



THIS SUNDAY IS PROMOTION DAY!

—For Thoughtful Reading—

EXCITEMENT—Isn't it interesting what excites folks? There is the "Flat Earth Society" on the west coast that is very intent on telling us what no one has guessed in the last four or five hundred years—that the earth really is flat! Then there is the goat-raiser I know who has a motto that expresses his driving ambition in life: "A goat in every back yard in America." Isn't it strange what excites us! The thing that excited Jesus was the redemptive purpose of God. The scripture says concerning Him that "The zeal of thine house hath eaten me up". The desire (zeal) of the things of God literally consumed the life of the blessed Son. Nothing else really mattered but that. And the prayer of the disciple ought to be "Lord, let those things excite me that excited . . . and DO excite . . . you!" How long has it been since you experienced genuine excitement over the only exciting thing that has ever occurred in all history? Dorothy Sayers was right when she said about the great facts of the gospel story: "If this is dull then what, in heaven's name, is worthy to be called exciting?"—First Baptist, Euless, Texas

FORMULA FOR SUCCESS—In reviewing the lives of successful people, we find that regardless of their business or profession, birth, education or creed, certain traits of personality, certain ways of doing things stand out above all else.

- The successful people are those—
- Who get things done quickly and quietly.
 - Who get to work on time and don't watch the clock for quitting time.
 - Who listen to instructions and accurately execute them.
 - Who do not alibi for mistakes.
 - Who don't think the world "owes them a living".
 - Who are neat in appearance.
 - Who are always courteous to everyone.
 - Who are determined to make good.

With these traits there is no limit to the success that may be achieved. Age and lack of experience are of no consequence; both come with time.—Cheer

—The Lighter Side of Life—

SPEEDING—Traffic Officer: "When I saw you come around that curve I said to myself—45 at least!"

WOMAN DRIVER: "Well, you're wrong . . . that hat just makes me look older."—Quote

GOOD CHOICE—The wealthy playboy was showing his guests trophies brought back from a hunting trip in India. Indicating a tigerskin rug he said, "When I shot this tiger, it was a case of him or me."

A guest stared at the skin and then at the host. "Well, old boy," he declared, "he sure makes a better rug."—Arkansas Baptist

GOOD SPELLER—Neighbor: "You say your son is only four, and he can spell his name backwards? What's his name?"

Proud parents: "Otto."—Cheer

HIS HIGHNESS — Helen: Father announced last night that he was king of our house.
Sally: Then what happened?
Helen: Oh, Mother crowned him.—The Christian

—Post Script—

We should take a tip from nature. Our ears aren't made to shut, but our mouths are.—Link

Sunday will be an important day in our church as we begin a new church year. What we do this Sunday will set the mood for the rest of the year. Teachers, you are the key! Much of Sunday's success will depend upon your efforts. It's imperative that before Sunday you contact every member of your class.

Have you ever considered your vital role in the life of your class members? No one else can do your job. If you do not contact those in your class, chances are, they will not be contacted at all. Our church is too large for the pastor to go through the class rolls and visit those whom you have failed to contact. We put these souls in your care, and if you do not care for them, no one else will.

More people will join our church because they like their Sunday School class than because they like the pastor. You are so important and the entire church is depending on you. Don't let us down.

Our Sunday School attendance record is 822. Let's smash that to bits with 850 next Sunday. It can be done easily if every teacher will do his job. I appreciate the good job you've done this past year. Working together as a team, for the glory of Christ, this coming year can be the greatest in the history of our church.

NEW TRAINING UNION SESSION . . .

starts also this Sunday night, and the selection of topics is one of the best we've had. There's something offered for every member. We are especially fortunate in having LLOYD MCGINNIS, pastor of Pioneer Drive Baptist Church here in Irving, teaching the book of ROMANS. We appreciate Brother McGinnis giving of his time to be with us. And the book he has selected, Paul's Letter to the Romans, is one of the greatest in the Bible. An understanding of Romans will give you an understanding of every major doctrine of the Bible, for it's all dealt with in this letter. Give this class special consideration when you sign up for Training Union.

Ronald Dunn



MUSIC MINISTRY

YOUTH CHOIR has just elected new officers. The president is Steve Wells; Vice-President, Randy Cobb (High School), Kevin Davis (Junior High); Ministries Vice-President, Cathy Baker. Our new Secretary is Becky Baker. Two appointed officers are retained, Eric Hulet is Student Director and Gail Poag is Robe Chairman. There are six section leaders. With these new officers it looks like a good year for the MBBC Chapel Choir. Join now, avoid the rush!! **CHURCH CHOIR** looked at new robes last week. If you want one that FITS YOU don't forget to attend rehearsals. We meet right after prayer meeting (8:30 P.M.).

