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To the official position of president of the Home Mission Board Dr. Ellis A. Fuller brought a clear conception of denominational objectives, says B. M. Callaway on page five in an appraisal of his thirteen-year presidency. Dr. Fuller, right, is bidding Dr. J. B. Lawrence goodbye as he leaves Atlanta to assume the presidency of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.



Whose World?

THIS world of ours, the world of flowers and fauna, of templed hills and laughing brooks, of singing birds and wild life, with its beautifully starlighted, moon-lighted, sun-lighted ways, was not made for a game preserve for the devil and his forces of evil. God intends to have his kingdom established in the earth through men.

Toward that end we are working. It may not come in our day, but it will come when Jesus shall return in His power and glory. There is to be a consummation of earth's affairs consistent with infinite love.

A Revival of Sacramentalism

DR. A. T. ROBERTSON in his day warned Southern Baptists of a revival of sacramentalism. With his broad vision of the trend of denominational affairs he saw in the present movements in religion the first and foremost evidences of sacramentalism.

Dr. John D. Kern, in a recent issue of the *Watchman Examiner*, calls attention to the fact that there is "a decided trend toward the chancel type of church among Northern Baptists. This trend is also rather pronounced among the Methodists, Congregationalists and Presbyterians. The pulpit-centered church which has been predominant for the last three hundred years in Protestantism seems now to be losing its hold."

Woe be unto Baptists whenever they reduce their services to the administration of the sacraments and the chanting of creeds. That makes religion too easy.

What our people need throughout the world today is the preaching of the Gospel of Jesus Christ as our fathers preached it. Let our pulpits become thunderous voices for right against wrong.

A Great Mission Field

SERVICE, a magazine published by Tuskegee Institute, carries an article by Chaplain Harry B. Richardson in which this statement occurs: "It has been recently estimated that a million or more Negroes make their

living in domestic service. Next to agriculture, this is our largest single field. What an immense army these domestic workers make and how essential they are to the welfare of their race."

If there are more than a million Negroes in domestic service, what a field this furnishes to Christians for mission work.

The story is told that when Mrs. Stanley Jones in India was addressing a group of Indian women that one of the leading women in the audience went out. After the service Mrs. Jones asked this woman why she left the service.

Her reply was, "I went to speak to your servant to see if you practiced in your home the religion you were telling us about."

Most of these one million domestic servants are serving in Southern homes. Many of these homes are Baptist homes. What a field for witnessing to Christ.

Spiritual Laboratory

THIS generation will see the day when in every thought-center of the heathen world there will be men seeking intelligently to know what Christianity will do for a people that accepts it. Southern Baptists should offer their homeland as a laboratory where the Gospel might work itself out in a demonstration that will convince the world of its saving and redeeming power. Home Missions look to and are working for such a demonstration. Let us show the heathen world what the Gospel will do.

Athletes and Alcohol

THE WATCHMAN EXAMINER quotes W. Roy Berg, executive secretary of Allied Youth, Inc., who says, "The outstanding football coaches of American universities make no place on college and university squads for players who use alcoholic beverages. Even though the ranks of players may be thinned by calls to duty with Army, Navy or Air force and jobs in defense industries, varsity football will continue to be a sport of total abstinence." If abstinence is necessary for foot-

ball players, surely it is necessary for the men in the Army. Our Government should establish the same sort of standard for our soldiers as coaches have for football players. Defending our country is vastly more important than playing football.

Moral Standards

DOROTHY THOMPSON in her column recently contrasted the moral standard of the eighteenth century with the moral standard of today and called attention to the fact that now "we are saying that wrong doing is not profitable, that the G-men always get the gangster in the end, whereas in the old days it used to be God and remorse that were the retribution."

She thinks that there is danger in this change of emphasis in which we are asking the rising generation to think that sin is judged here and now instead of looking to the future.

As a matter of fact, sin does not receive its judgment here in this life. Under certain conditions there is physical penalty, but sin receives its full penalty in the hereafter.

Christ teaches us not to fear them that kill the body and have no more that they can do, but to fear him who after he has killed has power to cast both soul and body into the hell of fire.

This generation needs to be brought face to face with God who deals with the sinner in the final judgment.

Seeking Truth

THE one who is in search for truth as contained in the deeper spiritual realms of life, who says, "I must know the truth or I die," is in search of the very meaning of life itself. Such ones are not mere speculators, nor are they metaphysicians. They will, like the wise men of the East who found the object of their quest in the Infant Christ, find the truth in Him who is the truth, the light, and the life of the world.

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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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DR. ELLIS A. FULLER takes his place in the galaxy of great and good men who have served as president of the Home Mission Board. For thirteen years—years that contained more of tragedy and triumph than any like period since 1888—he has presided over the destiny of a Board of which B. M. Callaway, a great layman on the Board,

said: "We have seen it in dealing with the consequences of a disaster stand on the principle of integrity so steadily as to build values for the denomination as yet unmeasured."

Dr. Fuller has, in the midst of a very active and exacting pastorate, given unstintedly of his time to the interests of the Board and the denomination. He is a wise denominational leader. He is a consecrated kingdom servant. His outstanding position in Atlanta and with Southern Baptists has greatly helped to stabilize and assure the position of the Board in the denominational thought and life. He is co-operative, progressive, dynamic, Christ-like. His one interest is the kingdom of God. To that interest he has dedicated himself and under the leadership of Christ, the great Commander of his life, he has given his mighty energy to the bringing in of that kingdom.

The fellowship we have had with him during these years has been delightful. Our prayers shall go with him in his new and responsible task as president of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He belongs by right, by talent, by spiritual and intellectual equipment, to the whole denomination.

Catholics And Religious Freedom

THE Catholics in the United States are spending hundreds of thousands of dollars to make America think Catholic. Over the radio and in public addresses by outstanding individuals they are trying to make it appear that the Catholic church is the author of religious freedom.

Evidently they have forgotten history, or at least they are paying no attention to it. Pope Innocent III had the dream of a world federation of nations over which the church would be supreme. He affirmed the right of the pope to confirm or reject the election of an emperor; deposed King John of England, and restored him to his throne only when the sovereignty of England had been formally transferred to the pope and received back by the king as a gift; declared

Magna Carta null and void; and attempted, with considerable success (except in France) to be the political arbiter of every nation in Europe. There was no thought of freedom in the mind of the church then. Wherever the Catholic Church was supreme all other religious sects were suppressed. It is too late to rewrite history. The Catholic Church claims not to have changed. We wonder!

