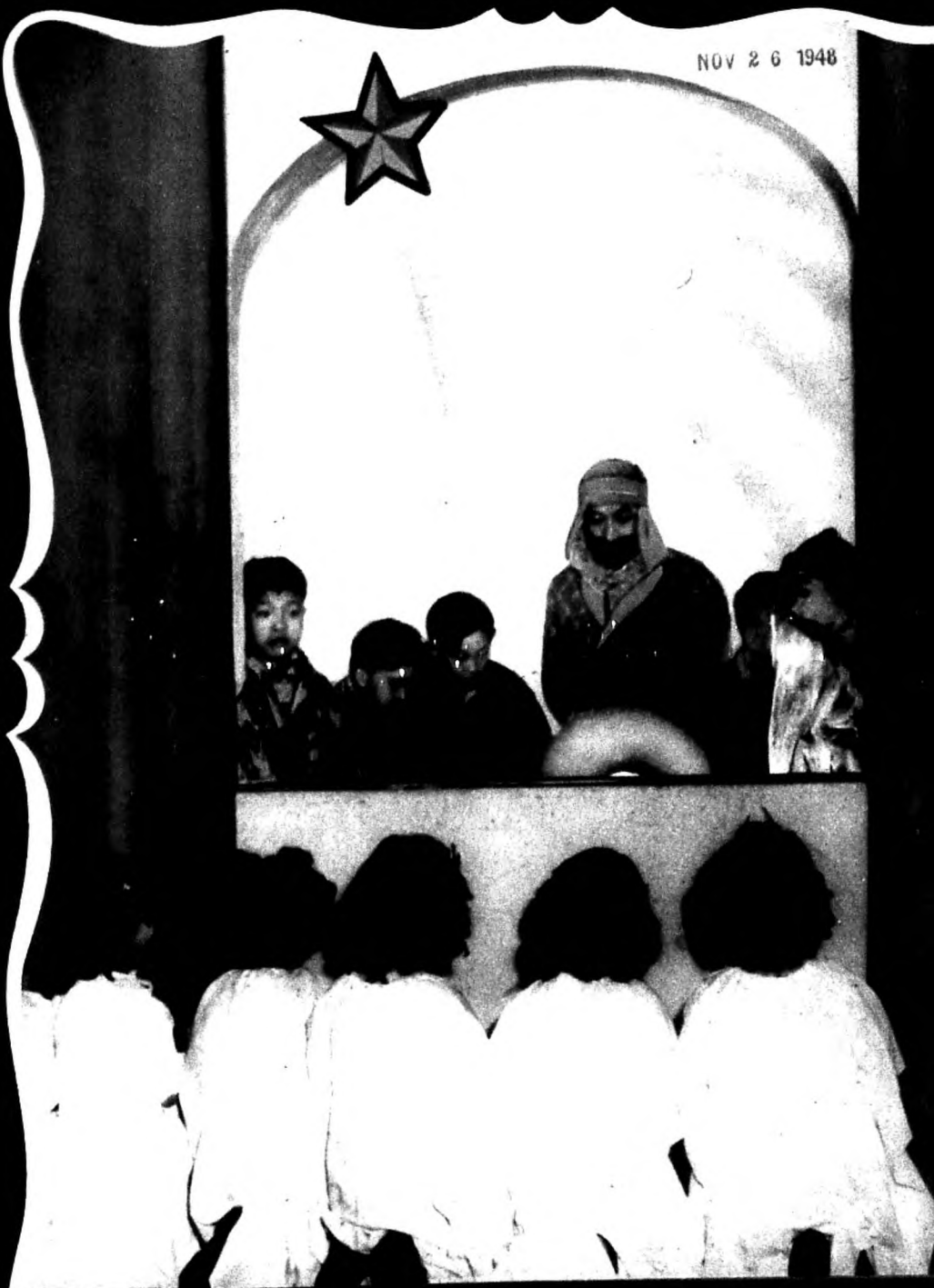


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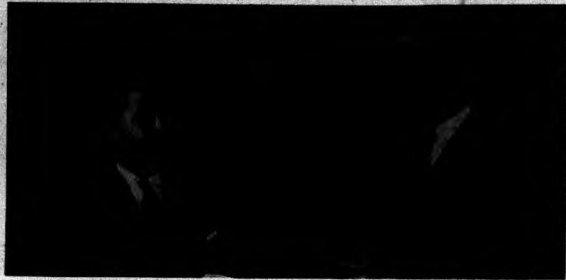
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The preacher for this broadcast is Rev. Carlos Paredes, president of the Mexican Baptist Convention of Texas and pastor of the First Mexican Baptist Church of Austin. Serving as announcer is Rev. Loyd Corder, Superintendent of Spanish-speaking work of the Home Mission Board. The music is furnished by the choir of the First Mexican Baptist Church of Austin.

