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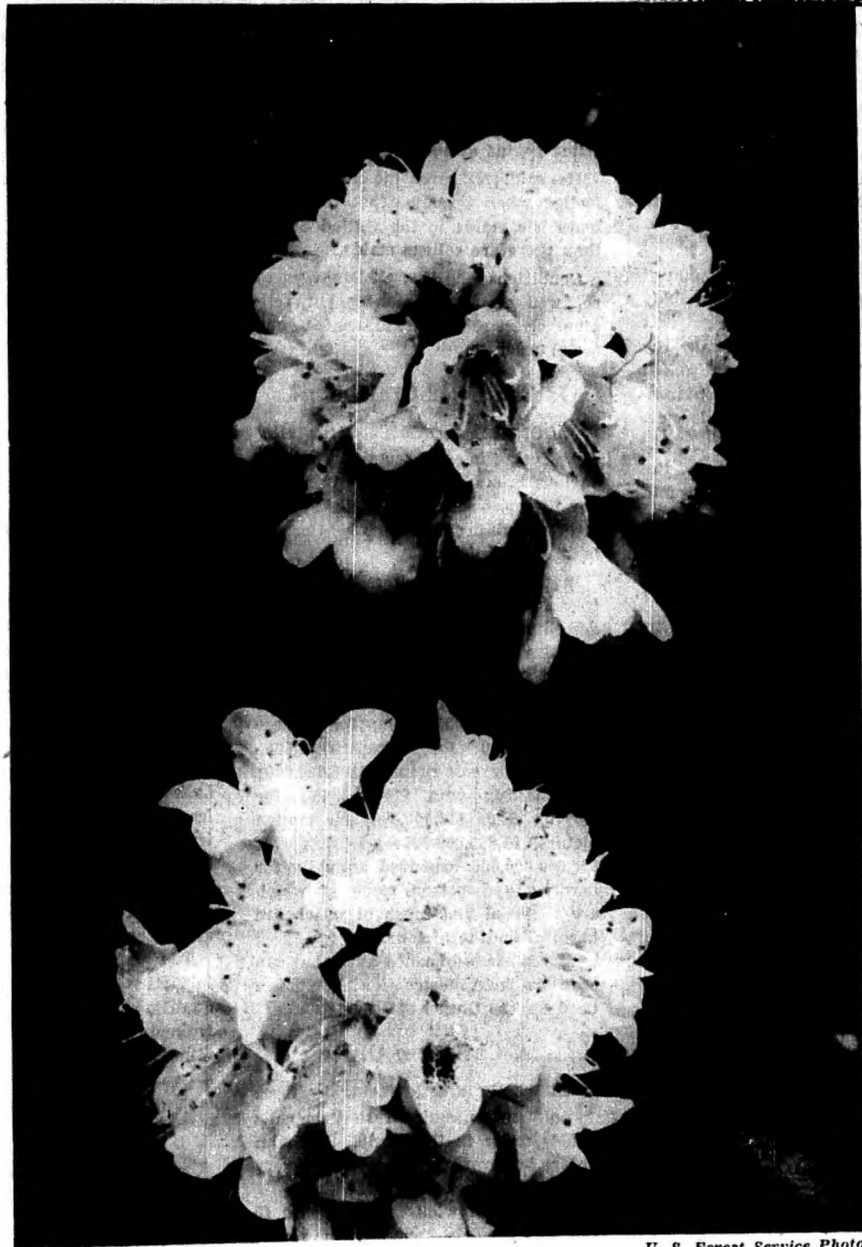
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Protecting Our Soldier Boys

CLARENCE W. HALL warns that "the morals of America's new soldiers will be this country's first war casualty." *

He says that he has traveled 4,000 miles in a tour to the larger camps in the southeast and midwest, that he has accompanied soldiers off duty and gone with reporters of local newspapers to dig up news which their own papers would not print.

He has sat in taverns, "juke joints," night clubs, pool parlors and shady roadside huts, and he affirms that the appeal of General Marshall, the Army's able Chief of Staff, who called upon the people to make the environment around the camps wholesome, should be heeded.

General Marshall in speaking of the illicit businesses springing up around the camps, said, "Here we have on the one side a sordid business for the accumulation of money, and on the other the interests of every parent who has a son in the Army."

Southern Baptists are planning to do what they can, to not only help the boys in the camps, but to purify the atmosphere on the outside of the camps so that our boys will not be corrupted while in training.

Passion for the Lost

It was a passion for lost men and for a lost world that sent our fathers into the wilderness of the West in the days ago as burning evangelists of the cross. This passion animated Rice and Judson, Buckner and Graves, McCall and Lockett, and all the others who have given themselves for mission work at home and abroad. This same passion has animated the churches of Christ in all ages and kept through all sorts of social and political conditions the fires of missionary zeal burning on the altars of the churches.

Then And Now

WE are told that the Eighteenth Amendment put 177,000 saloons out of business. But now it is said that the Twenty-first Amendment

brought 436,000 saloons into existence.

Judge Lee B. Wyatt, a circuit court judge in Georgia, said recently in a charge to the Troup County grand jury, that the United States spends one-half as much for beer as for food, clothing and rent, and cited the beer parlors as largely the reason why crime begins at such an early age.

He said, "It gives me a sickening feeling when I realize that there are more bar maids in the United States than there are college maids."

Conditions like this challenge us to renewed efforts in making our religion effective in transforming our social order.

Is Character Crumbling?

DONALD ADAMS, of the New York Times, asserts that of the various crises faced by the world today the most serious of all is the crisis of crumbling character — the collapse of conscience.

In this connection it might be well to note that during the fiscal year, according to the Federal records at Washington, there was spent in the United States for gambling \$6,500,000.00; for liquor \$6,000,000.00; for bootleg liquor \$3,000,000.00; for tobacco \$1,500,000.00; for cosmetics \$1,000,000.00; for soft drinks \$100,000.00; for chewing gum \$100,000.00; for playing cards \$14,000.00; for motion pictures \$1,885,000.00—a total of over \$20,000,000.00 expended annually for luxuries and poison, none of which are essential and much of which are harmful and pernicious.

Where are we headed and what can save us from destruction? What a need for the Gospel of Jesus!

