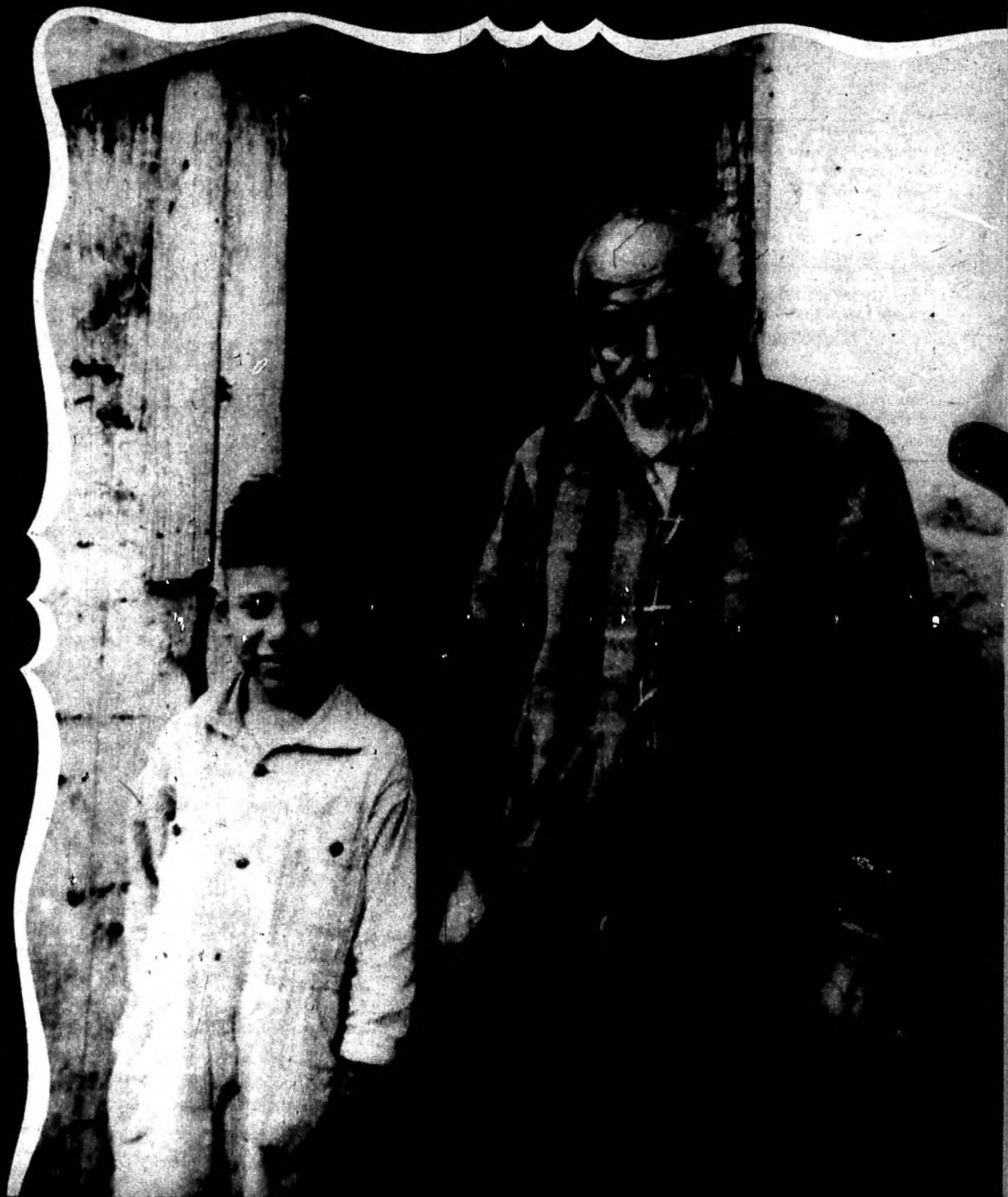


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Missions and the March of Events

Interesting Statistics

According to *The Interracial Field*, a Catholic publication, there are in the United States thirteen million Negroes. Of this number five million are Protestants, 330,000 are Catholics, and 7,750,000 are unchurched. There are 30,000 Negro students in college.

Of course, Baptists are booked with Protestants—but let me say again, Baptists are not Protestants. According to the statistics given by our Negro brethren, there are practically 4,000,000 Negro Baptists. The Catholics have among the Negroes only 351 churches. They have 274 schools, and they enrolled in these schools 58,165 pupils. They have 500 priests engaged in colored missions, and 1,600 sisters.

The largest groups of Negroes are found in five northern cities. In New York there are 478,346; in Chicago, 277,731; in Philadelphia, 268,000; in Detroit, 225,000, and in Washington, 187,266.