The program is now heard over Station KWBU, Corpus Christi, Texas, at 2:30 p. m. each Sunday afternoon, and twice each week in Santa Fe, New Mexico. Arrangements are under way for its broadcast in El Paso, Texas, and other points.

Some of the testimonies that have been received from listeners include the following:

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"I have just received spiritual nourishment which you have transmitted by radio," writes I.G. from Weslaco, Texas.

"I cannot believe in the worship of images since I have been hearing the sermons of Brother Paredes over the radio," writes D.L. from Austin, Texas. (This lady living only a few blocks from the church in Austin came to know her Saviour by means of the radio broadcasts.

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The Function of the Home Mission Board

By J. B. LAWRENCE

The function of the Home Mission Board as an agency of the Convention is unique in many respects. It is a missionary board, a board of survey, a unifying agency for Southern Baptists, and a connexional board through which the impact of the entire denomination can be brought to bear upon the missionary tasks which are Convention-wide in their nature.

In co-operation with the state mission boards, the Home Board gives to Southern Baptists a unity in missionary undertakings which is essential to the integrity of the denomination. There are some who have thought that the state mission boards could take over the work of the Home Mission Board.

When this question was raised in the conference at Ridgecrest, a representative from one of the states immediately replied by saying, "If that were to happen, then, of course, we would have to take the money out of the Co-operative Program to do the work, and no more money would be going to the south-wide causes than is now going with the Home Mission Board doing the work, and possibly not as much."

The state conventions and organizations are not integral parts of the Southern Baptist Convention and never can be if we maintain our Baptist polity, but they are an important part of our denominational life and should have some means by which and through which they could, as organizations, co-operate in the mission tasks which are Convention-wide in their nature. The Home Mission Board furnishes the nexus between the state mission boards, which our Baptist polity cannot provide, and gives to Southern Baptists a solidarity in our mission work in the homeland on a co-operative basis which other denominations secure by ecclesiastical overhead direction.

The benefits of this co-operation are evident. Our state conventions are not of equal strength, or of equal missionary needs. There is still a great West where Baptists are weak and missionary

needs are great. New Mexico, Arizona, southern California, Kansas, and Alaska are rich fields for missionary work; but the Baptists in these states are weak, and unless the stronger states of the Convention come to the relief of these weaker states, the fields of missionary needs will be undeveloped.

It stands to reason that in a changing social and economic order there must be constantly arising new fields, and new conditions which would necessitate changes in methods of approach and types of work, possibly in some instances a complete readjustment, if not an abandonment of certain projects in fields heretofore occupied. Southern Baptists must keep in mind in their mission work the needs of a growing and changing civilization.

Southern Baptists must know their territory, they must know the people, their desires, their thinking, their background, their needs. They must know the difficult features of their territory, the geography, agricultural developments, the mineral resources, commerce, and economic conditions. They must know the social and political movements, the educational and religious changes; and they must know all of these things in relation to the life of the entire denomination.

The Home Mission Board assures Southern Baptists that no field of need will be overlooked; that no field will be entered until a careful study of the field and its needs in the light of all the mission needs in the homeland has been made. The type of work needed, as revealed by the survey, will then be projected in each field.

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Missions and the March of Events

Segmenting Christianity

Recently I saw an announcement of a convention of Premillennialists and the organization of a premillennial group of Christians. At about the same time I saw an announcement stating that there are now thirty-four denominations affiliated with the National Association of Evangelicals, and the proud boast that this is twice the number of denominations ever represented in the Federal Council of Churches and four times the number represented in the American Council of Churches. We have also the Federal Council of Churches and now the World Council of Churches, which has just been organized in Amsterdam.

These various organizations of Christians emphasize a drift in modern church life. The local church is too small and provincial in the thinking of world-minded leaders to be trusted with the oracles of the faith, hence, these various organizations are formed outside the churches to promote some specific feature of Christian life. Paul told Timothy to learn how to behave himself in the church, "which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth."