A Christless Order

GERMANY is endeavoring by force of arms to establish what she calls a new order in the world. Such an order, however, is not new but very old. It is a pagan order.

A sample of what might happen to the churches is found in a report which comes from Spain. In which report we are told that only two Protestant churches remain in Spain—one in Madrid, the other in Barcelona.

A Reward For Merit

The members are not persecuted as Christians, but as Communists. The report says that the Spanish government has just confiscated 110,000 copies of the Bible.

In the new order which Germany would establish there is no place for Christianity.

MARIAN ANDERSON, eminent Negro singer, so we are told by the Watchman-Examiner, received the annual Bok award of \$10,000 for the year 1940, given to the person adjudged to have done the most for "the community of which Philadelphia is the center." This great singer is a native of Philadelphia and still lives in the little brick house in which she was born.

Real merit can cross, and does cross, all color lines. So does Christianity. Education and training made it possible for Marian Anderson to win this prize.

The Home Mission Board in its mission program for the Negroes is endeavoring to help in the training of Negro preachers that in the coming years they may lead their people into the fellowship of Christ.

Not Many But Much

WE are told that there are 656,337 Baptists in Europe, 527,030 in Asia, 157,634 in Africa, 11,160,564 in North America, 76,124 in Central America and the West Indies, 67,345 in South America, and 40,774 in New Zealand and Australia, a total of 12,731,808 Baptists in the world.

What a mighty army this is! The bulk of that army is in North America, and the bulk of the North American army of Baptists is in the territory of the Southern Baptist Convention. What a responsibility rests upon us to propagate the Baptist faith in all the earth!

The answer is not in numbers, but in vital force. Not in quantity, but in quality. Are we Baptists mobilized, trained, loyal, dedicated and determined? Christ is depending upon us.

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HOME MISSIONS

My God Shall Supply All Your Need According To His Riches In Glory By Christ Jesus.—Phil. 4:19.

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THE root cause of the world's disorder today is spiritual. Only by spiritual forces can our civilization be saved from the unprecipitated perils that beset us. The only way out is the way up. Our world will never get right with itself until it gets right with God.

Missions And World Disorder

We must have a revival of the sense of the reality of God and the consciousness of the living presence of Christ. We must be grounded in faith in God and in dependence upon Him for deliverance or else we will be crushed by the juggernaut of materialistic civilization and militaristic totalitarianism which is today rolling over the world.

Counting noses or searching out black spots in the field of light is not the process by which a great spiritual world crisis is to be met. The world can be saved only by Christ. "The Father hath exalted him and put all things under his feet and gave him to be head over all things to the church which is his body." The work of enlarging His reign over the territory not yet subject to His will is the work of the churches of Christ.

The forces of Christendom through the Gospel in action are to bring the atonement into human history and make the life work of Jesus worldwide in its effect. This is the highest conception of God's elective purpose—the saving of individual souls for the sake of lost communities, the building of a world-wide heavenly kingdom through the activities of a redeemed citizenship. This kingdom movement is missions, and missions world-wide, at home and abroad, is the solution of the world's problems.

The Social Side Of Camp Work

A NATION-WIDE campaign to raise \$10,765,000 for the establishment of service club facilities in 339 communities adjacent to camps, naval stations and defense centers throughout the United States and its overseas bases, has been launched by the United Service Organization for National Defense. The affiliated agencies are the Y. M. C. A., the National Catholic Community Service, the Salvation Army, the Y. W. C. A., the Jewish Welfare Board and the National Travelers' Aid Association.

This organization proposes to use the buildings provided by the Government at a nominal rental. It is expected that some 350 such buildings will be available. "These will be centers for every

sort of social and recreational life for the men when they come to town, and may also be used for religious services."

This, however, does not conflict with the work which is to be done by the Home Mission Board in cooperation with the state secretaries as instructed by the Southern Baptist Convention in Birmingham. We are to work in cooperation with Baptist churches for our Baptist people, and our work is to be strictly religious. We are to preach the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ in the communities on the outside of the camps. On the inside of the camps we will work with and through the Baptist chaplains. Many of the camps are located in the South. Baptists have a grave responsibility in this matter. It is a tremendous and glorious task.

The Challenge Of Home Missions

THE challenge of Home Missions is the challenge of racial relations here at home that test the Christ-spirit of our churches and prove, or disprove, the reality of our mission passion and love for the people of the lands afar to which we are sending our missionaries. The call of the homeland expresses itself in universal terms and sounds out an age-compelling demand. That call is the appeal to a yearning, heart-wrenching passion against sin and for sinners at close quarters, no matter what their race or social standing.

The Home Board And Destiny

NOTHING in God's divinely ordained world can pass away until its destined task is done. The Home Mission task is not finished. It is growing bigger every day. Southern Baptists can no more withdraw from the home field than they can withdraw from the foreign field. The Home Mission Board can no more go out of business than the Foreign Mission Board can go out of business. Denominational integrity demands that we preach the Gospel at home and abroad. Our destiny will be fulfilled only when we have evangelized our homeland and mobilized the evangelized in the homeland for world conquest for Christ.

The trees that are tallest will reach their roots the deepest. So with the Christian, the higher his heart and hope, the deeper will be his love and affection; he looks for a heaven made ready, but lives as though he were already in heaven. The closer to Christ he comes the nearer to man he goes; a vision of Christ begets a mission passion.

New Missionaries Added by Home Board

MISSIONARIES for work on fields from Atlanta, Ga., to El Paso, Texas, are included in the half dozen new appointees of the Home Mission Board.

From his successful pastorate at Virginia Avenue in Atlanta, the Board, in cooperation with the Atlanta Baptist Association, chose Rev. Solomon F. Dowis as the second worker in the new city mission program. Similar work was begun some weeks ago in Houston, Texas.

There are "thousands in our community who are not Christians," said Brother Dowis as he indicated that he "would find the places where the people live who have not been reached with the Gospel and then ask the church or churches in that community to find a group of workers to carry on the work."

"Ten pastors and churches," he said, "have already said that they want to sponsor missions in Atlanta. We have already helped five of them get started. We are receiving the finest sort of response from pastors and churches in this cooperative mission work in our city."