Catholics are spending hundreds of thousands of dollars to win the Negroes to their faith. They protest when Baptists send missionaries to what they call Catholic countries, but forget that the Negroes in the southland are in Baptist territory. Baptists should do three or four times as much in helping our Negro brethren as they are doing, and the Home Mission Board would enlarge its program by three or four times if it had the money.

Our Colleges

Recently, according to the Associated Press, Dr. Morris Wee, executive secretary of the student service commission, told a Lutheran group that "the Christian church must challenge the irreligious educational philosophy and make its religious witness on every campus in America."

He said correctly that, "what the students think today will be the conviction of America tomorrow." The imperative need before the church is "to shape the thinking of students so that they recognize religion as a necessary and accountable factor in education and all of life."

It seems that some professors in some of our colleges, just because the Christian religion cannot be taught in the college, assume that pagan ideas and atheistic conceptions of the universe and man should be taught. It is hardly possible that any well versed scientist in any field of science would assert posi-

tively that the evolutionary theory has been definitely proven, and therefore should have standing over the teaching of Genesis. They may assert that they do not believe the story as given in Genesis; but can they prove that it is not true? They may believe the evolutionary theory; but can they prove that it is true? Teachers should not teach what is not absolutely proven as truth, if it is in contradiction to the accepted belief of the people who patronize the schools. Seventy-two million people in the United States belong to our churches; they and their families constitute the majority of the people of the nation. They believe in God and their belief should not be flouted by the professors in the colleges.

Economic Changes

The income pattern of the United States has been undergoing a significant change since 1929, according to a Department of Commerce study completed recently. This study shows that the eleven southeastern states have profited most by these changes.

These eleven states comprise the area of the nation's lowest per capita income. Combined, they had only 10.51% of the total income payment to individuals in 1929. The middle east had 33.70%, and the central region 29.32%. Last year, however, income payments in the southeastern states had risen to practically 15% of the nation's total, while those in the middle and eastern states have declined several per cent.

This indicates the growing importance of the territory of the Southern Baptist Convention. If our people are properly trained and led, as their income increases, their gifts to the kingdom work will correspondingly increase. How important it is that we should emphasize missions in the homeland now.

Some Interesting Facts

According to a recent survey, it was developed that in 1900 there were 137 ministers to every 100,000 Americans. Today there are 104, a sharp decrease. There is one Negro in college, studying for the ministry for every 157 Negro churches, thus one minister for each 65,800 Negro church members, according to this survey. In the United Church of Canada, the net yearly loss in the number of ministers for the past twenty years was over 30. It seems also that most of the Protestant denominations

are losing in the proportion of ministers to the number of people served.

There are 168 graduate theological schools, only about a dozen not related to a particular denomination. In 1940, there were 136,000 ministers, 98% of them men; and 34,700 other religious workers, 75% of whom were women.

It is very encouraging to know that among Southern Baptists our seminaries and colleges are enrolling large numbers of ministerial students. There is no decline among Southern Baptists, but a gradual and healthy increase in men surrendering to the ministry and women surrendering for special religious work. God is placing the stamp of His approval upon the Gospel and the work Southern Baptists are doing, by calling men and women into the service.

A Most Vital Question

One of the most, if not the most, important matters before the present Congress—a matter which has been kept before Congress for the past ten years—is the bill providing for government subsidy for our public schools.

A great many things are involved which should be looked into very carefully by our people. Dr. Robert Andrews Millikan, one of the world's eminent scientists, has this to say in a letter to the editor of *American Affairs*, touching the question of federal aid to public schools. He says: "It is probable that very few of the present proponents of federal aid to education are carefully weighing the long-range effects of this kind of policy. They are merely interested in the need of increased salaries for teachers, in which matter I am in agreement with them. It is merely another one of those efforts to clear out the cockroaches by burning the house down."

The pastors of our churches everywhere should look into this matter. They should get a copy of this bill and read it. They should get some competent authority to interpret its effect when put into operation, and they should advise our people as to what those effects may mean.

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Home Missions, Fundamental

The evangelization of the world must begin at home. The message of salvation is not complete with the proclamation. The Christian life must follow. We cannot hope to bring the world to Christ by simply stating the facts contained in the Gospel; we must make the Gospel a living thing here at home. We are not only the agents of God's grace, we are also the samples.

Basically, interest is created and maintained by personal contact. Faith and conviction are built up and strengthened by being put into operation. Missions here at home are necessary to create and develop a passion for the lost. Christ never drew any distinction between Home and Foreign Missions. He said, "Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you; and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." It was both "in" and "unto" with Him.