The implication of the Great Commission is that the plan of the Master for the evangelization of the world is to sow it down in local churches. The plan of the devil, to counteract the influence of the gospel, is to discount the local church. The New Testament knows nothing and says nothing about an ecumenical church. The world-church idea is the ambitious conception of the inflated thinking of organization-minded men.

Some Distressing Figures

According to the survey made by the Rural Bible Crusade, there were last year more than sixty thousand churches in America that reported no conversions. Twenty-seven million young people received no religious instruction. Thirteen million children under twelve are without religious training. Ten thousand villages in the United States are without churches. Thirty thousand villages have no resident pastor. Only sixty-eight million of our people profess any kind of religious belief, and only twenty-eight per cent of our people ever attend church. Sunday morning church at-

tendance in the United States amounts to only eight per cent of our population, and Sunday evening attendance amounts to only two per cent. Rural churches are dying at the rate of one thousand a year.

We are happy to announce that the rural situation in the Southern Baptist Convention is improving materially. Since the Home Mission Board launched its program to revitalize the country church, nearly five hundred country churches have been organized or reclaimed from an inactive position.

The Answer to Communism

Dr. John R. Brokhoff, speaking at a Lutheran convention recently on "Divine Demands for Dangerous Days," mentioned three basic dangers for Christians to meet. First, he said, the world has tremendous power, which might be misused for destruction; a second danger springs from the failure of Christians to spread the gospel over the world; and the third great danger is the threat that America's fabulous wealth may make her people materialistic. In his address he said that the answer to Communism is a practical expression of idealism and human brotherhood.

The answer to Communism and all the ills that infest and infect civilization today is the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. That is not only the answer to Communism, it is also the answer to Catholicism. If the people called Christians will live the New Testament gospel and preach the New Testament Christ faithfully, enthusiastically, and continuously, they can beat back the dark clouds of Communism and stop the spread of sacramentalism. Let the world know that salvation is alone in Christ. Show to the world that those in Christ are new creatures, and we have the answer to all of earth's ills.

The Mystery of Divorce

Dorothy Dix says, "In this land of the free and the home of the brave almost all marriages are love matches, yet we lead the world in divorce," and the puzzle is why "two people who were sure they could not live without each other so often find it impossible to live with each other." She then adds, "What is there about marriage that sours the milk of human kindness and changes husbands and wives from cooing doves

into snarling cats and dogs?" She answers the question by saying, "We have erected a false standard of marriage that makes us expect to go on eating our wedding cake for forty or fifty years, and when we find we have lost our taste for it, we blame the party of the other part for not making it sweet enough."

Young people before they marry should find out whether they like each other on foot, for love and like may not be identical. People separate because they don't like each other. Companionship is the basis of happy marriage.

An Alcoholic Clinic

A news dispatch says that, "The Charlotte Citizens Committee today planned to establish a clinic for alcoholics. The committee is conducting a program to educate the public on the point that 'alcoholism is a disease.'"

If alcoholism is a disease, as the distillers and liquor people are trying to get us to believe, then we ought to stop the source of infection. Dr. E. M. Jellinek, director of the School of Alcoholic Studies at Yale, estimates that sixty-five per cent of all Americans more than fifteen years of age use liquor in one form or another. These are your potential alcoholics, and liquor is the cause. Now, if in any city there was a source infecting the citizens with tuberculosis or typhoid fever, the people would immediately ferret out that source and eliminate it, but in the case of liquor they license it. People are 'funny, aren't they?'



Our Cover Page

Chinese children at Baptist Mission, Phoenix, Arizona, giving Christmas pageant.

Small boy in manger scene, at left, recently came to the United States from China and cannot speak or understand a word of English. However, he loves to attend the mission, says "it is such a good feeling place."

Exposing the Fields

By JOHN D. FREEMAN
Rural Field Secretary

The job of a rural church will never be known until the field which it serves is checked by a thorough survey, during which information will be received about every man, woman and child of the designated area and this information set forth in tabulated form.

This was done during the last half of September of 1948 by twenty-one churches of Eastern Association, North Carolina, Gilmer J. Beck, missionary, and G. Van Stephens, moderator (both of Warsaw).

After a year of planning under the direction of Brother Beck and G. W. Bullard, state director of associational missions, the program opened September 19, with a special worker leading each church. In most cases careful preparations had been made for the survey which was to begin that afternoon and the work got off to a fine start.