In the cooperative plan of work, the Board will pay the worker's salary and the Association will furnish the supplies, including rental or purchase of mission property. Volunteer workers for the missions will be enlisted from the churches by Brother Dowis.

A graduate of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and of Mercer University, Brother Dowis has had wide



Rev. Solomon F. Dowis

pastoral experience in Georgia and Kentucky.

Also in Atlanta the Board found another new missionary, Miss Mary Etheridge, a graduate of the W. M. U. Training School and of the University of Georgia. She was appointed to the Chinese field in El Paso.

Miss Etheridge has had two years' experience teaching school. She is the daughter of a former Board member, Judge Paul S. Etheridge. Her mother is vice president of the Baptist Woman's Missionary Union of Georgia.

Rev. and Mrs. G. K. Cobb, graduates this spring of the University of Okla-



Rev. George T. Lewis

homa, have been named for work among the Indians. Both are part Indian. While students at the University, both have engaged actively in mission work under the direction of the First Baptist Church of Norman.

In appointing Rev. and Mrs. George T. Lewis to the Mexican field at Uvalde, Texas, the Board called back into service former missionaries who left the work three years ago to complete their training at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. They will fill the vacancy at Uvalde created by the resignation of Rev. Napoleon Guarnero who was called into the Army.



Rev. G. K. Cobb



Mrs. G. K. Cobb



Miss Mary Etheridge

How Many Jews Are Now In Europe?



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Q. WHAT is the Jewish population of Europe, and what are their living conditions? L. G. F.

A. Of the 17,000,000 Jews in the world, about 10,000,000 are in Europe. Their condition is tragic beyond description. In the picture above are aged orthodox Jews being forced to do manual labor. For further discussion see page 7 of this issue.

Q. Were many new workers appointed by the Home Mission Board during 1940? M. T. C.

A. During the past year forty-four new missionaries were appointed.

Q. Are many Jews accepting the Gospel today? P. R. H.

A. Doors are wide open. Jews are today eager to hear the Word, and many are accepting Christ as their Saviour and Lord, according to Rev. Jacob Gartenhaus, field secretary directing the Jewish work. Twenty years ago when he began his work, Rev. Gartenhaus says, every Jewish door was closed against him. Now he has won his way into the confidence and respect of his people and has stirred up Christians, firing them with a desire for Israel's salvation.

HOW TO ASK QUESTIONS

Any reader can get the answer to any specific question of fact concerning the fields, tasks and needs of Home Missions in the South and in Cuba by writing Questions Editor, 315 Red Rock Building, Atlanta, Ga. Please enclose 3c for reply.

Q. How long have Southern Baptists had a department of Jewish work? E. S. H.

A. Rev. Jacob Gartenhaus, himself a Jew, began work with the Home Mission Board twenty years ago. He began the Jewish work.

Q. Have any tracts been printed by the Home Mission Board giving helps to Christians in winning the Jew to Christ? M. W.

A. "How to Win the Jew to Christ," a tract prepared by Rev. Jacob Gartenhaus, contains helps for Christian workers. It is now in its twentieth edition. Another tract, "A New Emphasis on Jewish Evangelization," also written by Brother Gartenhaus, and "If I Were a Jew," by Dr. Henry Alford Porter, set forth the needs of the work and the urgency of winning the Jew to Christ.

Q. What tracts are available for distribution among the Jews? H. L. E.

A. "The Virgin Birth of the Messiah" and "Who Is He?" have been written by Brother Gartenhaus for distribution among his people.

Q. What Home Mission books are available for children? M. C. D.

A. The *Traveling Story Hour*, a book of stories of Home Missions for

boys and girls, by Miss M. Katherine Harris, is just off the press in a revised edition. It contains eight stories based on true missionary experiences from various fields.

Q. How many conversions were reported on Southern Baptist Home Mission fields last year?

A. The missionaries and workers of the Home Mission Board last year led to Christ over 5,000 people on their respective fields.

Q. How many Southern Baptist chaplains are serving in the navy and in army camps? C. S. B.

A. Southern Baptists now have seventeen regular army chaplains, forty-two reserve army chaplains, six regular navy chaplains, and six reserve navy chaplains. This gives us a total of seventy-one active chaplains in service.

Q. How many more Southern Baptist chaplains are needed to complete the allotted number? C. S. B.

A. There are no vacancies in the regular army and navy chaplains, but Southern Baptists are short thirty-four chaplains in the reserve corps of the army.

Q. When is Home Mission week at Ridgecrest this year? F. M.

A. The Home Mission conference at Ridgecrest will be held August 3-8. Theme of the conference is "Making and Keeping the Homeland Christian."

Q. What visual aids are available on Home Mission work? P. C.

A. The Home Mission Board has slides in two sizes on its work. Nine lectures are available which are made up of 3 1/2 x 4-inch slides. These are in beautiful colors. The newest slides are 2 1/2 inches and are natural color kodachrome transparencies. A dozen lectures have been written using these pictures. All of these pictures are available for use in churches, only obligation of the borrower being to pay express charges both ways.



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THE Gulf of Mexico is the Mediterranean of the West. For that reason the world holds no more important mission field than Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, and Texas, the states which touch on the Gulf.

Democracy's Battlefield

These states are no longer the flank of a nation; they are the heart of the hemisphere. The people of these states are living on the future battlefield of democracy, both political and spiritual. Pan-Americanism today and tomorrow will make this area God's crucible, the great melting pot where all races will converge.

The war of ideologies, autocracy versus democracy, now raging among the nations of the earth, will also be fought in the spiritual realm. Baptists represent spiritual democracy of the purest type. Baptist democracy is strongest in the South. Roman Catholicism coming from the North, from South America, and from Europe is converging its efforts upon the South more and more.

Baptists must wage a warfare of aggressive love, evangelistic fervor, and missionary conquest in the South, preserving our people from spiritual autocracy of Romanism, and from the spiritual opiate of materialistic secularism.

Baptist Evangelistic Opportunities

The vast majority of the people in the states touching the Gulf are Baptists.