One Cross For Both

IT is very difficult to be consistent. In a ministers' conference in Chicago recently, a speaker called attention to the hidden factors behind the war in the Far East and raised the question as to whether "Americans with their hypocrisy on racial questions were much better on that issue than the Nazis."

A brother minister asked, "By what right did the speaker say that we are no better than the Nazis?"

A Negro minister who happened to be present, rose and said, "I can answer that question. My little daughter is being taught in school by her teacher to hate the Japs. What am I to say to her, this little girl of mine, who is being taught by the American school system to crucify the Japanese on the same cross on which she herself is being crucified?"

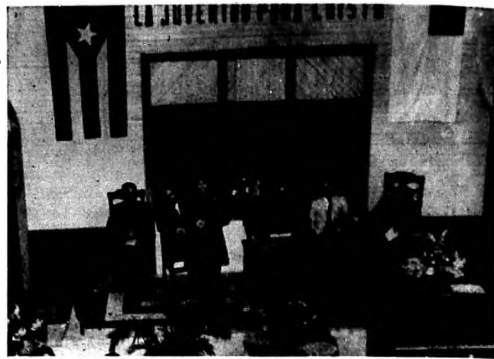
That is a blunt way of putting it and possibly will not tend to break down our racial prejudices, but, after all, is there not a lot of truth in what the Negro preacher said? Christ not only died for the Negro in Africa; He also died for the Negro in America; and if we send missionaries to the Negro in Africa, let us prove our interest as Christians by helping to save the Negro in the South.

Keeping right after your ideals, nursing your vision, cultivating your dreams, visualizing the thing you long for vividly, intensively, and striving with all your might to match your dreams with reality—that is what makes life count, provided your dreams are for the coming of the kingdom of God.

Cosmic immensity is one of the revolutionary ideas that has come in to change the thinking of the world, and this changed thinking demands a thorough-going reconstruction of our ideas concerning our mission task.

Are Cuban Youths Growing Spiritually?—B. C.

A. IN his book, *Meet the Youth of Cuba*, Rev. Herbert Caudill, who has been a missionary of the Board on the island for thirteen years, shows that young Cuban Christians are making splendid spiritual progress. "Baptist young people," he writes, "have on their hearts the burden of the lost in their country, and in every way possible they are seeking to be faithful to the command to give the Gospel to every creature." Dr. M. N. McCall states in the Board's 1942 annual report that there are thirty-six Training Unions in the fifty-nine churches. Pictured at the right are leaders in a special Young People's Day at Colon. This picture was carried in the Colon newspaper *El Pais*.



Q. How many children of Home Board missionaries are Margaret Fund students? Mrs. P. M. G.

A. Last year thirty-seven sons and daughters of Home Board missionaries received scholarships from the Margaret Fund of the W. M. U.

Q. Where were these Margaret Fund students in school? Mrs. P. M. G.

A. Five were in Baylor University, five in Howard Payne College, two in Texas A. & M., two in Bessie Tift College, two in Judson College; one each in Texas College of Mines, North Texas Agricultural College, San Marcos State Teachers College, Meredith College, and Louisiana College; two in a school in Hong Kong, China; and fourteen in schools in Cuba.



Q. Has there been a large sale of the Cuban series of mission books? Mrs. S. W. T.

A. The first edition, brought from the press in January, has been sold out on four of the six books and a second edition is being printed. Second printings of the other two books

will be necessary soon. All of the books are being used widely at present in summer assemblies. They will also be in demand for mission schools in the fall.

Q. What are the new educational requirements for the chaplaincy in the Army? Rev. A. P.

A. The requirements have been changed so that now if an applicant holds both a college and seminary degree and has had two years of pastoral experience, or if he holds either a college or seminary degree and has had three years' pastoral experience, he is eligible.

Q. What amount has the Home Mission Board paid on its debts in 1942? G. R. T.

A. The payment of \$55,000 on July 1 made a total since the first of the year of \$220,000, thus bringing the Board's debts down to \$330,000. At the left is shown the hand of Dr. J. B. Lawrence affixing his signature to a bond seventeen months ago when the debt

\$850,000—were refinanced. Since that time a second refinancing has been effected and payments totaling \$520,000 have been made.

Q. Is the Home Mission Board limited in its debt payments to Hundred Thousand Club receipts? G. R. T.

A. The Board applies all Hundred

Thousand Club receipts to retirement of debt principal, and in addition appropriates from Co-operative Program receipts and other sources, such as from the sale of property, additional available amounts. For instance, last year Hundred Thousand Club receipts of the Board totaled \$82,540.32, while during the year the total paid on debts was \$317,018. This policy of the Board is in line with the instructions of the Southern Baptist Convention given some years ago and related by the Executive Committee in June. "That every agency and institution of the Convention continue the policy of applying the largest possible amount of Co-operative Program receipts on their debts."

Q. Will Dr. Ellis A. Fuller continue as president of the Home Mission Board after becoming president of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary? M. R. W.

A. Dr. Fuller has resigned as president of the Board, his resignation being accepted by the executive committee on July 2. He had been president for thirteen years.

Q. Can money be borrowed from the Church Building Loan Fund of the Home Mission Board to refinance a church's debts? Rev. C. R. W.

A. Loans can be secured for refinancing.

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.

August, 1942.

Clear Conception of Mission Aims Marked Dr. Fuller's Presidency

By B. M. CALLAWAY

THE resignation of Dr. Ellis A. Fuller as president of the Home Mission Board in connection with his acceptance of the presidency of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary terminates his tenure of this office which he has held since June, 1929.

Having been elected a member of the Home Mission Board in its reorganization by the Convention in May, 1929, Dr. Fuller was made president of the agency, and led in its initial activities in securing Dr. J. B. Lawrence to be executive secretary, in

adopting policies with regard to its program, and especially with regard to the payment of its crushing indebtedness.

To this official position Dr. Fuller brought a clear conception of denominational objectives. In dealing with its problems and difficulties he showed the sound judgment necessary to their solution. His sincerity and frankness, supported by Christian character and expressed in consideration and courtesy, demonstrated his fitness for this service.