The value of any particular enterprise fostered by the churches is determined by the importance of that enterprise in the structural work of evangelizing the world. The task of missions at home is to transfuse all the like forces in the homeland with the spiritual potencies of the kingdom of God. Here, as elsewhere in the world, forces are at work on a gigantic scale destined to give caste to our social, economic, cultural and religious life for generations to come. Vast changes are taking place. Cities are growing like magic, and with equal rapidity the countryside is being remade. Capital from the north and east is pouring into our territory. Our natural resources are being rapidly developed. Industrial centers are springing up everywhere. This growth will increase, and not diminish; a new world is being created right in our midst.

With this industrial transformation there is coming, and there will continue to come, a horde of people of every sort, thought and character to plant themselves in our midst. They are here now. The forces at work among us are mighty and, in many respects, sinister. There is the modern world spirit, the passion for possession; the revolt against the traditions of the past; the throwing off of the

restraint of authority; crass materialism, atheistic communism, racial antagonism, and the castes of organized labor and capital. In this field of cross currents and adverse elements we are laboring in our home mission work to bring out of chaos, cosmos.

Our homeland is a laboratory for just this thing. We are not dealing with geography, but with the sixty-five million people living in the territory of the Southern Baptist Convention, and with all that they are interested in—their cities, farms, homes, schools, banks, stores, churches, history and traditions—everything into which they have thrust their lives. Home Missions is all the Baptists of the Southern Baptist Convention, all their religious life and spiritual influence, the impact of the whole denomination brought to bear upon the life of the sixty-five million people in the territory of our Convention so as to build in their lives the kingdom of God.

This is the supreme task of the denomination. This is the objective of home missions. It means the creation of a right sort of world here at home where the religious forces are, so that we may go forth as a denomination to preach Christ in fields afar.

Southern Baptists, consecrated to their world task, offer to God one of the mightiest spiritual leverages at His command for the evangelization of the world. Even a cursory survey will show to us the strategic position which we hold. We are at the cross-roads of the ways of the life currents of the world. The opening up of the Mississippi River and its tributaries to deep water navigation, the changing of the sea routes through the Panama Canal, the shifting of the economic center of the world from England to the United States, the turning of the tide of industrialism to the south, the rich and practically untouched resources of the southern states—all of these things make the position of Southern Baptists strategic and challenging. We must evangelize this great and growing southern empire and marshal its marvelous resources for the evangelization of the world. This is the task of home missions.

Winning for the Years Ahead

By MARY NELLE LYNE
Missionary to Chinese in California

Here in California, Chinese students and others are hearing and accepting the gospel story and becoming strong, Christian leaders whom we expect God to use in marvelous ways in the years ahead.

I had an unusual opportunity recently of meeting and winning to Christ a Chinese gentleman, General L. P. Fu, who was on his way to Washington, D. C., on official business for his government.

Before leaving China he was instructed by Miss Mary Crawford, one of our

Southern Baptist missionaries, to locate me upon his arrival in California. Miss Crawford gave him a letter of introduction, but did not know my address.

The story of how he found me, even though he did not have my address, convinces one that God was working in His mysterious and wonderful way.

It was the purpose of General Fu to stop in Berkeley for several weeks to study the American way of life and improve his English before going to Washington.

I studied with him almost every day.

and persuaded him to attend our Sunday school class and the church services. The church members took a special interest in him, as they do in other Chinese members of the class, and helped him in many ways. I was delighted when our pastor, Dr. E. H. Ratliff, and the president of our seminary, Dr. B. O. Herring, and their wives entertained him in their homes.

For some time his closest friends had expected he was very near the kingdom, so all were delighted when on a Sunday morning he made his public profession and joined the church. Another Chinese man from our Sunday school class came with him. What may God have in mind for this talented young man?

Mrs. Ho, a student in the University of California and a member of my Sunday school and English classes, often visited in my home. We frequently talked about the plan of salvation. Finally one day she told me she would accept Jesus as her Saviour. On the following Sunday morning she walked down the aisle with me and gave her hand to the pastor and said, "I will follow Jesus and promise to do anything he asks me to do." Her face was radiant.

Mr. and Mrs. Kwan are students at the University of California and regular attendants at my Sunday school and English classes. Mrs. Kwan, charming daughter of a Chinese mandarin, is a Presbyterian and has been quite anxious for her husband to become a Christian. Recently he and I were studying alone in one of the classrooms at the seminary. After an hour or more spent in drill on pronunciation, I suggested that we rest by having a period of conversation, and quickly guided our discussion to the subject of salvation. He asked a number of questions, then made a full and complete surrender and was gloriously converted. He prayed one of the sweetest prayers I have ever heard. As he went out the door, his face glowing, he said, "Now I will go home and tell my wife I am a Christian. She will be very happy."

These are just a few of the examples of the way God is calling young Chinese unto His kingdom, and we cannot help but feel that they will be used as leaders among their people in the years ahead.

Cover Picture

Our cover picture shows Eulogio Fuentes, oldest Mexican in Uvalde, Texas, who recently requested baptism of one of our Baptist churches. He and his small friend are shown in front of the shack which serves as his home.