In the fields where ample preparations had not been made, the visiting worker carried through and, in spite of rain which fell almost continually from Tuesday through Thursday, the survey was practically complete and the tabulations made before the afternoon of the 26th when a rally was held in Warsaw, attended by representatives of most of the thirty-eight churches of the associations.

Some of the figures from the survey reveal the task which the churches have before them.

Out of a total enrollment of 5,530 in the 21 churches it was found that 1,481, or 26.8 per cent had moved from the areas served, hence were almost entirely lost to church activities. This is a bit below the average for all the fields surveyed, where it runs about 33 per cent absentee.

The Sunday school enrollment of thirty-eight churches was 5,496, but 7,991 prospects were found on only

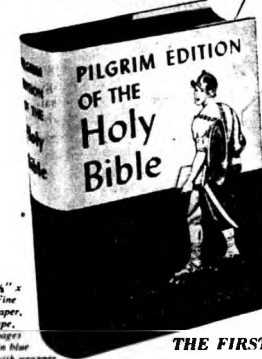
twenty-one fields. At the same ratio, the total Baptist Sunday school possibilities of the area would be at least 10,800, with a possible forty per cent increase in actual church membership, if those old enough could be won and all enlisted.

Rowan Church, organized in 1749, is the oldest church on the field. Roy McCulloch is the pastor, and when the tabulation of his field was complete, showing more than 750 possibilities, he said, "I never dreamed that there could

be so many! We had asked the Sunday School Board for plans for an educational annex to care for some 350; now I'm writing them to make it at least 500."

The Home Mission Board is sponsoring this type of work with the hope that it may be developed and prosecuted until every church in the fellowship of our Southern Convention may have a complete picture of its field. We also hope to enable our Negro brethren to make such a survey of their task.

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Christmas

The American Way

(Compiled from missionary reports)

"We cannot fill a hungry heart when the stomach is empty; we cannot clothe weary and sin-sick souls when bodies need the protection of warm clothing," this same missionary wrote when thanking those who had a part in providing the gifts which he distributed.

Plays and pageants of the nativity are eagerly presented by new Christians to others of their friends who have not yet come to know Christ as Saviour.

Christmas and Christ's Spirit

Some are led to give to others as was true last Christmas in the French mission field in Louisiana where Miss Nina Belle Holaday served as missionary.

"I believe Christmas meant more to the members of Bartoria Baptist Church this year because of our emphasis upon giving.

"At the close of our Christmas pro-

gram, when the shepherds and wise men came with their worship and gifts, each person present came forward bringing clothing for the Baptist world relief. There was no Christmas tree and no gifts were received, but there were hearts filled with joy as they gave to the needy of the world."

And so, as by receiving and by giving, hearts that have never understood about Christ come to know His great love.

Give Up Pagan Religions

Pagan ideas and false religions pale as the great spirit of Christmas takes hold of their hearts.

Baptist Seminoles at the Dania reservation in South Florida last Christmas presented the Christmas pageant. "It Happened in the Little Town of Bethlehem," followed by the singing of tra-

Christmas program for Navajos at Gallup, New Mexico. At front, Missionary S. L. Isaacs and Chief Joe Dearfoot.



Singing Christmas carols at Chinese Sunday school, Phoenix, Arizona.

ditional Christmas carols and hymns. At the same time the Chinese at the Southern Baptist mission in Phoenix, Arizona, were depicting the birth of Christ in a pageant which impressed the scenes upon the hearts of those present.

Missionary L. U. C. Kaufman of Sells, Arizona, missionary to the Papago Indians, tells how he went to the mountains with his rifle and brought back a white tail fawn for the main dish of the Christmas dinner for his little church. He had to carry the deer nine mountain miles before reaching his car. It was long after dark before he arrived home, but the many visitors, both white and Indian, enjoyed the feast.

Because of a special gift of money from the First Baptist Church of Ajo, Arizona, pastored by Rev. Hyskell Beck, the missionary was able to provide Christmas gifts of oranges, apples and candy to the Indians attending the services.

From Santa Fe, New Mexico, where Miss Doris Christensen and Miss Pauline Cammack work, come thanks for all those who sent gifts for the Indians there. Some of the needs which the gifts cared for were: New Testaments and tracts to students at government Indian school, kindergarten supplies, Christmas gifts and treats for more than two hundred Indians.