The Board for the ensuing years was concerned with reorganizing its mission program, adjusting all its denominational services to greatly reduced receipts, and satisfying the creditors that its debts would be paid.

With the deepening economic depression these responsibilities seemed well-nigh insoluble, and required the closest co-operation between Dr. Lawrence as executive secretary and Dr. Fuller as president and the other members of the Board. That this co-operation was secured is manifest in the results achieved.

During the three years prior to his coming in 1928 as pastor of the First Baptist Church of Atlanta Dr. Fuller had been the superintendent of evangelism for the Home Mission Board throughout the territory of the Southern Baptist Convention. He had deep appreciation of the mission needs of the people, so his interest was primarily in preserving a sound mission program in keeping with Baptist opportunities and responsibilities.

This did not hinder his steadfast effort to effect proper adjustments in the administration of the other denominational activities of the Board in its schools, hospitals and institutional services in keeping with resources and responsibilities.

In dealing with the creditors of the Board, most of whom were convinced that receivership was necessary, Dr. Fuller, serving on all the committees on financing, brought to bear analysis, judgment and consideration which had its inevitable effect in securing favorable terms of maturities and payments which could be met by the Board with the support of the churches and members.

No other agency of Southern Baptists ever had such difficulties in so many fields at the same time.



Dr. Ellis A. Fuller

IN his letter of resignation as president, Dr. Fuller stated his hopes for the future in the Board's work:

First, a very high standard with respect to personnel of its missionaries.

Second, a scale of remuneration commensurate with the service in comparison with the service rendered by other Kingdom workers.

Third, a plan for effective use on mission fields of seminary students during summer months.

In this situation, Dr. Ellis A. Fuller and Dr. J. B. Lawrence made a team which worked in, worked at, and worked out the principles of individual responsibility and voluntary co-operation according to the Baptist Christian standard, demonstrating that integrity is better than expediency.

How Southern Baptists rallied to the support of the Board in the midst of the depression is the basis of an epic on the voluntary response of a great body of Christians to an approved principle.

In the thirteen years of his presidency of the Home Mission Board Dr. Fuller has seen the indebtedness of the Board reduced from over two million dollars to \$330,000 with every prospect of full payment before the centennial year 1945.

Dr. Fuller has contributed to this great Southern Baptist agency a full measure of interest, understanding, loyalty and service, and the Board has been blessed in the contribution of his virtues of character, mind and personality.

Resolutions

WHEREAS, Dr. Fuller has resigned

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Executive Committee of the Home Mission Board in regular session July 2, 1942, that we accept Dr. Fuller's resignation with sincere regret and with deep appreciation to him and thanksgiving to God for the outstanding contribution that Dr. Fuller has made to Kingdom progress not only through the Home Mission Board but also through his own great church, the First Baptist Church of Atlanta, and his offices as president of the Georgia Baptist State Convention and president of the Georgia Baptist Hospital.

Dr. Fuller's tenure as president of the Home Mission Board has extended through some of the most crucial days of its history. He assumed the presidency when the affairs of the Board were in a critical condition; as he leaves, the outlook of the Board is most encouraging.

The great confidence of Southern Baptists in Dr. Fuller as a preacher, denominational leader and Christian statesman, as evidenced by his many engagements throughout the south climaxed by his recent unanimous election to the presidency of the Seminary, has ever been a real asset to the cause of Home Missions.

(Excerpt from resolutions adopted by Board)

Human Souls---The Best Investment A Story of the Ultimate Values Realized Through the Margaret Fund



Isaias Gonzalez

EDITOR:

You ask me to let you know my plans. I am a Margaret Fund student, studying the liberal arts course at Texas A. and M., at Bryan, Texas, where my father, Rev. Victor Gonzalez is Home Board missionary. I expect to major in economics and minor in either foreign languages or in mathematics.

My ambition, after I get my diploma, is to teach if possible and after teaching a few years I would like to work for some business firm.

The way things look now I think a young boy cannot make any plans for the future, because sooner or later he will be called to service, but I am getting prepared for that, too. I am taking military science, which is required in this school, and I have a chance of getting a commission in the United States Army when I graduate.

If I do not get a commission I will have some knowledge of military science and that will be of help when I am called to do my part in defending my country; and when I am called upon I hope that not only the knowledge I have gained in school will be of value to me, but that maybe a good Christian will make an example and win more souls for the Lord.

Gratefully yours,

ISAIAS GONZALEZ.

By MRS. FRANK BURNEY

EDUCATION is defined as leading human souls to what is best and making what is best out of them," said Mrs. W. J. Cox in her annual Margaret Fund report to the Woman's Missionary Union in San Antonio.

Through this great educational factor of the Margaret Fund the Woman's Missionary Union desires to lead these young souls through Christian Education to what is best, and believes that our Christian colleges will aid in making the best out of them.

As much as we prize these many gifted, trustworthy, splendid young people, the first consideration of the Margaret Fund is of the missionaries—the parents of these young people.

(1) **Purpose**—From the beginning the aims and purposes of this Fund were to express love and appreciation to our missionaries and to somewhat lighten their burdens as they represented us on the mission fields. Our missionaries testify to its great aid and they are so grateful for its service.

(2) **Program**—The program provides a \$250 college scholarship for sons and daughters of missionaries of the Home and Foreign Boards.

When the first scholarships were granted in 1916, the first group of eight students represented both the Home and Foreign Boards of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Both boards held the title to the Margaret Home in Greenville, South Carolina, until the Union was so constituted as to own property in her own name. Both boards were consulted as to how best the investment could serve their missionaries when the Margaret Home was sold.

At the beginning the Fund was so small that the W. M. U. tried to meet the greatest need first. They knew children living within the United States had many educational opportunities, so the children of missionaries of the Home Board living outside the United States and of the Foreign Mission Board were the first chosen beneficiaries. After the fund had grown, in 1937, all children of all regular missionaries of the Home

Board also became eligible to these scholarships.

Now the list has been greatly enlarged: 108 students attending fifty different institutions of learning were on the list in 1941-42, \$23,578 being expended in their scholarships last year. In these twenty-six years 433 students have been assisted, \$384,660 being expended.