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Three Races See Gospel's Power

By JOHN AND MAURINE McTYRE
Mercer University, Macon, Ga.

Owasso, Oklahoma, meaning Trail's End, was the beginning of our trail, as it was our first assignment upon going to Tulsa Roger counties association last summer to work for the Home Mission Board.

Upon our arrival, we found in this town of about three hundred and fifty population the newest Baptist church in the association—a small group of Spirit-filled Christians meeting in a tent with the ground for a floor.

Even though still in its infancy, the church was not limiting its growth by one service a month, but had the two regular Sunday services with Sunday school and Training Union. They conducted their own Wednesday evening prayer services, each adult in his turn, be he young or old in the Lord's work. They also had services of an especially

and nailed up the corrugated iron sheets that they might be able to worship in their building immediately.

Is it any wonder that on Vacation Bible school preparation day we were too numerous to meet anywhere but in the school house? Is it any wonder that there were twenty-four who walked the aisles for profession of faith and dedication, most of them Intermediates? Is it any wonder they increased from a record-breaking attendance of sixty-eight in the tent to more than one hundred in their building before the summer ended?

Various, strange, and dangerous are the teachings of the many diverse cults and sects which are rapidly imbedding themselves in this virgin country. Great is the opportunity for teaching Christ, but it is rapidly being filled by groups



Negro Vacation Bible School at Sageryah near Claremore.



Housewives and farmers took turns building church from Quonset hut at Owasso, Oklahoma.



Vacation Bible School at Washington Baptist Church near Claremore, Oklahoma.

evangelistic nature every Saturday night — "the devil's night."

When we were ready to start our Vacation Bible school, we found housewives with large families and many farm duties who said that although they did not know anything about Vacation Bible school they would do their best as teachers and helpers.

The spirit of these people was further shown by their enthusiastic work on their new church building. It was a Quonset hut, with a "church" front and steeply added. The men took turns working on it during their vacations. Some left their farm work waiting while they worked. When the men had given all of their time and the roof was not quite finished, the women left their housework

teaching everything else under the guise of religion.

In midsummer, as we looked out upon the great fields of ripe wheat, our hearts could but hear our Master saying, "Look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest." How like such fields are the hearts of the people who work them! The need is truly imperative now!

In one community, back in the edge of the hills, we had much open opposition with direct teachings against us, and many disturbances to our services by some of these groups. Here we had the privilege of working where most of the families were either part or pure Indian. With most of the families living beyond walking distance, the church people had

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Young people of Sageryah Baptist Church in front of the local store. Three of these girls surrendered their lives to missions, two boys to the ministry, and one to full-time Christian service.

Priests Cause People To Fear Baptist Missionaries

By JERONIMO CAMPOS
Missionary in Costa Rica

The priests are working against us here in Costa Rica, telling the people that the "Baptists are very bad." The people believe them because they are quite fanatic in their religion.

The Catholic priests have influenced the people to place on their doors a picture of the Virgin of Guadalupe and this superscription, "We do not want propaganda Protestant."

Several days ago, my wife, Dona Picadas, entered such a home and the lady said to her, "Do you not see the picture at the door?"

"Yes, I saw it," answered my wife, "but let me tell you that we are not Protestants, we are Baptists. We have kept the true doctrine of the New Testament since John the Baptist baptized our Lord Jesus in the river Jordan." The lady was interested to hear the gospel and allowed her to remain.

In spite of this opposition we believe in the great power of the gospel to touch the hearts of the men in Alajuela, Costa Rica. Pray for our work here.

Promising Young Missionary Dies



One of our newest and most promising missionaries, Rev. Fidencio Gomez, died February 8, at his mission church at Casa Grande, Arizona, just one week after going there from his home at Chihuahua, Mexico.

Brother Gomez had been serving as pastor of the First Baptist Church of Chihuahua, and went to Arizona as missionary to the Spanish-speaking people in the hopes that his wife, who was not well, would improve in health in the Arizona climate. He received his appointment by the Home Mission Board at its December meeting.

Brother Gomez's death was most unexpected, as he had thought himself in excellent health prior to coming to the United States.

Besides his wife, he is survived by two sons, Alijando, five years old, and Homero, two years old.

Because of his high qualifications, it is felt that Southern Baptists sustained a great loss in the death of this fine young missionary pastor.

Three Races See Gospel's Power

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purchased an old school bus. A fourteen-mile round trip was made with it for each meeting, day or night. Usually the minister had to come early and make the trip.

How we thank God continuously for those servants of His who are so faithfully giving of themselves and their means. Most of them find it necessary to earn a living some other way, but every moment not at their job is spent in the Lord's work. How great is the need for more such servants in the field!