Of these 4,913,868 unchurched people, 3,522,269 are white, a majority of whom are of Baptist training and preference. Along with these there are 3,863,396 children in these five

Alabama	774,507
Florida	646,684
Louisiana	566,093
Mississippi	721,926
Texas	2,204,658
Total	4,913,868

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Simultaneous Campaign Results

DURING the spring of 1941 the superintendent of evangelism has led in five city-wide simultaneous evangelistic campaigns, with the following results in addition to the churches:

City	No. Churches	Baptisms	Letter	Total
Kansas City	22	269	155	384
Winston-Salem	21	355	140	495
Des Moines	9	188	153	321
Atlanta	43	989	642	1,641
Jacksonville	12	232	185	417
Totals	107	2,023	1,235	3,258

During the five campaigns the superintendent of evangelism conducted meetings in the following churches, with the additions as follows:

City	Baptisms	Letter	Total
Kansas City — Centropolis	26	5	31
Winston-Salem — First	63	51	114
Des Moines — First	85	45	130
Decatur — First	61	64	125
Jacksonville — First	31	18	49

states under ten years old who will soon be of conversion age.

A Crusade for Christ and Souls

Someone has said: "These are times that try men's souls." Let us say: "These are times in which to minister to men's souls." Let Baptists wage a crusade to win these people to Christ and to the New Testament way of living at home, in the state, and in the church. That crusade may have certain avenues for aggressive conquest.

(1) *Pastors*—These are times when every one of our 23,040 pastors should plan his work and continually work his plan in a definite program for soul-winning.

(2) *Churches*—Every one of our 25,259 churches should have a perennial program of evangelism. This should include a survey of the community, a visitation program, an Andrew Club of soul-winners, study courses in evangelism, soul-winning in the vacation Bible schools, evangelism in the Sunday school, evangelism outside of the church building, utilization of the church auxiliaries for soul-winning, evangelism in the home, and an occasional evangelistic meeting.

(3) *Associations*—If Baptists reach their possibilities they will do it through enlarged associational programs of evangelism in our 908 associations.

(4) *Cooperation*—There should be fullest cooperation between Southern Baptist Convention evangelistic agencies, state mission boards, associational committees, and perennial church evangelistic programs.

God help us to remember that souls are lost! They are lost to God, lost in sin, lost from Christ's kingdom, lost in time, and lost for eternity unless they repent and believe on Christ.

New Graves Increase Israel's Sorrow

By JOE W. BURTON

THIS is the bitterest hour of Israel's history, according to Rev. Jacob Gartenhaus.

If anyone in the South is informed about the conditions of the Jews throughout the world, all Southern Baptists would acknowledge that their ambassador of good will is possessed of that information. Daily there come to his desk letters, magazines, periodicals, portraying graphically the distress of the Jews in their present plight.

Even surpassing the sorrows about which the prophet Jeremiah lamented are the persecutions of the Jews especially in Europe, says Brother Gartenhaus.

"Great as was the suffering and humiliation of ancient Israel," Brother Gartenhaus said, "it is not to be compared with the present tragic plight of these people. What would the prophet Jeremiah say were he to witness the terrible suffering that has come upon

his people today, as terror-stricken they flee from their pursuing enemy, filling the highways and byways of Europe and elsewhere—a migration born of despair and nurtured by misery with not a strip of land upon which they can rest their weary bodies?"

Brother Gartenhaus points out that one country after another has closed its doors to them until Byron's words have been fulfilled again:

"Tribes of the wandering and weary breast,
When shall ye fly away and rest?
The wild bird has a nest, the fox a cave,
Mankind a country, Israel but a grave."

There are some 17,000,000 Jews in the world, about 10,000,000 of them being in Europe, scattered from the Pyrenees to the Urala.

"The Jews in Europe are caught in

Typical of the tragic conditions in Europe is this group of Jewish veterans of the first World War who at that time sacrificed their limbs for their country and are now forced to live a miserable life in an overcrowded Warsaw ghetto.

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Even the helpless women and children are experiencing the pangs of this bitter hour in Israel's history.

the maddest, cruelest maelstrom in the 4,000 years of their history," said Brother Gartenhaus. "Their condition is tragic beyond description. Terror and destruction are rampant everywhere. Death from epidemics, diseases and starvation have already exterminated hundreds of thousands, and nothing short of a miracle will save the millions who remain."

Even Tomorrow Uncertain

It is impossible to predict what will happen in this fast-changing world, the Jewish worker points out, but he "shudders to think what the next day may bring forth. For example, should Hitler's troops proceed in making their way to the Suez Canal, then gaining entrance to Palestine, there would be grim possibilities for the more than 600,000 Jews there."

With world interest centering on the cradle of the world and strife between Arabs and Jews being abetted by daily infiltrations of Nazis, Brother Gartenhaus has a natural and poignant concern for members of his family who are in that section and who, he says, will "likely be among those caught in the enemy's net."

"What a night of horror!" he shudders. "Only a Dante could do justice in another 'Inferno'."

Although the immediate future is admittedly dark for the Jews, Brother Gartenhaus expresses a contagious op-

tinism in his belief in the promises of God for his people, especially in such references as "No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper" (Isaiah 54:17), and "All they that devour thee shall be devoured" (Jeremiah 30:16).

"No one who believes in the divine inspiration of the Scriptures," he added, "is in any doubt as to the future of the Jews or as to what will become of the nations that persecute them."

That God has great things in store for His people and through them for the world is evident from the Bible, he said.

For instance, he cites the fact that thousands upon thousands of these unfortunates who have been uprooted from their native lands—among them men of high station in life, doctors, idealists, lawyers, musicians, educators—have come to America.

"Tragedy has opened their hearts, presenting marvelous opportunities of winning them to the Saviour," he said.

Refugees Ready for Gospel

Recently Brother Gartenhaus was asked to go see a certain refugee to whom "the message of the Saviour was like bread and water to his parched soul. Several days later the man gave his heart to the Lord."

He told Brother Gartenhaus of being personally acquainted with a number of other refugees who are ready to take a similar step.

But the poor Christian Jew very often feels twice forsaken. Brother

A Christian Rabbi Becomes A Soul-Winner

By JACOB GARTENHAUS

IN a certain city, several Christian friends told me of the tolerant attitude of the orthodox rabbi. He seemed, they said, to be interested and cooperative in everything worthwhile for the good of the community, and they expressed a desire that I meet him.