(3) **Propagations**—For many years the money for scholarships was secured by the states being apportioned certain amounts. In 1937 a wiser, better way was begun. There is now allocated from the Annie Armstrong Home Mission Offering \$6,000, and from the Lottie Moon Foreign Mission Offering \$16,000 to the Margaret Fund.

These are not designated for children of home missionaries or foreign missionaries, but to the Margaret Fund. That also was a wise provision for sometimes the amounts allocated, if designated for certain groups, might not be sufficient.

Woman's Missionary Union desires to make no distinction, using the interest of the endowment funds to supply needed amounts. Should there be an overplus it is given to the scholarship fund of the Margaret Fund.

Additional Awards Offered

The Elizabeth Lowndes Scholarship, a \$200 added amount, is offered to the student in the senior year who is outstanding in general excellence—scholarship, personality and influence—during the three preceding years. This scholarship is in memory and appreciation of Mrs. Elizabeth Lowndes (Mrs. W. C.), who served W. M. U. forty years as treasurer. She loved and guarded well the interest of the Margaret Fund. Invested in this fund is \$7,000, only the interest from which is used each year.

There is also an emergency fund. With so large a family, emergencies arise. This has already been a blessed comfort and help to some missionaries in hours of greatest trials and sorrows.

The Margaret Memorial Fund, now \$7,400, was also a means of enlarging the endowment. This has been built up by permitting those named "Margaret" to give at least \$2 to enroll their names in a Margaret Book of Remembrance. Also, there is now \$59,100 in the endowment fund.

The sum of \$2,177 was given last year to the Burney Fund of the Margaret Fund. This was begun in 1939. From these amounts, sent to the

treasurer by the states, go personal checks to the students at certain times of the year as expressions of interest and loving tokens. These at Christmas, birthdays, commencement, are reminders that back of the students are interested, praying, loving women who are watching with tenderest interest their growth, development and happiness.

(4) **Personality**—The only ultimate values are human values. The Margaret Fund deals with human values. It deals with real life, life of varied and peculiar types—youth life through the student, mature life through the missionaries, and earnest hearts in the W. M. U. members who respond so generously to this cause.

Mrs. Cox, in her report, says "The W. M. U. feels it an abounding and abiding joy to have a small part in the development of this choice group of young people entrusted to its care for a few years. In stewardship, scholarship, leadership and citizenship these hundreds of students, present and former, in practically every walk of life are lifting the grievous weight of human misery, bearing and sharing the burdens of the world. The majority of the students measure up to every expectation and are worthy of our trust and love. The culture of the hemispheres blend in

their characteristics, understandings and attitudes."

There are six young men in our seminaries, including Moses Hernandez, son of Home Board missionaries in Cuba, at Baptist Bible Institute. One seminary student is working with deaf people at Louisville. One tells of experiences as an active soul-winner on a campus.

One young man reports efforts in nearby Army camp through personal service work, giving out literature and Bibles, inviting soldiers to church. Many former students are missionaries on foreign fields, making splendid missionaries as they know the customs and languages of the people from childhood.

Lives That Grow and Glow

One of the most unusual experiences is that of Dorothy Wilt. Her father was a missionary under the Home Board in Panama. She longed to go as a missionary to Africa, after her college and medical courses were completed. She offered herself to the Foreign Board, but it was during the long, lean ten years when Southern Baptists were sending no new missionaries.

But she went. Down in the deep jungles of the Congo as a medical missionary she serves under the Northern Baptist Convention. Her experiences and contributions make bright the history of Northern Baptist missionary work in Africa.

Letters of appreciation and gratitude from students and parents spur Woman's Missionary Union to zealous efforts to provide adequate scholarships. Their names on the Calendar of Prayer remind us of "a charge to keep I have". The responsibility of so large a group of young souls is a challenge that calls one to prayer.

The flash of news that a former student, a journalist, had died a hero in the revolution in Panama in January 1931, brought a mingling of deep sorrow and yet of pride to our hearts. We were touched by the word that among his treasures, marked "Things to be kept and remembered", were letters and cards from his Margaret Fund mothers in other years. These he had preserved through college days, his business years, and now were with him in far away Panama, a valued treasure to his young life.

Again Mrs. Cox reminds us, "The war is taking toll of students, some having to enter training camps. Paul Aguiard and Albert Chaparro and others are active in service."

We shall watch and pray and give

that this Fund shall grow and glow in beautiful, trained, efficient souls who go into all the world with a better life to live because of our contribution to their education.



Octavio A. Hurtiz

EDITOR:

Answering your request for some information about myself.

I begin by telling you that I was born in Torreon, Mexico, and not until three years ago did I come to the U.S.A. I have two brothers still in Mexico. One is an interne in the hospital at Monterrey, and the other is in law school and a reporter on one of Mexico's best magazines.

My father, Rev. Pascual Hurtiz, is a Home Board missionary and pastor of the Mexican church at El Paso, Texas.

At present I am a Margaret Fund student in Howard Payne College, but I plan to attend the A. and M. College of Texas, because I want to be a petroleum engineer.

Then after graduation I want to return to Mexico, where I shall work in the church as a layman, because I know that one of the needs of the church in Mexico is influential laymen that can help the churches to support themselves and do a better job in our Lord's work.

Besides that, I want to learn all I can in the R.O.T.C., especially in the coast artillery branch. I am sure that Mexico and all the countries need more Christian men in their armies.

Yours truly,

OCTAVIO A. HURTIZ.

MARGARET FUND STUDENTS

Children of Home Board missionaries who received scholarships last year from the Margaret Fund:

Mexican field: Dorothy Bell, Mary and Martha Buldwin, Nelson A. and Oliver Cavazos, Octavio Hurtiz, Lydia and Sara Mireles, Emmett V. Rodriguez, Miguel and Albert Chaparro, Ruth and Herbert Ruiz, Frances Flores, Isaias Gonzalez.

Cuban: Esther and Marla Martinez, Anabel and Abigail Calbert, Angel and Leonor Bequer, Esther Cardenas, Israel, Mabel and Rafael Fracueta, Eliseo and Moises Hernandez, Ismael Negrin, Gertrudis and Raul Rodriguez, Moises and Josefina Santana.

French field: Paul Aguiard.