It was, indeed, a thrill to watch the people gather for services—walking, on horseback, by bus, and in trucks. One mother and children came on their tractor to Vacation Bible school, the mother driving and the children perched on various places of the tractor.

Here, seven miles from the nearest

highway, we worshipped by kerosene lamplight at night. As the building was only one room, the Beginners and Primaries had Vacation Bible school classes outside.

Another privilege during the summer was that of working among Negroes. We conducted a study course in Training Union methods at the Negro Baptist church in Claremore, and helped them organize a Training Union.

Our last two weeks in Oklahoma were spent conducting a Vacation Bible school for all the Negro children of Claremore, there in their high school. This was the first colored Vacation Bible school ever held in that association.

In this town with only one hundred Negro pupils enrolled in the twelve grades of their public school, which of course goes beyond the Vacation Bible school age limit, one hundred and thirty-eight pupils attended Vacation Bible school.

It was truly a glorious summer in which the Lord poured out His blessings upon us.

Introducing New Missionary Couple



Rev. Camara Guerra of Mercedes, Texas, has recently been appointed missionary to the Spanish-speaking people at Pharr, Texas, to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Rev. Simon Villarreal.

A native of Atzacapotzaco, Mexico, he received most of his education in that country. His father was a lawyer.

Rev. Guerra was converted in March, 1927, and felt a call to mission work in 1928.

He will be assisted in his work by his wife.

With So Little They Do So Much

By MILDRED DUNN

The faces of Rev. and Mrs. Stanley Smith were beaming with joy recently as they visited the Home Mission Board offices and told of their work as missionaries to the Seminole Indians at Dania, Florida.



Seminole Indians listen to Gospel message in Everglades section in Louisiana.

The Indians of that section are turning to Christianity as never before, Brother Smith reported. Since going there as missionary in 1943, he has baptized 197 Indians. Until that time, there had been only three male converts in 39 years' work among that group. However, more than half of the 197 converts are men.

One thing of which he is rightfully proud is that only one of the members of his church is not a tither. Recently, the church decided to respond to the challenge of the Southern Baptist Convention leaders in the tithing program. It was a high moment in our church when one of my deacons came to me and reported that all but one of our members had pledged to become tithers. As a result, in the last three months our receipts were \$1,069.29," he said. Church has throughout the Southland might be interested to know that the deacons of this little Indian church take it upon themselves to teach each new convert the doctrine of tithing.

Among the Indians, the medicine man is one of the most influential members of the tribe. Therefore Brother and Mrs. Smith are particularly happy about the recent conversion of Frank Billie, 28-year-old son of the tribe's medicine man. Frank's wife had been a Christian for about a year, and Frank had noticed as she faithfully tithed her money. It

seemed to impress him greatly. One day he asked if the members of the church would care if he, too, gave his tithe, even though he were not a Christian. Of course, they told him they would not object, and he became a tither. "I believe that is one of the factors which led Frank finally to accept Christ and become a member of the church," Brother Smith said.

Work among these Seminole Indians has not all been easy. Rev. and Mrs. Smith serve three reservations. One of them is 167 miles and one 150 miles from the reservation at Dania where the church is located. They will appreciate your prayers that this revival among the Seminoles may continue to spread.

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Mrs. Una Roberts Lawrence, author of the resource book in the 1948 graded series on Christian Frontiers, recommends additional material to be taken from the back issues of *Southern Baptist Home Missions*.

Mrs. Lawrence suggests that teachers of *Spiritual Frontiers*, *Amazing Grace*, *The Ice Cutter*, *These Were First*, and *Strawberry Road* look to the articles listed below for resource material. Pictures and stories are current and illustrative of home mission activities bearing upon the books in the series.