My past contacts with rabbis had not been very encouraging, and I did not feel that I could accomplish much in this instance. I dismissed the thought of contacting this rabbi and became busy with other things.

But that night I could not sleep. Again and again a picture of the rabbi appeared before me and I could hear a voice saying, "Go and see him." The next morning I knew I had a decision to make which was not an easy one.

and, obeying that inner voice, I telephoned this leader in Israel. To my utter surprise he had already heard of me and seemed to be expecting a visit from me.

In a little while I found myself in his home. I was surprised to find him most friendly and cordial, and

after a brief exchange of greetings we entered into a discussion of the nature of my work.

Interested in Jewish Converts

He wanted to know how long I had been representing Baptists and something of the progress of the work. He was amazed to hear what had been accomplished. Then he wanted to know how converts are being received.

It was quite noticeable that he guarded his every word. Several times he looked furtively about to see if anyone was listening to our conversation and then he walked from window to door. His uneasiness gave me a queer sensation. He scarcely spoke above a whisper.

However, he seemed to be greatly pleased with my visit and was not at all anxious for me to leave. When I suggested our meeting again he expressed delight at my coming, but immediately suggested another meeting place, preferably at night in some out-of-the-way place. Before leaving I

Gartenhaus added, by his own and, alas, by Christians.

Recently a Jewish Christian, a man

of great culture and education, was being interviewed by a representative of a Jewish organization with a view to finding for him a position in his own profession.

"Upon learning that the man was a Christian," said Brother Gartenhaus, "the representative cut his visit very short. It nearly broke my heart when this man came to see me. Yet there was no word of complaint from him."

What should be our attitude toward these people? Brother Gartenhaus urges that our hearts should go out to them in loving sympathy and that we should manifest a spirit of kindness whenever we meet one of them, especially one of the household of faith who may be in need.

"Certainly," he concludes, "we should hold them up in our prayers. Let us join other Christian friends in declaring to these people that the One we love most, that the One who has done most for us, was Himself a Jew in the flesh. To Him we owe all that we are and ever will be, and our hearts yearn that everyone might share with us the joy and peace that come to all who follow Him."

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gave him several publications, offering him also a New Testament, but he told me he already possessed one.

We next met in a quiet and secluded place one evening. This time he had his Hebrew New Testament. When I looked at it I noticed his notations on almost every page, some having references to the Old Testament and one or two to the Zohar and the Targum.

It was then that I realized that I was dealing with no ordinary person, but a man of high learning thoroughly acquainted with Jewish background and culture, and an earnest seeker after the truth.

Cautious Attitude Explained

He explained to me why he had acted so queerly on my former visit. His friendly attitude toward Christian ministers and some of his utterances had caused criticism by his coreligionists and members in his own home. So he had to be most careful, for every visitor was watched suspiciously.

But now we could converse freely with no danger of being overheard. As a little child listening to an exciting

story, this learned man listened eagerly to what I had to say. As I gave him the reasons for my faith, he frequently reinforced my statements. I realized what a wealth of knowledge he possessed as he quoted from memory from many ancient writings. Thus we spent three delightful hours.

Before parting, realizing that this man was not far from the Kingdom, I took courage to suggest that we go to the God of Abraham in prayer. To my amazement I saw that rabbi go down on his knees as I led in prayer.

Not wishing to compromise my faith a particle, I closed that prayer in the Name which is above every name under heaven given among men, the Name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus the Messiah, pronouncing it in Hebrew.

To my utter amazement he immediately began to pray with a pathos that gripped me increasingly. I felt that I was at the very throne of grace. I waited eagerly to hear how he would close that prayer, and could hardly believe my ears when this Nicodemus uttered the Name of the only true Messiah of Israel. That was one time I wanted to shout for joy.

We lingered awhile and then the

rabbi requested that I consider confidential all that had taken place, and that we keep in close touch with each other. There was no doubt in my mind now that truly here was a redeemed man.

As time went on we exchanged a number of friendly letters, and on several occasions I went out of my way to have a rendezvous with him.

My letters to him were addressed to the home of a Christian friend because of his wife's attitude. All mail was especially watched by her, and anything she suspected of being of a Christian source never reached him.

I did not press home the matter of his taking a public stand, for I could well sympathize with the man. On one occasion when I broached the subject he remarked, "Do you realize what that would mean? I would lose my position as rabbi, be expelled by the Jewish community, while Jews of the entire land would anathematize me. Yes, my own dear family would consider such a step a disgrace and would likely leave me. Yet, I would be willing to pay the price, but I do not think that time has yet come."

A Soul-Winning Rabbi

But he had not been idle. He confided to me how in his quiet way he had been able to influence some of his people to accept the Saviour.

I well knew that to be a fact, for some weeks ago I received a letter from him in which he told me of one of his flock whom he had won to the Messiah, who had moved to Atlanta, and he asked that I go to see her.

The first opportunity I contacted this woman. At first she was very reluctant to tell me anything, but when I identified myself through the letter I received from the rabbi she realized that I was to be trusted and confided her faith to me.

Recently another engagement took me to that same city and when I telephoned the rabbi he seemed to talk more boldly. The hesitancy and nervousness were gone.

When he found that I was scheduled to leave that same evening he at first expressed regret at not being able to see me, but later said he just could not let me leave without our getting together.

When we met we shared each other's experiences, and then he told me of his deep conviction that the world is now going through the pang which the ancient sages in Israel predicted would precede the coming of the Messiah, and I agreed with him, adding a prayer, "Even so come, Lord Jesus!"

Jews being deported from Germany in cattle cars.

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With their last pennies these unfortunate Jews are buying some rags to help protect themselves and their families from the bitter cold.

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He Serves God in Army

THE greatest opportunity of his life, to serve God has been found in the Army, according to Captain Henry A. Robinson.

For seventeen and a half years Captain Robinson was a reserve officer. Never until last fall had he been called upon for service.

When his call came he was given five days to report. As a member of the faculty of cultured, aristocratic, old Agnes Scott College, Decatur, Ga., he could have chosen deferment.

"It was the first time my country needed me," he said. "I could not have looked at myself in the mirror if I had asked for deferment."

