

JUNIORS PRESENT "DAVID" MUSIC-DRAMA SUNDAY

—For Thoughtful Reading—

OBSTACLES — An elderly woman watching a tennis match saw how often the ball hit the net. Exasperated, she asked, "Why don't they take down the net?"

A golfer complained about how hard it was to drive the ball over a trap. A sympathetic friend said, "I don't understand why they don't fill up the trap to make the game easier!"

In the game of life, obstacles and opposition are valuable. We receive exhilaration and satisfaction by winning against odds. If the time should come when all of our ditches are filled, all our nets taken down—when competition and opportunity are removed—existence will be meaningless. Obstacles keep us at our best. Difficulties that stand in our way are grindstones that sharpen our abilities and encourage us in future struggles.

A good archer doesn't complain about the target when he misses. He examines himself to see if his aim can be improved. The discipline of difficulties keeps a Christian strong because he learns to rely upon the strength of Christ. — Daily Blessings.

WHEN SPIRITS MEET — According to an ancient legend, two brothers lived on adjoining farms. One was married, the other single. One evening as the married man was enjoying the fellowship of his home and family, he thought that his brother must be lonely without a family, and he wanted to do something to cheer him up. So on three successive nights he took sheaves of wheat from his own field to his brother's field so his brother would think he had a big harvest.

But at the same time the single man thought of his brother and felt sure that with a family to support he must have many trials and worries. So on three successive nights he took sheaves of wheat from his own field to his brother's field.

On the third night there was a moon, and the two brothers ran into each other. Each then realized what the other was trying to do for him. And there, according to the legend, they built a temple to God, because, they said, there the spirit of God met the spirit of man.

— Upper Room.

—The Lighter Side of Life—

BUDDING ANSWER — The teacher was explaining: Quite a number of the plants and flowers have the prefix "dog". There are the dog rose, the dog-wood, and the dog violet, for instance. Can any you children name another?"

There was complete silence, then a happy look appeared on the face of a youngster in the back row.

"Please, teacher," he asked politely, "how about collie-flower?" — Arkansas Baptist.

GREAT AMBITION — "What do you want to be when you grow up?" asked the visitor of his host's small son.

"I want to be possible," was the boy's quick reply.

"Possible?" said the visitor, perplexed.

"Yes," said the little fellow. "Every day my Mother tells me I'm impossible." — The Christian.

—Post Script—

An optimist is one who takes the cold water thrown upon his idea, heats it with enthusiasm, and uses the steam to push ahead.—These Times.

Sunday evening at 6:30 MBBC's Junior Choirs assisted by the Drama Department will present the musical drama, "David". This work by Bob Burroughs presents several events in the life of David as a young shepherd, musician for King Saul, chosen as Israel's future king, with his friend Jonathon, and the encounter with Goliath.

Bring the whole family and all of your friends to this exciting musical at 6:30 P.M.

There will also be a special 4:00 P.M. presentation for Junior choirs and directors from other churches in Irving.

AT LAST—A 7th GRADE CHOIR

Beginning Sunday, September 6 at 5:00 P.M., MacArthur Blvd. Baptist will have a Seventh Grade Choir. Dianne Walker will be the director and this talented young lady already has very interesting plans for the choir.

This choir is open to all boys and girls who are in 7th grade this fall. Plan now to be in this brand new group.

Jimell Badry

A WORD FROM WARD

THANK...

To all the youth who helped with the picnic... especially Pams Bean; Hulet.

To all the adults who helped with the picnic... especially the Sears, Liz Redpath and Graham Gassaway.

To all the youth who helped with the service Sunday morning... especially Doug Garland and Steve Wells.

YOUTH WORKERS... I appreciate your interest in our Sunday evening training session, Bob Tayne will be leading the session this Sunday evening.

ATTENTION ALL 7th GRADERS

Our retreat is September 25 and 26. Called "Becoming," the retreat will introduce you to our youth program at MBBC. Watch the paper next week for more details.

Ward



(Letter)

259. Mrs. Arlene Easley, Young Adult, Gardner 2825 Winslow, 255-8457 (Edward and Nancy—SS)

THANK YOU for your prayers and concern during my recent illness. Mrs. Dean Elam

PASTOR'S CORNER



Four months ago I would have gotten a supply to preach for me last Sunday — I was that sick. But now I wouldn't miss a service if my life depended on it. And I'm sure glad I was in church last Sunday. The power and presence of the Lord was so evident I hated to leave the place. PRAISE THE LORD!

One of the blessings of Sunday evening was the liberty felt by those to come and kneel at the altar and pray during the invitation. There are times when God convicts us of sin or burdens our heart so to pray for others that there's no need to talk with the pastor, but to just come and kneel and pray it through with God.

"Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty." It's my daily prayer that we'll continue to have the liberty of the Spirit to do as He prompts.