Overseas, Southern Baptist chaplains were using the holiday season as an opportunity to present Christ to those around them. Chaplain Marlin B. Morris, stationed in Germany, writes that the last three days before Christmas were spent in taking packages sent by Baptist churches in the United States to needy German families. The names and addresses were obtained from German Baptist pastors in Bremen. "The result was most gratifying to see their faces brighten up when told their Baptist friends from the United States had sent

the gifts," writes Chaplain Morris.

From France, Chaplain Robert S. McCarty sends copies of letters received from some of the thirty-three needy families who were remembered at Christmas.

One mother wrote, "Without you Christmas would have been very sad, but with what you gave me I managed to prepare a very nice meal for Christmas. You should have seen the children, they were very much excited, and while they were eating you could have heard a fly in the room as they were so busy eating all those very nice things."

Christmas the American way? A time of remembering and honoring Christ in pageant and song. A time when the spirit of Christ is symbolized in the remembrance of others and in good will toward all.

Christmas the American way? At least the way many, many Americans celebrate Christmas and the way Christ would have America observe it.

Beginner department at Chinese Sunday school, Phoenix, Arizona, singing, "Away in a Manger."



Dr. Gartenhaus Honored

Another honor has been bestowed upon Dr. Jacob Gartenhaus. At a recent nation-wide gathering of Jewish Christians he was elected president of that body.

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Mission house as it stands today.

Progress in Key West

By BESSIE H. NEGRIN
Missionary

In order to keep pace with the growth at the Good Will Center in Key West, Florida, the Home Mission Board is planning to erect a new \$18,000 building within the next year.

The house, which will be made of concrete blocks, the prevailing building material in that section, will provide a chapel for worship and living quarters for the missionaries. The old building will be moved to the rear of the property, remodeled, and used for the kindergarten.

We have had a wonderful year at Key West. Often Key West is spoken of as the forgotten part of the United States, but we are trying to eliminate that from the minds of the people who live here. We tell them of your interest, and lead them to understand that Jesus loves them and they all need Him as Lord and Saviour.

During a recent visit to the home of an elderly lady we were welcomed wholeheartedly when she found it was not a social, political, or business visit, but that we were missionaries and there in the interest of her soul. She stopped a minute to dry tears from her eyes, and said, "Fifty years, fifty years I have lived here and I have had many invitations, invitations to dances, clubs, social affairs, marriages, deaths, well to everything—but no one has ever invited me to a Christian service. I am Catholic, but the priest has never taken any inter-

est in my spiritual welfare. I am so happy to learn of you. Who are you, where are you established and what do you pretend to teach?"

Yes, the field is truly a needy one around Key West, the harvest is ready, but the laborers are few.

At Vacation Bible school this year, which followed the close of kindergarten, we had an enrollment of sixty-one, with an average attendance of fifty-nine. There was not enough room in the house, so some had to meet under a tree, but at the end of the two weeks the children begged to continue through the entire summer vacation.

However, we had other plans, including a revival meeting with Rev. Raul Freire and Rev. Ernesto Leon of Cuba leading in the services. The people would sit amidst the gnats, fleas, mosquitoes, and heat, and sing and listen for two hours. Five were received for baptism and others are being prepared for baptism as a result of the meeting.

Several months ago a young boy who had been in school with us in Cruces, Cuba, came and wanted to continue with us here in Key West. This young man, Hugo Duarte, and a friend, Carlos Garcia, stayed at the Good Will Center. They worked during the day, but helped at the mission in the evenings.

Hugo was not a member of the church. It seemed that he was heavy of heart. During the revival services young Hugo was the first one present each night and showed great interest.

Near the close of the revival this youth came forward and asked to make a testimony.

Standing before the group he said,

"Time has come when I must choose between \$20,000 in cash, a home and Catholicism, into which I was baptized when an infant eighteen years ago, and Christ."

The lad explained how his godfather had offered him the money and a home if he would renounce Christianity and return to Cuba and Catholicism.

Everyone listened with interest as he stood there with head bowed and tears on his cheeks, wondering what his decision would be. Finally he said, "I choose Christ as my Saviour."

This decision meant much to him. It meant he could not continue in school as the money his god-father was supplying for his tuition, board, and other expenses would cease.

So, Hugo Duarte now has nothing but Christ, but he is living at the Good Will Center and is happy with his choice, but covets the prayers of Southern Baptists everywhere. He has taken Philippians 4:19 as his help.