Chinese field: Hui Chung and Hung Chung Lee.

Italian field: Maryona and Lucille Puclarelli.

A Baptist Caravan

TWENTY-SIX enthusiastic Baptists from ten states left San Antonio following the meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention to see the Mexican people in their own environment on both sides of the Border.

Preachers, laymen, W. M. U. workers and missionaries in the group had one desire—to see what is being done to win and train the Mexicans.

For six wonderful days of ideal weather the congenial crowd thoroughly enjoyed all that had been planned for them, as seen from sentences from a few of their letters which I have received.

The success of the trip was due in great measure to Rev. and Mrs. J. L. Moye, Rev. E. L. Kelley and other missionaries who planned so perfectly what we should see all along the way.

Miss Helen Falls, W. M. U. young people's secretary in Maryland, shares with us her diary account of the trip which she sent to the Y. W. A.'s of her state.

WILMA BUCY.



Miss Helen Falls

to the Mexican Mission Fields

Conducted by
WILMA BUCY

May 20

It wasn't hard for me, even if I am a "sleepy head," to get up at six this morning—who couldn't when there was so much to anticipate.

Twenty-one W. M. U.'ers representing ten states accompanied by five drivers who also acted as guides started from the home of Rev. J. L. Moye, superintendent of our work among the Spanish-speaking people, soon after 7:30. We thought we had the finest group anywhere, for everyone was congenial and all were interested in the great Home Mission cause—some of the results of which we were to see.

Our first stop was in Kenedy, Texas, where we met Rev. and Mrs. Pierson, missionaries there. Five years ago there was no Home Mission property in this whole area but now they have a very comfortable, though inadequate, church and partly completed pastor's home.

On the way from Kenedy to Alice, we saw much rich farm land and many acres of beets, watermelons, cabbage, cucumbers, onions, and cotton. When we learned that last year cabbage sold for \$5 a ton, we could not cease wondering how the people lived if they received proportionate prices for their other crops.

Twenty-eight Families Tithe

In Alice we were greeted by the president of the Chamber of Commerce who had lunch with us and told us something of the phenomenal growth of his town. The Mexican pastor told us that of the 128 members of the Mexican church, 28 FAMILIES tithe (they could not tell us how many individuals that was).

Our journey for today ended in Corpus Christi where our hotel room overlooked the lovely Bay that is as blue as the Gulf. This evening we went to Mr. Gonzalez' church where

the people were waiting to greet us. A great throng was there and they told us that they had a capacity house every time the doors were opened. The major need here is, of course, a much larger and more adequate building.

The people are so anxious to help fill this need that every month they are saving a hundred dollars toward a building fund so that when the Home

CARAVAN CAST

The touring party on the Mexican mission fields in Texas included:

Four state W. M. U. presidents—Mrs. J. E. Short, Arkansas; Mrs. Peter Kittlen, Georgia; Mrs. T. W. McKee, Missouri; Mrs. Charles M. Griffin, South Carolina;

Four W. M. U. executive secretaries—Mrs. C. H. Ray, Arkansas; Mrs. S. R. Barnes, Maryland; Miss Mary Northington, Tennessee; Miss Vonnice Lance, South Carolina;

Two state W. M. U. field workers—Miss Dollie Hiatt, Georgia; Miss Clara Lane, South Carolina;

Two state W. M. U. young people's secretaries—Miss Frances Turner, Georgia; Miss Helen Falls, Maryland;

A member of a local W. M. U. board—Mrs. Chas. Burris, Alabama;

A state Margaret Fund chairman—Mrs. R. L. Harris, Tennessee;

Two local W. M. U. officers—Mrs. J. I. Freeman and Mrs. F. A. Franklin, Alabama;

An assistant superintendent of a Baptist orphanage—Mrs. C. R. Pugh, Arkansas;

A Y. W. A. counselor—Mrs. Earl W. Powell, Virginia;

A Royal Ambassador worker in three states—Rev. J. I. Hishop, Alabama, Mississippi and South Carolina;

A pastor—Rev. Milton S. Leach, Dilley, Texas;

A Sunday School superintendent—T. F. Scarborough, San Antonio;

Four missionaries to the Mexicans, Rev. and Mrs. J. L. Moye, Rev. E. L. Kelley, Rev. I. E. Gonzalez; and

The field worker of the Home Mission Board—Miss Wilma Bucy.



At Cross Tie Church in Sebastian, Texas, Deacon Olvera and his people forget the mud floor and the open windows that let in bugs and flies as they reverently worship God in their services.

Mission Board can help them, they will have a contribution to make. I was glad to learn that that is the policy of the Board—they do not believe in helping a church until it is willing to help itself.

In this rapidly growing city there is a Mexican population of 30,000 people and only a small church that would not accommodate more than 300. I am sure.

Bed will feel good tonight but it has been such a great day. As I look from my window across the broad expanse of water, I think of the great need that we have seen—right at our doors—foreigners even as we would find on the other side of this lovely blue Gulf.

May 21

We started our day today with a lovely informal devotional service in the church in Kingsville—not far from Corpus Christi. This is a college town

the seat of the Texas College of Arts and Industries with 900 students, more than 300 of whom are Mexicans. The American church in Kingsville in co-operation with the Texas State Mission Board is paying the salary of a student worker in the college and already results of her work have been noted.

After lunch in Kingsville, we stopped to visit the work in Raymondville, the gateway to the Rio Valley, and then on to Sebastian where we had a service in the famous "Cross Tie Church," the story of which you have read in the Home Mission Magazine, I am sure.

Example of Simple Faith

I wish I could really have the words to express to you the emotions that surged through our spirits as we met Mr. Olvera and his family, the organizers and chief supporters of this

unique little church. His story is the finest example of simple faith and complete surrender to God that I have ever heard. You may well know that there was not a dry eye in that building as we listened to an account of the trials through which they have gone only to become stronger Christians.

How I wished that I had the necessary money to cover the mud floor with a nice wood one and to supply windows instead of the holes in the walls through which air and light and BUGS must come in the hot weather.

On the way to San Benito, where we were to spend the night, we saw the irrigation system that has salvaged

otherwise arid land for raising fine crops.

The Mexican church here entertained us at a delicious Mexican supper—tamales, enchiladas, tortillas—on the lawn of their church overlooking a lovely canal.