January, 1946, "The Way the Work Grows" (Cuba), Caudill; February, 1946, "The Baptist Task in Cuba", Goerner; "The Mexicans a Missionary Responsibility," Means; May, 1946, Letters showing immediate needs; The West, Alldridge; Alaska, Daulkin; Picture, Graduation of Kindergarten, Key West; September, 1946, "Mexican Vacation Bible School," San Marcos; "Missionary Pioneering in Southernmost City of U. S. A., Key West," by Taylor; October, 1946, "A Chinese Wedding," Mary Etheridge; November, 1946, "A Vacation in Cuba", "One of God's Surprises," Mary Melle Lyne (How a Missionary to the Chinese began her work); "Golden Meadow Report," Ann Huguley; December, 1946, "A Student's Summer," Crystal Phelps; "The First of its Kind," Lottie Stephens (A White Missionary at work among Negroes, Morgan City, Louisiana); "A Letter with a story—Joie Billy learns his ABCs," (New movement among the Seminoles); January, 1947, "Baptists in Alaska," Cary "Papago Church Dedicated," February, 1947, "Indians in Florida Baptist Institute," "Looking Ahead," Redford; "Scenes from the Navajo Field" (Pictures); June, 1947, Present-day pioneering; "The Chinese Need the Gospel," "It all Happened Inside Here," Mary Etheridge; First Convention of Costa Rican Baptists—"Glimpses of Pioneering in the West," "Heartaches on the Field," "First Bible Institute for Seminoles," "The Romance of Missions," (French) Wells; July, 1947, "Cuba Today," Carpenter; August, 1947, "Chinese-Americans Graduate," Stanley; "A Chinese Family Saved," Etheridge; "Scenes from a Mexican Kindergarten," (San Benito); September, 1947, "Do You Know," pertinent facts about Home Missions today; Redford; October, 1947, "Youth in Home Missions" (summer workers); "Welcome Home, Esperanza," Dye Sequel; "Esperanza Begins to Talk," "Alaskan Official Invites Baptists to Increase Activities"; November, 1947, "Dedication Service at Barakara," "One Bible and Its Descendants" (Cuba), "Japanese Youth Revival" (California), "Radio Services in Spanish," (Blair), "The Gospel via Station Wagon" (Sima Mission), "The Gospel Broadcast," Salaari (French), "The Investment in Baptist Goodwill Among Negroes," (Survey of work) Dr. Roland Smith, "Chinese Wedding in San Antonio," Stanley; December, 1947, "Baptists in Boca del Toro (Panama), Morgan, "Christmas with the Chinese (California)," Lyne, "Among Western Indians," Frazier, "Beginning New Work," "Beauty of Oseola's River Leads Son to Christianity."

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Rev. and Mrs. Van Earl Hughes and daughter, Kaye.

Rev. and Mrs. Van Earl Hughes and small daughter, Kaye, left recently for their new home in Costa Rica where Brother Hughes has been appointed missionary by the Baptist Home Mission Board.

During the past year, Rev. and Mrs. Hughes have been students at Southern Seminary in Ft. Worth, Texas. He is a graduate of Baylor University and served as acting president of the Baptist theological seminary in Cuba for one year.

In Costa Rica, Brother Hughes will be primarily interested in developing native leadership to carry on the work started in that section under the leadership of Rev. Paul C. Bell.

Missionary Receives New Car

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Clark of Brookhaven, Mississippi, recently presented Mrs. Clark's sister, Mrs. George E. Reid, with a new Ford car as an expression of their interest in Baptist mission work among the Mexicans. Mrs. Reid is missionary to the Spanish-speaking people at Eagle Pass, Texas, and has been handicapped in her work at times because of the lack of transportation.

Comes Back for Wedding

A young Chinese girl was recently married in a beautiful ceremony at the Central Baptist Church in Phoenix, Arizona, although she was a member of the Catholic Church. She had previously attended Sunday school at this church, but had been persuaded to join the Catholic Church by her non-Christian parents. However, when her wedding plans were being made, she returned, and now both she and her husband have asked that

they be baptized into the Baptist church.

Parents of Daughter

Rev. and Mrs. Miguel Lopez are rejoicing over the arrival of a six-pound daughter whom they have named Gregorita. Brother Lopez is a missionary to the Spanish-speaking people at Santa Fe, New Mexico, working under the Home Mission Board.

Relief Reaches Navaho

Grandma Yellowalt, one of the Navahoes living near Flagstaff, Arizona, has been furnished with much needed food, because

of a check sent by Chaplain John H. Hingson, serving in Germany.

Chaplain Hingson read of the pitiful, starving condition of the Navahoes as told in an article published in a recent issue of the *Southern Baptist Home Missions magazine*. He immediately sent a check to be used in purchasing food. The money was forwarded to Rev. Harold E. Baer, missionary to the Indians at Flagstaff, who purchased the food and presented it to this needy Indian woman.

The accompanying picture shows Grandma Yellowalt as she expresses her gratitude for this food which has been so scarce during the long winter just past.

The empty, deserted plains where she and her tribesmen live, have been matched this winter by empty stomachs.

Worker Reports Progress

"I recently organized a mother's club here. Seventy were present, about forty-five of whom were either mothers or grandmothers of our kindergarten children. Practically all of them are Catholics," writes Mrs. Milton S. Leach, Mexican kindergarten worker in Texas. Mrs. Leach also told of the conversion of two Mexican girls at a Girls Auxiliary meeting one cold, disagreeable day last winter. Only four girls came to the meeting, two were Christians, the other two were saved.

Among the Missionaries

Courteous to New Missionaries

Rev. J. E. Godsoe, who recently went to Raton, New Mexico, to be pastor of the Spanish Baptist Church, writes that the people of the First Baptist Church of that city were wonderful to him and his family upon their arrival in the community. The men of the Brotherhood spent many hours getting a home in good condition for the missionaries. Brother Godsoe reported that their first service with the Spanish Baptist Church was very gratifying, and that he expects to be able to do great things there.