I'm thankful for the fine response of the message, "PRAISE THE LORD." I pray that more of you will learn the blessed secret of PRAISING THE LORD. To do so is to discover one of the most satisfying and victorious experiences of the Christian life.

"The believer's Authority over the devil," is the subject for this Sunday's message. I hope you come with an open Bible and open mind as we study this almost forgotten secret of the Christian life.

Ronald Dunn

VITAL STATISTICS

Sunday School Attendance—564 Training Union Attendance—304 Budget Offering—\$3,636.23 Designated—\$140.00 TOTAL—\$3,776.23

As I See It!

THANKSGIVING IN AUGUST

—to FREDDY VESTAL for the use of his photographic equipment recently.

—to those who have worked on our buildings (TROY MATHENA, BOB WALKER, JOE HADDOCK (roof), J. ALLEN WHITEHEAD and LEAHMON CHAMBERS).

—to JACK SEARS' "farm-in-law".

—to our Training Union leaders during this past quarter: DON GARDNER, WARD WALKER, JO SPENCE, BILLIE PAYNE, FRANCES SCHOEPPEY and DOROTHY DOUBET. Also NELSON McKINNEY for filling in for our pastor in his class.

—to those serving on our Nominating Committee: JIM ALLEN, Chairman, LAWTON BLALOCK, WILIE COLE, OUIDA TURRENTINE, LORRAINE BELL, and SHERRY ANDERSON.

—to those who have said and will say "Yes" for service in Sunday School, Missions, Choirs, Committees, etc. for the new year.

OUR FRESHMEN IN COLLEGE:

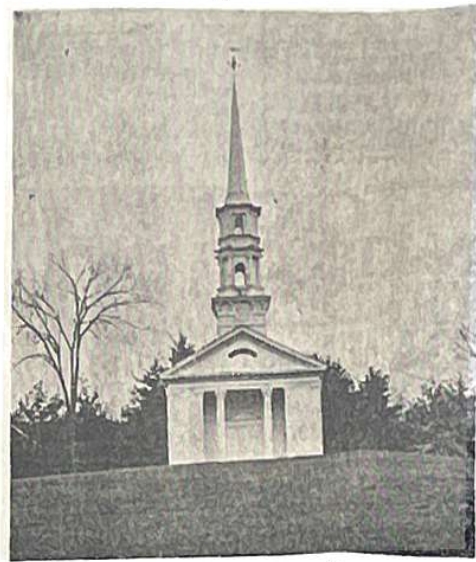
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TARRANT COUNTY JUNIOR COLLEGE: KAREN DEMING

UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON: ERIC HULET UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS: MALCOLM MIKES-Schoeppey

Spire



The spire is a graceful finger Held high in the azure dome, With feathery clouds about it, Pointing the Pilgrim Home.

—The Christian.

—What Others Say—

WHEN WE come to God in humility and honesty, He hears our prayers. — Harley E. Feltman.

THE BIBLE points me to what I need for living and serving in love. — Reginald O. Edenfield.

EVERY PERSON who walks straight and true through life is an inspiration to others. — Laren Spear.

WE DO not have to carry the Christian belief; it carries us. — Simon Lindberg.

WHEN WE count our blessings, others will recognize the warmth of our smile. — Rachel Frantz.

ACTION based on faith in God helps accomplish His purposes. — Esther Webb.

THE PRESENT is the only time I have to spend meaningfully. — William F. Wills.

IF I AM too busy to respond to the call for help, then I am too busy. — Cecil G. Hefner

BIBLE VERSES stored in our memory and in our hearts can help us in time of need. — B. J. Ratnam.

TRIALS AND TROUBLES need not create despair; they can create a hope that never disappoints. — Carolyn Moody.

—A Little Bit of Wit—

Did you hear about the termite that would live only in swanky apartments? It had a suite tooth. —The Christian.

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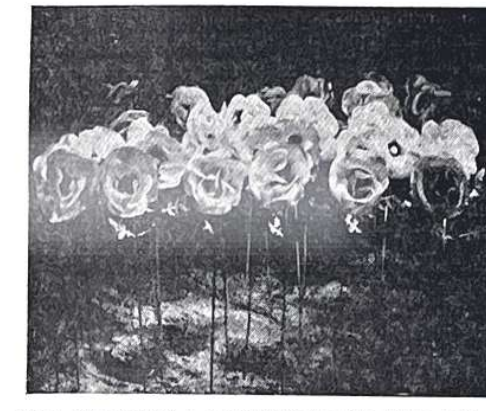
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KEEP THE POPPY A FLOWER! is the title of this striking display of paper poppies in a New York city department store, a project of the U.S. Peoples Fund for the United Nations. The group is aiding the UN Commission on Narcotic Drugs in its fight against illicit drug traffic. The opium poppy is a prime target, because it is a source of morphine and heroin.—RNS Photo.