Another of the converts during the revival was Don Jose Mira, a 72-year-old man who said he had sought spiritual joy in lodges, in society, in atheism, and in Catholicism, but was never happy and had never felt he was doing the Lord's will. After his baptism he exclaimed: "For fifty years I have sought this experience of joy."

The kindergarten at the Good Will Center always furnishes interesting experiences and is a means of winning many.

At graduation day last year, all were



Kindergarten graduates at Key West, Florida.

astir and the little folk were excited as they were to perform before their parents and friends. Caps and gowns were already hanging in the hall, bouquets for the little girls were being made, tiny diplomas were rolled and tied with pretty ribbons, and Testaments were in the packages already dedicated as a gift from the missionaries, Rev. and Mrs. Negrin.

The first to arrive was a little boy with his grandfather, father, mother and many other relatives. He was happy and thrilled. He wanted his diploma, cap and gown, but most of all he wanted the Bible with all the wonderful stories he had heard during the year at kindergarten.

When asked if he preferred some stories about bears, wild animals, circuses, or cowboys, he said, "None of them.

I please teacher. I want the Jesus story."

The Home Mission Board opened work with the Cubans in Key West about 1910. First missionary was Mrs. H. B. Stein. She was followed by Miss Elizabeth Taylor, and my husband and I have been here since November, 1946.

At present we have three clubs, a W. M. S., G. A. and R. A., kindergarten and Sunday school. Eighty are enrolled in the Sunday school and there is an average attendance of more than seventy. Because the space is so small, often children have to be turned away or allowed to stay in the yard to hear whatever they can.

We are thrilled at the idea of getting a new building. Our next great need will be seats and furniture for the building which the Home Mission Board will not be able to supply.



Hugo Duarte, Cuban youth who rejected a home, \$20,000 in cash, and Catholicism for Christ.

Recent converts at Key West mission. Mrs. Ismael Negrin, missionary, lower right.



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Friendship House gets much-needed water fountain.

Gets Water Fountain In Answer to Prayer

We at the Friendship House in New Orleans faced the summer with dread. Planning for a large group of children and several night meetings each week during the summer meant gallons and gallons of cool water would be needed. The ten-gallon lard can and dipper method was so inadequate, with its mess of water and soggy paper cups. The price of any sort of sanitary fountain seemed exorbitant.

During the winter we had such wonderful experiences in answers to prayer, we asked our group to pray with us for a drinking fountain before the summer classes opened.

A friend visited us for a few days and heard our prayers. When she returned to her home in East St. Louis, Illinois, she presented our need to the Associational W. M. U. as a mission project, and early in June a check for \$206.50 came to pay for the fountain.

Other small gifts came from different sources; so we were able to buy a drinking fountain for which we are happy and proud.

Mrs. Mildred Bollinger Stein
Friendship House, New Orleans

Faith at Work in The West

On April 23, 1948, worship and prayer services were started in the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Goeth, Rolling-

wood, California. Five months later the people of the Clinton Avenue Church and the Rollingwood Mission, felt it was time to organize the mission into a church.

On September 30, in the Rollingwood Community Building, the Rollingwood Baptist Church was organized with thirty-two charter members. They had five new converts awaiting baptism.

Temple Baptist Church of Eugene, Oregon, six months old and with thirty-two members, began a revival meeting October 3. The next Sunday night her membership had gained thirty-four per cent.

Thursday night of the meeting was set as church night. By then there were thirty-six members. That night five were absent because of illness in their families; one because of a night job; and the other thirty were present, some from a distance up to fifteen miles.

Fred A. McCaulley
Field Worker, Western States

Learn of God's Love

Christmas was a gala occasion in both of our villages. On December 12 more than one hundred twenty-five of the Canyoncito people gathered with us at the council hall to celebrate our Saviour's birthday. The life of Christ was presented by means of a slide projector. After we had sung Christmas carols, each child was given a toy. Clothing was distributed to the people who needed it. As the people went out of the door each received a pound of coffee, a pound

of dried peas, a sack of flour, and a sack containing candy, peanuts and fruit.

The Alamo party was attended by more than two hundred fifty people. The council room was packed as the story of our Saviour was told and Christmas carols sung. In the front of the hall was a gaily decorated tree, covered with brightly wrapped gifts. Tinsel, bells, and ribbons decorated the room.