After supper we went into the church where we met fourteen pastors of churches in the Valley. Forty-five precious kindergarten children demonstrated some of the things they have learned under the direction of their fine teacher. It thrilled me to hear them sing the same songs our Sunbeams sing and to repeat the pledges to the American and Christian flags and to the Bible.

May 22

In Brownsville we met Brother George Mixim and his wife who have labored here for twenty-seven years. They have done a great work not only here but have organized many missions on both sides of the Rio Grande.

Kindergartens In Action

We stopped for a short visit in Harlingen, the "hub" of the Valley, before going to Pharr where we were to visit the kindergarten. This is one of the six kindergartens in Texas supported by our Annie Armstrong Offering and we were delighted to see some of them in action.

Their teacher, Mrs. Swindle, is a wonderful person. When she came to Pharr from Oklahoma, she did not

Caravanist Comments

REV. MILTON S. LEACH—I know of nothing that has enriched my life and ministry as this tour of the mission fields. I would not trade this trip for a year of study in the seminary.

MISS MARY NORTHINGTON—We were greatly impressed with the close co-operation between the Mexican and Anglo churches. The pastors came to the Mexican churches to meet us and tell us of the great work our missionaries are doing. We found the very best of fellowship prevailing.

MISS DOLLIE HIATT—Truly we have looked upon the field the past few days. We saw exactly what Jesus said we would see—"Fields white unto harvest" and the laborers too few!

Mrs. J. E. SHORT—The most interesting and profitable trip I've ever had. I thought I was Home Mission minded before, but this trip made me realize the needs as nothing else has.

Mrs. EARL W. POWELL—I never spent a vacation that has meant as much to me, both because of seeing the mission fields and having the fellowship with you Christian people.

NOTE—This young woman, in her work in an office at the Navy yard in Portsmouth, is required to work some on Sundays. She said in the last devotional we had together on the trip that she was going to give all her overtime and Sunday pay to missions.

Missionary



Illustrations

Courage for Today

Fear not, Abram: I am thy shield, and thy exceeding great reward.—Gen. 15:1.

While visiting one of our missions recently I noticed a young man in the audience who impressed me. The Sunday school superintendent said the young man had not missed a single Sunday since the school was opened several months earlier.

After the service I talked with the young man and urged him to accept Christ. Although I learned he had requested prayer on several occasions, he did not yield his heart that day.

Soon afterwards he came to our county seat town to report to his draft board. He visited us in our home. After lunch I volunteered to drive him home, as far as there was a road. When I could go no farther he still had four miles to walk.

But when I stopped the car at the end of the road I took out my Testament and read to him; I talked to him about Christ and urged him to accept Him as Saviour before he should go into service. We prayed together and then he joyfully accepted Christ as his Saviour and Lord.

Then I talked with him about his people, and learned that, though they were one of the largest families in that section, he did not know of a single Christian in the family for two generations. The thing that had held him back was fear of ridicule or antagonism from his family.

Yet Christians do not need to fear ridicule of family or friends; Christ, our Saviour, will also be our shield and keep us in His loving protection. Serving him will be reward enough to us for a courageous stand.—Rans Hill, missionary in the mountains.

Availing Prayer

The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.—James 5:16.

At an associational meeting in Texas a Mexican man led the devotional, a man who spoke with great earnestness. He concluded his message with

sobs, saying that he had a brother who was not a Christian and he coveted the prayers of all present.

Rev. J. L. Moya, superintendent of work among the Mexicans, followed this man with a soul-searching sermon, preaching Christ crucified, and giving a plea for acceptance of Him as Saviour.

After the sermon a fine looking young man came down the aisle. It was soon evident that he was the brother of the man who had led the devotional.

Chief Quits War

Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.—Matt. 5:9.

Early in July, 1874, I bade my family good-bye and started on the hazardous journey to the Wichita tribe. There were no roads; in fact, I did not know how far it was. I only knew they were somewhere on the western plains.

I had heard much of the wild Indians' animosity toward the white people and feared my little bit of white blood might prejudice them against me. Then, too, I wore a citizen's clothing and my hair was short.

The Indians regarded me as just another government official who had come to dictate to them, but I told them that I was sent by the Great Father above to tell the Indians how to worship Him.

The chief was very bitter and unrelenting toward the white man. He said his people would continue their warfare until they killed all white people. I told him it was useless for the small Indian tribes to fight against the powerful white race, that I had traveled many hundreds of miles toward the rising sun and that everywhere I saw great throngs of white people, more than all the buffalo on the plains.

He showed little concern until I picked up a handful of sand and said, "This little handful of sand is like the Indian people, and that big mountain of sand is like the white race. If you continue to fight, their armies will come and kill all your people,

even your women and children." I saw his countenance change. He seemed willing to listen after that.

Later the chief sent his camp callers through the camp and called the Indians to come together and hear the man who had come to them from the Great Spirit.—John McIntosh, as told to G. Lee Phelps in *Tepee Trails*.

His Presence Is Real

I am with thee, and will keep thee in all places whither thou goest.—Gen. 28:15.

According to the Indian custom, the little boy, for his development in courage, was required to spend a night alone deep in the forest.

At twilight his father carried him into the woods and left him. Darkness settled quickly, and with it mounting fears gripped the little fellow.

Every noise, real or imagined, he knew was that of a ferocious monster, creeping upon him in the heavy darkness. Piercing eyes, he felt, were gleaming at him, and throaty growls of hungry beasts he heard incessantly in the underbrush.

Weary minutes dragged into hours, but they brought no relief from the fears of the frightened youngster. Even in the darkness, though, he fought back the tears, for he was determined to be a brave Indian. He must prove his courage by this night of testing.

Finally the morning came. With the coming of the light, scarcely more than an arm's length away he saw his father, who all night long, unknown to the boy, had been by his son's side.

A Very Present Help

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.—Ps. 46:1.

In the poverty-stricken home of some of our Spanish Christians, little two-year-old Grace lay very sick with bronchial pneumonia.

The eldest daughter, Mary, herself

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OFTEN my heart is made to ache when I read accounts in various papers and magazines of cruel treatment and unnecessary suffering brought upon my Lord's people in the flesh by many nations today.