MUSIC COMMITTEE — pray for us as we are in the process of searching out a piano for our new worship center.

MISSION ACTION

Our WMS is collecting food for the Ervay Street Mission. If you would like to participate please bring food supplies, all kinds of staples, or canned goods. The WMS will provide containers in the foyer and take the food to the mission.

YOUTH

This is a rather full week of activities for our youth. **FIRST**, the 5th Quarter — what's a 5th Quarter? It's a fellowship at the church IMMEDIATELY following the MacArthur game. However, this will include all young people, no matter what school they go to. So, come one, come all and bring a friend, Friday night. Food will be served at a moderate

SATURDAY — Bible Study, 5:00 P.M. at the Home, 1308 Atlanta.
I hope all of you read Jack Schoeppey's article last week concerning parents disciplining their children. Help us, parents, as we work with your young people.

Ward

As I See It!

Irving's largest Baptist Training Union begins a new series of training courses this Sunday. Courses to be taught during this quarter include HOW TO LIVE THE CHRISTIAN LIFE, Ronald Dunn; WITNESS TAKE THE STAND, Jack Schoeppey; BIBLE STUDY, Lloyd McGinnis; OTHER DENOMINATIONS; S.S. LESSON, Mrs. Don Gardner; S.S. SUPT. TRAINING, Jim Dobbs and Don Gardner, VOCATIONS & CHRISTIAN WITNESS (youth), special guest speakers each Sunday.

I want to urge every member of our church to select the course that will help him the most. These training opportunities will lead all of us to serve Him better.

ATTENTION: PARENTS OF TEEN-AGERS — It's 5:30 — do you know where your children are? Some of our teen-agers are having difficulty finding their way to T.U. I would like to urge all parents to check with their teen-agers and give them some good directions. Some have been found in Fellowship Hall, making "urgent phone calls", sitting on the parking lot, and in various parts of town.

Parents, if you do not mind if your teen-agers leave Training Union, this is your business. But if you want them in Training Union, check to see that they go. **THOSE TEEN-AGERS NOT ATTENDING THE TRAINING SESSIONS FOR THEM WILL NOT BE EXPECTED TO HANG AROUND OUR CHURCH BUILDINGS.**

Schoeppey

Majestic Scenery



There is pleasure in the pathless woods;
There is rapture in the mighty rocks;
There is society, where none intrudes,
By a waterfall with music in its roar;
I love not man the less, but nature more.

—George Gordon

—What Others Say—

GOD LOVES US too much to let us wander away without doing all that is right to step us.—Gordon Chilvers

JESUS IS WARNING PEOPLE who pose as God's people today that they had better get cracking and join him with towel and basin in his world where need really exists.—Don M. Wardlaw

NO MAN ever did a designed injury to another but at the same time he did a greater injury to himself.—Henry Home

PRAY FOR A FAITH that will not shrink when it is washed in the water of affliction.—Ernest M. Wadsworth

EVERYONE becomes discontented if he ignores his blessings and looks only at his burdens.—The Link

A TRUE FRIEND is one in whom we have confidence and to whom we will listen.—K. Alvin Pitts

IF YOU LOOK BACK too much, you will soon be heading in that direction.—Eldon H. Grissom

WHEN SOMEONE says he doesn't feel as near to God as he once did, you can be pretty sure which one has moved.—R. Earl Allen

HUMILITY COMES as a result of the recognition of a power greater than oneself to whom we are all indebted.—Charles Kemp

THE ACT OF PRAYING is the very highest energy of which the human mind is capable.—S. T. Coleridge

—A Little Bit of Wit—

Some people seem to feel that living within their income is a fate worse than debt. — The Lookout

VITAL STATISTICS

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

- (profession of faith)
- 284. Kevin Dunn, 3rd Gr. Dept., 3114 Wm. Brewster, BL5-5147
 - 285. Tracy Barnett, 5th Grade Dept., 128 W. Union Bower, BL4-8425
 - 286. Robbie LaGrand, 5th Grade Dept., 1910 Dennis, BL5-2075
 - 287. Janet Owen, 4th Grade A Dept., 2821 Douglas, BL5-6069
 - 288. Lance Peck, 5th Grade Dept., 2218 Dennis, BL5-3279
 - 289. Brian Rogers, 6th Grade A Dept., 622 W. Lynn, BL5-5097
- (letter)
- 290. Mrs. Wanda Dugdale, Adult 3 Dept., 800 N. Nursery No. 201, BL4-4682
 - 291. Larry Mahan, Y.P. Dept., 800 N. Nursery No. 201, BL4-4682
 - 292. Howard N. McCalla, Adult I Dept.,
 - 293. Mrs. Howard (Linda) McCalla, MYP Dept., 3615 Coker No. 2112, BL2-5318

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