In line with the army's policy to place men where their talents can be used to greatest advantage, the mathematics professor was made chief of the classification section of the reception center, Fort McPherson, Ga.

"The object of the classification section," he was instructed, "is to obtain and record in a usable form such educational and occupational information as will enable the army to capitalize on the soldier's present skills and utilize the best talents for national defense."

Selectee's Talents Analyzed

Captain Robinson soon found that his job was the man-sized task of inducting 1,000 men every three days into service through a series of tests and interviews which are aimed at discovering each selectee's special qualifications and, on the basis of such information thus obtained, to assign an average of 300 men a day to the proper division of service in line with their talents and skill.

At the reception center at Fort McPherson Captain Robinson is in charge of the division where the men from the Southeast get their first contact with army life.

For only a few brief hours he and his division have contact with the men as they are inducted into service. Some men remain in the reception center no longer than twelve hours, while others stay as long as thirty-six hours, this being the maximum length of time any ever remain.

Captain Robinson saw at once in these contacts an opportunity for Christian service — indeed the greatest opportunity of his life to be of service to his Master.

He is a deacon in the First Baptist Church of Decatur, Ga. For many years he has been the teacher of a



Captain Robinson, right, interviewing a selectee for the Army who later was appointed to the reception center as one of the eighteen assistants.

Sunday school class, but now he realized that he had indeed a great opportunity in the lives of the men by the hundreds, averaging 1,000 every three days, who come under his fleeting influence.

What could he do to meet these opportunities? First he suggested that the chaplains come before the men for a brief talk and prayer immediately after their intelligence tests. This talk by the chaplains has become a regular routine, and the prayer offered with each group of men has been the means of dedicating the lives of the men not only to their country for a year's service but to their God for a lifetime of service.

Next he gave special attention to the selection of eighteen young men under him who would assist in the work. He is proud of the selections he has made.

Every one is a first-rate Christian young man, he says. All are university graduates with one, two or three degrees. One is a lawyer, another is an office manager; a third is a school principal. Still another is a junior executive. One is a sociologist, another is an Associated Press reporter. Each one is a genuine Christian, interested in the spiritual welfare of the men interviewed each day.

Captain Robinson encourages his men in their spiritual interest in the selectees. Each interviewer is supplied with inexpensive Bibles which the selectee is privately given to some other interviewer who seeks out the non-Christian man before he leaves camp and talks with him privately and earnestly about his soul's welfare.

him a copy of the Bible with the suggestion that it be read.

Men with special problems are referred to the captain himself for special guidance. When such men come before the captain, he at once seizes the opportunity not only to advise the young men on how they can best succeed in the Army, but also how they can lead righteous lives during the year in the service.

"I tell the man that if he doesn't live at his highest in the Army he is not a good soldier," says Captain Robinson. "We can make this a warless world only by ridding the world of hatred, and that cannot be done until men have Christ in their hearts. We do not try to proselyte, but simply to point the men to their Maker."

Efforts Are Threefold

At least three definite efforts are made to win to Christ men who are not Christians, according to Captain Robinson.

First, there are New Testaments and Gospels at the front of the room where the intelligence tests are given, and the men are invited to take copies as they complete their tests. Second, if the interviewer finds that the selectee is not a professing Christian, he gives him a copy of the Bible and urges that it be read. Third, the name of the selectee is privately given to some other interviewer who seeks out the non-Christian man before he leaves camp and talks with him privately and earnestly about his soul's welfare.

Army Sets High Standards In Chaplaincy Requirements

IN seeking chaplains for the religious guidance and moral counsel of the men under its jurisdiction, the United States Army considers only men of the highest spiritual, moral, educational, and physical qualifications.

Defining the regulations of the office of chaplain, an Army bulletin prepared under the direction of the chief of chaplains outlines the purpose of the office as that of providing "the facilities for public religious worship to the military personnel"; promoting "character building and contentment in the United States Army by precept and example"; and giving "spiritual ministrations, moral counsel, and religious guidance to those under military jurisdiction."

Appointment of these men, according to the bulletin, shall be made from among persons duly accredited by some religious denomination or organization and of good standing therein.

Definition of personal qualifications includes attention to duty, tact, initiative, intelligence and judgment, force, and leadership. A chaplain is to do "intensely and conscientiously whatever task is at hand that counts toward achievement."

Magnetic Personality Needed

In the chaplain's business of influencing men's lives for better "there is a supreme need for that indefinable quality which makes people follow him. The word magnetism is a misnomer, but it figuratively expresses the first element of leadership."

"The chaplain should be able to attract and hold and permanently influence for good the personnel within his pastoral charge," the outline of duties continues. "This ability rests primarily upon confidence. Men must have confidence in the chaplain if they are to follow him. When he has won their confidence he will be able to lead them in religion, in recreation, and in education."

These Army men in charge of spiritual welfare in military posts, the chief of chaplains adds, should have an understanding of human nature, with the ability to see things from the standpoint of the private in the ranks or the general in command and

to enter sympathetically into the trials and problems of each.

The chaplain should be possessed of "personal integrity and exemplary habits, and should be a man of religious experience with pious instincts and a fervor for service to his fellow men. He should be broadminded and sympathetic."

"While possessed of a wholesome degree of self-respect and idealization of his divine mission, he should by all means be devoid of egotism and of a bald insistence upon his own rights and upon the prerogatives of his rank so unbecoming in a man of his calling."

"A winning personality, rectitude of character, and sportsmanlike behavior will be the most compelling argument in the end for adequate recognition."

Physical qualifications likewise call for high rating, the chief points out. A chaplain must have sufficient strength and reserve power to carry him through the most trying field campaign into which he may be called. While not a necessity, it is a distinct asset for the man to be an athlete strong enough to execute any task assigned him in the briefest time possible.

The chaplain's bearing should be smart and alert, his address prompt and to the point.

Before an applicant is considered by the Army he must have the official approval of his denomination. To the Home Mission Board has been committed the responsibility of making these approvals for all Southern Baptist applicants.

With men of such caliber as those who are appointed by the Army to give religious guidance, parents should be assured that their sons in military service are under sound leadership.