Will America, my native land, in that great judgment day stand before Almighty God guiltless of this great sin? Christian people throughout the world need to study this great question, prayerfully asking God to enlighten our minds as we study the Book of Books to know His will, not what man or nations think about it.

From God's Word we read, "After the glory hath he sent me unto the nations which spoiled you: for he that toucheth you toucheth the apple of his eye" (Zech. 2:8).

Again in Genesis 12 we read, "Now the Lord said, I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed."

These are the words of Him who said, "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away" (Luke 21:33), and again, "Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law. All shall be fulfilled" (Matt. 5:18).

Read also Jeremiah 31:27-40. Note "thus saith the Lord" is found eleven times in these thirteen verses.

God's Promises to Israel

Concerning the future restoration and conversion of Israel read Jeremiah 23:33. Under the reign of the king mentioned in the sixth verse, God promises "Judah shall be saved, and Israel shall dwell safely." Is there any doubt about who this king shall be? Do not accept my word but God's Word.

Also in the sixth verse of Jeremiah 23 God says, "This is His name where by He shall be called, THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS." Christian friends, how much do you love His chosen people? How often do you pray for His chosen people? Have you put them in your hearts? Have you put them on your prayer list?

America, my country, how will you stand in that day of judgment when God calls the nations of the earth before Him—God, who is not only a God of love and mercy, but also a God of justice—that day of which we read in Matthew 26:32, "And before him shall be gathered all nations."

Yes, for centuries Israel has been groping in darkness; they have stum-

bled and fallen. Why? "Through their fall salvation is come unto the Gentiles." "Now if the fall of them be the riches of the world, and the diminishing of them the riches of the Gentiles; how much more their fullness!" In Romans 11:25, we read, "Blindness in

A Plea for Israel

By MRS. IDUS ROBERTSON

part is happened to Israel, until the fullness of the Gentiles be come in." In Romans 11:26-27, we read, "And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is

ILLUSTRATIONS

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the mother of two children, but an unbeliever, was there with her Christian parents, keeping watch.

About midnight they feared that little Grace was dying. All fell to their knees, Mary with them. The mother prayed, "O Lord, I know you are taking my little girl, but I'm just as happy as the minute you brought her into my house. But I still beg you to let me keep her. I'll always do your will," she plead as she begged forgiveness for everything she had done not according to the will of God. "I'll always do your will till I die."

Mary could not understand how her mother could pray like that, when God was about to take her baby child. She looked at the little sister, expecting to see her cold in death. To her amazement little Grace was not only living, but the crisis was passed. She was better.

Soon after that experience Mary accepted Christ. She, too, wanted the strength which had helped her mother to pray so calmly in a time of great trouble.—Pauline Cammack, missionary in New Mexico.

written. There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob: for this is my covenant unto them when I shall take away their sins."

I appeal to you, Christians, in the name of Jehovah God, have we given this great important phase of work its rightful place in our program? Before God today do we stand guilty or not guilty? Is your record clear? Is mine?

Have you and I done our full duty toward that loyal, faithful man of God, Rev. Jacob Gartenhaus, who works day and night as our lone representative? How often do we pray for him? Have we sought or seized every opportunity to strengthen and encourage him in his work? Does he and the work he is doing for us and for his God hold an important place in our prayer life?

Christian friends, I think we have been indifferent or negligent long enough toward this phase of our Christian work. God help us to seek and seize every opportunity to accept our responsibility and to count it a blessed privilege to pray, to do and to give.

The question has been asked, if the world has put the Jew first in its scheme of hate and destruction, then in the name of all justice, where should the church put the Jew in her scheme of love and Gospel ministry? Ever eternally fixed, whether we accept it or not, stands God's order, "TO THE JEW FIRST."



Home Mission Book Shelf

Rim of the Caribbean by Carol Mc-Afee Morgan. Friendship Press. 188 pages. \$1.

At a time when world events have driven home to all nations in the Western Hemisphere the critical needs for larger understanding and co-operation, this is a timely study of the peoples of the Caribbean region in the Missionary Education Movement's series on Latin America. Out of her experiences in many years in Central America and in recent travels through the West Indies, Mrs. Morgan has written a readable and informative book which presents a striking analysis of the Christian forces at work welding two continents together.

Discussion and Program Suggestions for Seniors in Latin America by Maud Upton. Friendship Press. 48 pages. Twenty-five cents.

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Jetties

By

FRANCES WINTERS MENDENHALL

*Long white arms of rock
Stretching out to sea,
Gather raging waters in,
Calm them all for me.
Let me feel the gentle swell
On the upward sweep,
Knowing that my bark is safe
Where it's still and deep.*

*Long white arms of faith
Stretching into life,
Gather raging currents in,
Calm the inward strife.
Let me feel my heart exult
With the upward sweep,
Knowing that my soul finds strength
Where it's still and deep.*

America in the New Pacific by George E. Taylor. Macmillan, 160 pages. \$1.75.

The greatest issue of our times, says the author, is the attack of the Axis powers upon the present world order. "The many wars being fought today," he asserts in his first paragraph, "are part of the conflict between two different ways of running the world, of using its raw materials and labor power, of exploiting its markets and controlling its population." His work is an interpretative study of the revolutionary changes in the Pacific which the attack on Pearl Harbor precipitated a study which has led him to the conclusion that ultimate success to America in her leadership in the Pacific holds out the hope for a world solution of the problems of man's happiness and livelihood.

The Preacher's Doorknob by L. M. Zimmerman. Muhlenberg Press. 58 pages. Thirty-five cents.

Out of more than a half century in the ministry the author writes engagingly of his experiences in answering his doorbell. Wit and humor, plus an evident interest in souls, make the reading of this little book both entertaining and helpful.

INDIANS POWWOW

Power Ascribed to Great Spirit by Seminole's Chief Hunter

By WILLIE KING

Seminole missionary in Florida

THREE car loads of Indians on their way to the green corn dance stopped overnight—some old and some young ones.

They built a fire. The men folks sat near. The women folks went to boiling coffee.

Billie Bowleg, the greatest hunter among them, said, "What do you hear about the Jap war?"

"I was reading the other day," I said, "where one white soldier had gone into the bloodiest, blackest fighting—cleaning up some of the Japs' flying guns—and came out of the fighting unhurt back to his place."

