherford.

THESE MEN HAVE SERVED AS PASTORS

The Post is indebted to Rev. Joe Taylor of Fort Worth for the information which he took from the records on file in the Baptist Historical Library at the Southwestern Seminary at Fort Worth. Of course, all the statistical data which Rev. Taylor furnished, cannot be given, but interesting notes are as follows:

(In listing the pastors as they served, three are named in the Minutes of the local church who are not in the records from Fort Worth; F. E. Suttle who was elected as pastor in July, 1917; Cal. Mc-

Gahay who served for the first and second Sundays of each month during 1924; and S. W. Smith who was called in December, 1925.)

From the records at Fort Worth: J. O. Tidwell, who served in 1922, was followed by W. L. Williamson. The record then skips to 1926, when Rev. H. F. Aulick served as the first full time pastor.

In 1928 W. M. Draper answered the call from the Church, and he remained as pastor until 1934, when he was succeeded by R. Neal Greer.

Rev. Greer remained three years and was succeeded in 1937 by Taylor Smithee who remained one year.

In 1939 J. Lowell Ponder came and remained for one year. Rev. R. E. Harrison accepted the pastorate in 1940 and remained for two years. He was succeeded by W. M.

Draper.

In 1943 P. D. Fullingim accepted the call and remained until 1945 when A. L. Shaw came. In 1947 Ray Riley, the present pastor accepted the church's call.

An interesting sidelight is the contrast in the salary paid Bro. Tidwell in 1922, which was \$563.65, and that paid in 1946, which was \$2,600.

Among the contributions listed, the largest local contributions are shown in 1929 with \$11,448, and in 1944 with \$12,097.

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"How about building a bridge across the Mississippi?"

"But that won't cost \$220 million."

"Lengthwise?"

NEW to Her
A seven-year-old girl, attending church for the first time, was surprised to see the people around her kneel suddenly. When she asked what the reason was, her mother replied:

"Hush! They are going to say their prayers!"
"What!" exclaimed the little

girl. "With all their clothes on?"
It is not bad luck to postpone a wedding, so long as you keep on postponing it.

Congratulations to The First Baptist Church



Years of planning have been rewarded and we rejoice with you on the completion of this splendid church plant—a house of worship and pastors home. They are not only a religious but a civic asset to Quitaque and we appreciate the fine spirit which made them possible. Our heartiest congratulations to the fine people of the Baptist church.

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