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Greek Priest Admits His Need Of Salvation To Illinois Missionary

A GREEK Orthodox priest with whom Rev. H. J. Mikhalechuk, missionary in East St. Louis, has been working in recent weeks has acknowledged his need of the Saviour.

In former contacts with the priest Brother Mikhalechuk has talked with him about the Bible and Christianity, and the priest has discussed the subject with him in a friendly way.

At the last meeting the two had a very decisive discussion concerning the plan of salvation, according to the missionary. At first the priest expressed his very disagreeable feeling about Brother Mikhalechuk's departure from "the only true church," but this attitude changed.

"God has given me enough of His divine grace to relate my personal experience of knowing Christ as my Saviour," the missionary rejoices. "I told him that it was done directly by Christ himself."

Before the conversation was closed the missionary felt led to ask the priest if he was a saved man. To his question the priest answered firmly, "I am not a saved man."

The way is open now for the missionary to make further contacts with this man, and he is in deep prayer that soon he shall have the joy of bringing him to salvation.

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Illustrations

Witnesses Needed

And a vision appeared to Paul in the night: There stood a man of Macedonia, and prayed him, saying, Come over into Macedonia, and help us.—Acts 16:9

A neighbor man stepped into the building where I was putting in partitions for Sunday school class rooms. As we worked, the missionary turned the conversation to the Bible and the Gospel.

"Well, I guess I never read as much as one page in the Bible in my life," said the man, a father of four children who are in our Sunday school.

After I had spoken of the New Testament record of the fulfillment of Old Testament prophecy, the man said, "Now that is something I would like to know about. What do you mean by Old Testament and New Testament? I thought it was just all the Bible."

Would you expect the children in his home to learn much about God's will and way? There are many others in our mountains just as ignorant of the Gospel and of God as this man. The pity is that many will be in their graves before our present small force of missionaries ever get to them with the message.—Lewis W. Martin, missionary in the mountains.

MISSION CHURCH LEADS IN GIFTS

THE French mission church at Basile, La., served by Rev. Maurice Aguilard, ranked second in its association during a recent month in gifts to missions.

"Our church members are getting under the Baptist program of world-wide missions," says the missionary.

Because of much bad weather and illness church attendance has been affected greatly, but the missionary is finding valuable contacts in visiting in the homes of the sick.

Christianity Expanding

So mightily grew the word of the Lord and prevailed.—Acts 19:20

A Home Board missionary among the French, Rev. Maurice Aguilard, went into a new community to preach the Gospel.

"We were able to open French homes that never had been opened to the Gospel before," he writes. "We brought some to the church to hear the Gospel in French who said it was the first time they had ever attended a church service other than Catholic."

They liked the services so much the missionary adds, "that they would like for me to go back later. There were some who came that did not enjoy it."

Reproving In Love

Teach . . . to be sober. Thus 2:4

A young Indian came into a service drunk. It was a community where the missionary had never been before and where most of the people were "unsaved and a few backsliders" about five members of the church.

The unsteady young man sat down and began to mock the preacher, who was already delivering his sermon. Immediately some of the men took him outside.

"Next morning when he was sober," said the missionary, "he cried and said that he would not do that any more. He asked us Christians to pray for him."

Someone suggested that he ought to be under arrest, but the missionary objected, saying that he wanted to talk with the weak young fellow.

Seeking The Truth

All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness.—2 Timothy 3:16

Upon receipt of an urgent request to "come at once" to an Indian church,

Dr. J. W. Beagle, field secretary of the Home Mission Board, went immediately to the Oklahoma town from whence it came.

An Indian, the most prominent member of the church, met Dr. Beagle at the station, and the two drove out of the business section toward the mission church. Suddenly the stolid Indian stopped the car by the curb.

"I have something to say," he said, breaking the silence. Dr. Beagle waited for him to say it.

"White men come here," he continued. "Tell Indian what to do. While man do not tell what Jesus Book says for Indian to do."

The Indian waited a moment, and the white man by his side remained silent.

"You are different from other white men," he resumed. "You tell us what Jesus Book says. We want you to tell us for a week what Jesus Book says. We don't want to hear anything else."

Later, Dr. Beagle said that he felt that this was the biggest assignment he had ever had. He realized that the Indians were not interested in the opinions of men, which so often are erroneous, but that they wanted only the truth.

HOME MISSION GIFTS INCREASE

OFFERINGS to Home Missions reached a total of \$391,727.98 the first five months of 1941. This was an increase of \$55,737.81, or 16%, over the same period of last year.

Largest gain was shown in the Annie Armstrong Offering with cash receipts through May 1 reaching a total of \$172,750.36, a gain of \$30,552.76.

Receipts as reported by the treasurer were:

Cooperative Program	\$117,091.08
Annie Armstrong Offering	172,750.36
Board of Christian Education	25,112.01
Home Trust Fund	46,475.51
Designations	31,128.68

Total \$391,727.98
Total, same period, 1940 \$335,990.08
Increase (16%) \$55,737.81

Converted Italians Spread Gospel Among Friends In Distant City



Mrs. Scalia, Italian mother, who with her family carried the Gospel to Detroit.

HOW the Gospel spreads from one city to another was noted in the work of Rev. A. Pucciarelli, Italian missionary in Birmingham.

When a family from the Italian church in Birmingham moved to Detroit they immediately became active in mission work among their new friends. Soon they began to write Brother Pucciarelli to come to Detroit to preach.

Brother Pucciarelli answered their call and went to the northern city for ten days, preaching twice daily, once in English and once in Italian.

Large crowds attended the services, the majority of the people being Roman Catholics. During the meeting four young men and their grandmother accepted Christ. A number of men and women who were already believers took an open stand promising to stay firm in the faith and principles of the Gospel of Christ.

"It was a great meeting," says Brother Pucciarelli, "and the work there is the result of the Gospel preached in Birmingham."

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DIRECTORY

THE complete directory of workers of the Home Mission Board is printed on this page each quarter. It was carried in the June issue, and will run again in September.

Home Mission Book Shelf

Christian Roots of Democracy in America. Arthur E. Holt. Friendship Press. \$1.50.

The theme of this book is that the high cost of a democracy can only be met by a generation of people stirred by the great truths of Christianity, who seek a social order in which its spirit has free expression.