"Well, it wasn't his power nor man's power that he came out unhurt," said Bowleg. "I think so Great Spirit Father above, His will and power put the breastplate over or around this white soldier boy that the shell did not touch him."

"I, too, sometimes think so Great Father's will that I am able to see to hunt and am alive. Here, now, I am eighty-nine years old. I am still able to put sign down where I want to put the bullet into the deer."

"Many white men ask me what do I think about how long war will stop. I tell them, me no guess; me don't know and no one else. Sometimes white man say come true; sometimes it doesn't. I can only say, Great Father above, He alone knows when this war will be over."

By this time women folks said, "Coffee is ready."

All culture, including science, has grown out of the belief that human existence has a meaning that cannot be measured by time.

An argument sometimes produces more heat than light, some discussion always produces light. What we need is light.

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DIRECTORY

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Eight Churches Form Association—Evidence Home Mission Progress

By LAWRENCE THIBODEAU
French Missionary

ON a recent Sunday representatives from eight churches and several mission stations in the Bayou Lafourche and Bayou Terrbonne sections met with the Baptist Church of Thibodaux, Louisiana, to organize another Baptist association. The territory represented includes whole or parts of six Louisiana parishes.

Ten years ago it is very doubtful if there was a single Baptist mission or church in all this territory which is about one hundred miles long and about fifty miles wide. In these ten years we have about fifteen mission stations besides the eight churches already fully organized.

More than half of the pastors and mission workers, including B. B. I. student workers, are employed by our Home Mission Board.

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Arizona Indians Will Build Baptist Empire, Says Board Worker

By C. F. FRAZIER

Missionary to the Indians in Arizona

OUR two churches, Sacaton and Casa Blanca on the Indian field in Arizona, are working as they have never worked. They have a heaven-born desire to give the Gospel to all people and especially to their own race. The way will hinder some, but the Lord is working out His own purpose in it all.

Brother Luke Johnson, our fellow missionary, received an urgent call a few days ago from a group of forty Mohave Indians at Parker, Arizona.

It seems they have pulled out of the Presbyterian church, along with their pastor, a Mohave Indian, and they want us to come and have a few days' meeting with them, which we plan to do some time this summer. They want to know something about the Baptist faith.

These Western Indians have very close connections with each other through their early school days, which just means that some day there will be a great Indian Baptist empire in this country.

I dare say the entire Indian population of 50,000 in Arizona have heard about the Baptist faith and that the Baptists are giving the Indians the true Gospel. The other denominations who are among them have gone so modern they are not giving them the Gospel.

Our vacation Bible school at Sacaton was very successful. We had thirty-four enrolled. We had a two weeks' school in one week. We did it by keeping all day instead of just a half day. They like the all-day plan better. When an Indian gets interested in doing something it is difficult to get him to stop. They really like vacation Bible schools.

PLAYS CUPID

Personal Requests Include Many Unusual Demands On Missionary

THE role of Cupid would not have been included on any list of duties of a Home Board missionary, yet that is exactly the part played recently by one of the workers on the Mexican field.

This missionary writes: "One of our Mexican workers is a widower.

JUNE RECEIPTS

Home Mission Board

Cooperative Program	\$24,340.93
100 M Club	9,722.76
Annie Armstrong	
Offering	14,325.22
Designations	7,588.68
Bottoms Trust Fund	23,663.05

Total	\$89,640.64
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Total January 1-	
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July 1	\$519,451.18
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In June	\$ 55,000.00
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1942	\$220,000.00
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Present Indebtedness	\$330,000.00
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He had intentions of marrying again and asked me, as is the custom of the Mexican people, to solicit the hand of the girl he desired to marry.

"This required two trips to the home town of the girl, about thirty miles away. The girl's mother is a widow and so it was my duty to speak to her first. She asked for a week to decide the matter.

"Eight days later I returned and received an answer in the affirmative, from both, the mother and the girl. Now all of us are happy, including the missionary who was glad to render this extra service for a Mexican friend."

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A Chaplain's Day



On special days the chaplain plans services for the men. Chaplain Homer B. Reynolds is preaching in a Mother's Day service.



Chaplain Wm. E. Walker baptizes a convert.

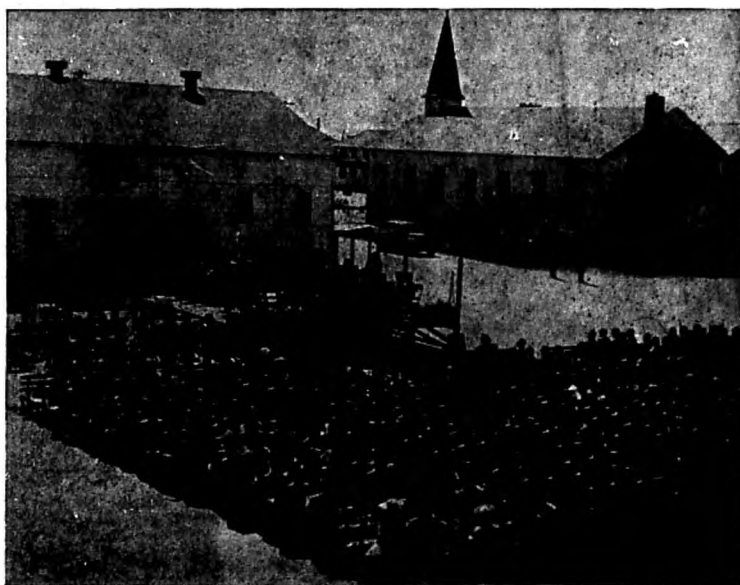


At top, Chaplain Wm. C. Summar has just completed one of his happiest tasks—bride and groom seem happy, too! Center, even the chaplain must sometimes ride in a jeep. Bottom, the chaplain helps new recruits make transition from civilian to Army life.

Photos by U S Army Signal Corps



The chaplain must combine a spiritual ministry with administrative duties which make his selection all the more important for the Home Mission Board.



Outdoor services are popular with the men and the chaplain always has co-operation of the camp band and other musicians when needed. Here the soldiers and their friends gather for a religious service.



Receiving the morning mail brings a multitude of varied requests and duties which Chaplain Leslie Newman gladly performs.