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**REV. H. C. HOOTER,
Baptist Pastor of Giddings,
REV. HOOTER BEGINS FIFTH
YEAR OF PASTORATE**

The Reverend H. C. Hooter recently began his fifth year as pastor of the First Baptist Church of Giddings. During his four years with the church advancement has been noted in many respects. There have been 152 additions to the church membership, 80 of these coming by baptism. Sunday School enrollment has increased sixty per cent and the S. S. has been reorganized as a Standard school by the Sunday School Board for the year of 1941, a distinction enjoyed by a very small percentage of the Sunday Schools of Texas. The Woman's Missionary Union is fully graded. The church budget has been increased twenty per cent with a substantial increase in total offerings. Gifts to missions and benevolences have increased almost one hundred per cent. At no time during this period has the church treasury shown a deficit. Approximately \$14,000.44 have been collected for all causes during the four years. The church recently voted to confer immediately with an architect concerning plans for an auditorium costing approximately \$8,000.00, work to begin as soon as possible as plans are completed.

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Rev. Hooter is serving his second term as Moderator and also Organizer of the Burleson-Lee Baptist Association. At the annual meeting of the District 15 Baptist S. S. and Training Union Convention last March Rev. Hooter was elected by the Convention as Training Union President of the district which comprises nine associations and over fifteen counties. He has recently accepted an invitation from Mr. G. S. Hopkins of Dallas, State Sunday School Secretary, to assist in a campaign in Union Association (Houston area) the second week in September at which time fifteen workers from the Sunday School Board in Nashville, Tennessee and all available workers from the State Sunday School force will take part. Mr. Hopkins claims that this will be the most far-reaching campaign ever held in the Union Association.

Rev. Hooter conducts regular Services at Beat Five, Concord, and Ledbetter as mission stations and at present is preaching two Sunday afternoons each month at Dime Box. He is in from forty-five to fifty regular services each month besides special meetings, funerals, etc.