Indians Weep For Joy

The Straightfork Indian Baptist Church of Cherokee, North Carolina, recently moved into a new church building, according to the report of Missionary J. Jeter Johnson. Although this church was started about twelve years ago, the congregation had never had its own house of worship. "In this reservation there are about eight hundred Indians living in most destitute circumstances. My heart aches for them," Brother Johnson wrote. "The eyes of the Indians filled with tears on that Sunday morning when they came to their new church and were told how it had been provided for them by Southern Baptists."

Italian Translation Widely Read

Rev. Frank DiMaggio, missionary to the Italians in Illinois, writes that the

Italian translation of *The Trail of Blood* by J. M. Carroll, is being read widely by Italian people everywhere. Brother DiMaggio recently received a letter from a man in Sicily, Italy, asking him for more copies of the book that he might distribute them among the people of that land.

New Mission Church Finished

Members of the Barataria Baptist Church of Lafitte, Louisiana, dedicated a new church building at special services the afternoon of February 8, 1948. Pastor of the church is Rev. Berkman DeVille, missionary to the French. Another home board worker helping with the work there is Miss Nina Belle Holaday. This church, when completed with kitchen, nursery, recreational room, baptistry and landscaping, will cost about \$18,000, pastor DeVille reported. The actual building as well as a new studio piano was dedicated debt-free. Rev. Otto Sutton of New Orleans was the speaker at the dedication ceremony. Sixty were present at the first Sunday school held in the new church. This was the exact number for which they had prayed. The previous record attendance was thirty-eight.

Prays for New Church

A recent report from Rev. Donato

Ruiz of East El Paso, Texas, reads as follows: "We had a number of converts during this month and three of them were baptized. We have to wait until the converts are well instructed before they become members of the church, for they have always been Roman Catholics and do not know the story of the Gospel. The need of an adequate and attractive church house is so great in the area of East El Paso! We hope and pray the Lord will give us one for His glory."

Priests Frighten Converts

Rev. L. U. C. Kaufman, missionary at the Papago Indian reservation, Sells, Arizona, writes in his report: "We must be getting along. Lies are coming out about us and our doctrines. One of our most influential converts has been confused and his baptism held up because our reversed-collared-gentry tell that Baptists always make everyone stand before the congregation naked before acceptance as a member! As a consequence this man made another pilgrimage to Old Mexico to Magdalena to the old superstitious rites there. It is hard, even after we win them here."

Have Thirty Professions

At a recent revival meeting at Sebastian, Texas, there were thirty professions of faith. Rev. Lloyd Corder was the preacher and Rev. Arnulfo Lopez is the pastor.

Need Hungarian Missionary

Rev. A. N. Murray of St. Joseph, Louisiana, writes that at Albany, Louisiana, there are about 323 Hungarian families of which only two or three are Baptists. A few of them are Catholics, and a few others are Presbyterians, but the spiritual life on the whole is very low. It is the opinion of Brother Murray and others, that if Southern Baptists would send a Hungarian-speaking missionary family into that community, much good could be done.



Chinese student in University of California accepts Christ.

Chinese Student Accepts Christ

Miss Mary Nelle Lyne, missionary to the Chinese in California, is using every opportunity to win Chinese college students to Christ. Recently a charming young Chinese girl came to America to make her home and entered the University of California. While helping her in the study of English, Miss Lyne guided the conversation to spiritual problems. Soon she was rewarded by a wholehearted acceptance of Christ on the part of Madeline Lee, her talented young pupil.

Every Member a Tither

Ferguson Memorial Church, Indian church at Coolidge, Arizona, recently adopted its budget and signed up one hundred per cent to tithe. There is a very bright future for the work among the Indians in Arizona, according to Rev. C. F. Frazier, their missionary.

Aged Indian Helps

George Littlebear, an Indian man now seventy-eight years old, is being a great influence at the Salitiska Baptist Church in Oklahoma, where he became a member about two years ago, writes Rev. Ward Coachman, missionary. This aged man's firm stand for the Lord is causing many to inquire about Christianity. Although he has no education as far as books are concerned, he is wise and experienced in life, and claims that the Lord is opening to him great knowledge and that he is learning more about God and His work each day.



Navaho woman bows in gratitude for food sent by Baptist Chaplain.



New Barataria Baptist Church at Lafitte, Louisiana.