Emphasis is given to the fact that Christianity and democracy have come down the ages together, that they reinforce each other or die together. The author makes it perfectly plain that a Christian who seeks to keep alive the doctrine of brotherhood cannot be happy over a democracy which acquiesces in as much inequality as does Western democracy.—N.Y.B.

England Before and After Wesley. J. Wesley Broady. Harper & Brothers. 451 pages. Cloth, \$3.50.

This big book is the history of a great spiritual awakening, so much like the revival we need today. The social, political, economic and spiritual bankruptcy before Wesley is faithfully pictured. The purifying power of a spiritual revival is shown. It tells of a great need, a great man, a great revival. It is a great book.—R.Q.L.

Author of Liberty. Robert T. Searle. Friendship Press. \$1.00.

This little book of seventeen short, fascinating Home Mission stories is a worthy successor to the author's—

cent popular book, *City Shadows*. Written out of personal experience, the stories carry a warmth of spirit which is appealing and inspiring. Believing that in a democracy such as we have in this country each individual should have a fair chance in life, he recounts some who have not had a chance and have not shared in the equality promised by the constitution. In their lives are reflected many of the Home Mission problems which we face today in our efforts to conserve Christianity and the democratic way of life.—N.Y.B.

Prophetic Patriotism. Carter Helm Jones. Broadman Press. 168 pages. \$1.00.

Southern Baptist preaching at its best! These thirteen sermons are sane and scholarly as well as scriptural and evangelistic. They are both Baptistic and beautiful. It takes fifty-seven years of cultured, consecrated preaching by a great mind and a great heart to write so valuable a volume.—R.Q.L.

Aged Frenchman Hears Missionary, Interested In Word

WHILE on a boat trip in the marshes below New Orleans, Rev. L. C. Smith, general missionary to the French in southern Louisiana, was forced, when the boat's engine broke, to spend the night in a camp with an old man.

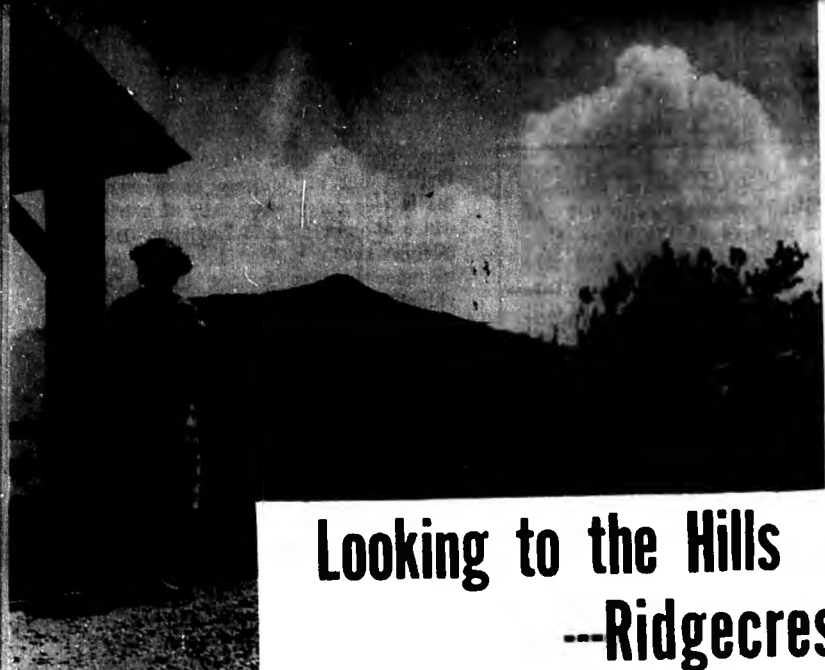
The old man, seventy years old, was not a Christian. Brother Smith talked with him and for over an hour read the Bible and had prayer with him.

"It is not always that a man of this age and with the bearing that he had can be led to accept Christ at once," Brother Smith writes. "I am praying for him and plan to return to see him again, at his own invitation, and trust that others may join me in prayer for his salvation."

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Looking to the Hills --Ridgecrest

WORLD conditions have focused interest anew on Home Missions. Especially significant, therefore, is the conference this summer at Ridgecrest conducted by the Home Mission Board, August 3-8, in which the theme will be "Making and Keeping the Homeland Christian."

The daily program as announced by Dr. J. B. Lawrence includes such significant topics as "Revitalizing the Country Church," "The Problem of the Foreigner in Making the Homeland Christian," "Woman's Part in Winning the Homeland for Christ," "Winning America to Win the World," and "Crowding Christ in the Homeland."

Daily Bible Study

A feature of this year's program will be the Bible study each morning at 10:00 A.M. conducted by Dr. W. T. Conner of Southwestern Seminary. Other leaders on the program outside the Home Mission Board's own organization include Dr. T. L. Holcomb and Dr. E. P. Alldredge of the Sunday School Board; Dr. John L. Slaughter of First Baptist Church, Birmingham; Prof. I. E. Reynolds, Southwestern Seminary; and Dr. J. D. Grey, First Baptist Church, New Orleans.

Each evening's program will feature a missionary address by a missionary

and an additional address by an outstanding leader outside the Home Board organization.

The morning sessions will include intimate talks about their work by the missionaries, round-table discussions, and a climactic closing address. Sunday services of worship will mark the beginning of the conference on August 3.

Home Mission Week

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August 3-8, 1941

DAILY PROGRAM

Theme: Making and Keeping the Homeland Christian.

Text: "The people of the land have used oppression, and exercised robbery, and have vexed the poor and needy; yea, they have oppressed the stranger wrongfully. And I sought for a man among them, that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before me for the land, that I should not destroy it: but I found none" (Ezek. 22:29, 30).

MORNING

7:20 Morning Watch--By a Missionary
8:00 Breakfast
8:00 Worship, Praise and Prayer
8:15 Bible Hour--By W. T. Conner
10:00 Morning Program
11:15 Praise and Prayer
11:45 Address
1:00 Lunch

AFTERNOON

Rest and Recreation

EVENING

6:00 Dinner
6:45 Vespers--By John L. Slaughter
7:30 Praise and Prayer
8:00 Missionary Address
8:30 Address

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