Palestine: A Burdensome Stone

(Zech. 12:3)

by JACOB GARTENHAUS

Perhaps there is no more important question confronting the world today than Palestine. For a clearer understanding of the controversy which has baffled the world, we would have to go far back into the history of the Jewish people and their relationship to the land. It is not possible to do that in this brief article. We take it for granted that the reader is familiar with God's promises to Abraham and his seed, to give them the land "for an everlasting possession." However, He warned that He would interrupt this possession by scattering them to the four corners of the earth because of disobedience, which dispersion would continue only until "the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled." "And they shall fall by the edge of the sword, and shall be led away captive into all nations; and Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled" (Luke 21:24).

How minutely this prophecy has been fulfilled! Meanwhile, during this long, dark night neither Jehovah nor the people has forgotten His covenants with their forefathers. "If I forget thee, O Jerusalem, let my right hand forget her cunning. If I do not remember thee, let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth; if I prefer not Jerusalem above my chief joy" (Psalm 137:5-6). This has been Israel's cry and prayer through the centuries. Can it not be that we are now witnessing the culmination of "the times of the Gentiles" when God is beginning to deal once more with Israel as a nation and is working out His eternal purposes with and through them?

Let us skip through the centuries to the Balfour Declaration which is the root of the present turmoil in Palestine. Briefly, it will be recalled that in November 2, 1917, Lord Balfour made a declaration stating that "His Majesty's government views with favour the establishment in Palestine of a national home for the Jewish people." Ever since then Palestine has been torn by rival aspirations of that country's three groups: the British, the Jews, and the Arabs. And all efforts toward a reconciliation have come to naught.

Early in 1947 Britain laid the Palestine problem before the United Nations which, in an extraordinary session lasting for eighteen days, set up a special committee on Palestine consisting of representatives from eleven nations and gave it the widest powers to submit



Due to the widespread interest on the part of our people in what is transpiring in Palestine today, we have asked Brother Gartenhaus, the man who is thoroughly familiar with the history and present conditions of his people, to present his views on this important question. The reader desiring more information on the subject should secure a copy of Mr. Gartenhaus' book, "The Rebirth of a Nation." In a forthcoming article we shall publish Mr. Gartenhaus' impressions of his recent visit to Palestine.

proposals for a solution. This committee visited Palestine and other middle eastern countries as well as refugee camps in Europe. The document they produced covered one hundred and sixty-five closely printed pages. Unanimously they urged the immediate termination of the British mandate over Palestine and independence for that country at the earliest possible date. On September 16 when the United Nations general assembly convened, there was considerable uneasiness over the Palestine issue. The three groups most directly concerned in this problem stated their positions:

The solution of the problem rested largely on the stand that the United States and Russia would take. On October 11 the United States made known its position in a clear statement which we give in brief:

1. "The United States supports the partition of Palestine."
2. "The United States is willing to assume a share of responsibility together with other nations in the settlement of the painful problem."
3. "The United States favors the establishment of an international police force to keep law and order during the interim period until independent Jewish and Arab states are established."

On November 29, 1947, the United



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Nations general assembly voted for the partition of Palestine.

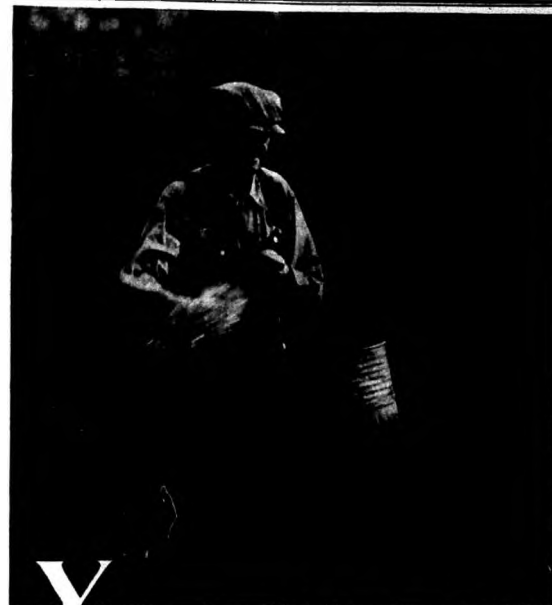
This brings the matter up to the present date. But will partition of the land settle this vexing question? We are very doubtful. See God's warning in Joel 2:2. According to God's Word the Jew will ultimately possess the entire land as He promised. The title deeds are in the Bible (Genesis 13:15). "In that same day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, Unto thy seed have I given this land, from the river of Egypt unto the great river, the river Euphrates." (Genesis 15:18). Much blood will yet be shed before this promise is completely fulfilled, a summary of which tribulation will be found in Jeremiah, chapters 30-36. We read, "Alas! for that day is great, so that none is like it: it is even the time of Jacob's trouble; but he shall be saved out of it." (Jeremiah 30:7). In God's own good time the people, the land, the book and Christ will be united and the law of the Lord will yet go forth from Jerusalem as the waters cover the sea. May God hasten that day. Meanwhile let us pray for the peace of Jerusalem. (Psalm 122:6).

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