Why do we give gifts to these Indians?

Our Navajo people do not know the love of God in their hearts. We showed our love for them and the love of our Christian friends for their souls by giving gifts. Moreover, the greatest love in the world, the love of God for an unbelieving people, is commemorated by the Christmas giving of gifts. This was the message given to the people that day.

(Report of last Christmas.)
Rev. and Mrs. Russell Bowren
Navajo Indians, New Mexico

Indian Girl to Be Missionary

A full-blood Choctaw Indian girl, member of the Cornith Baptist Church in Oklahoma, has recently surrendered to be a missionary. She is fourteen years old, and realizes she must continue her education. I am encouraging her to start to work for her Lord by winning her girl friends. As the picture shows, she has many girl friends.

Rev. Thomas Wade
Choctaw Indians, Oklahoma

Among the Missionaries



Home Missions in Brazil

A report recently sent to the Foreign Mission Board shows the reverse to the usual missionary picture.

Missionary Alvin Hutton, who was speaking to the Penha Baptist Church in Brazil, showed pictures of work being done by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board in the United States.

The Brazilian brethren were delighted with these color slides of the Cherokee Indian, the French work in Louisiana, and the prim Chinese Baptist church in Texas.

Appearing on this same program was Dr. L. M. Bratcher with color slides of the Brazilian Baptist Home Mission work which afforded an excellent opportunity for comparisons and contrasts of home mission activity on the mission field and in the homeland.

Indian Woman Finds Peace

"She is afraid to die," said a young Indian woman to me as she told of her elderly friend who was critically ill in the Indian hospital.

The young woman in her Bible study had learned that only Jesus could help her friend as she faced death, and was anxious that the way of salvation be explained to her.

Soon we visited the sick woman and found her willing to listen as we read from the Bible and talked with her about Jesus.

Later as we talked, the sick woman gave this testimony: "Since I made up my mind to go all the way through with

trusting Jesus, I am not afraid any more at nights when they turn off the lights."

She had found peace in the Saviour.
Miss Pauline Cammack
Indians, New Mexico

Observe Day of Prayer

I was deeply impressed by Dr. R. G. Lee's call to the Southland for a day of prayer. We tried to keep October 24 as nearly as we could as he asked us to do.

We met at the church at 8 o'clock in the morning, and spent the day until 8:30 p. m. The day was spent in prayer, messages, and visitation. Thirty-five or forty people attended and we contacted many homes during our afternoon visitation. Most of the homes where we vis-

New Missionaries

Pictured in semi-circle at left are missionaries who have recently gone to work under the direction of the Home Mission Board. They are: (left to right) Rev. and Mrs. John Duron, Mexican field, Bryon, Texas; Miss Evangelina Lopez, kindergarten, Belen, New Mexico; and Rev. and Mrs. L. E. Johns, Pinta Indians, Blackwater, Arizona.

ited were foreign and Catholic. Some of the people seemed to want to come to the Good Will Center, but were afraid of the priest.

We feel the need of more power to lead these foreign people to Christ. Pray for us that we may win them.

Miss Mary Henden
Good Will Center
West Frankfort, Illinois

New Mission School Opened

We opened school on Point au Chien, Louisiana, September 22, with thirty-eight children enrolled. Everything is going along fine, and we praise God for His many blessings.

Miss Troy Cunningham
French, Louisiana

Indian girls in Oklahoma. Girl in center with striped dress is missionary volunteer.



Missions in a Missouri City

By CECIL C. LASTER
City Missionary

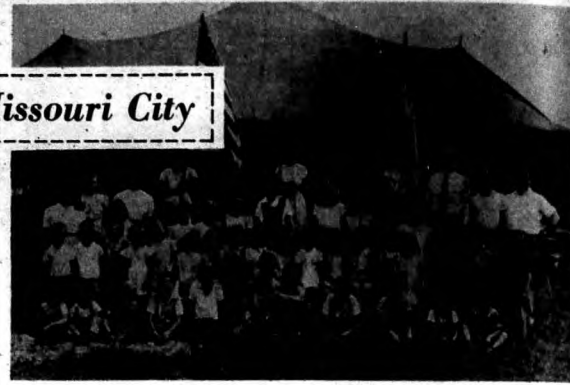
It is our aim to have a church convenient to every section of the city of Springfield, Missouri, where the city mission program, sponsored by the Home Mission Board, was opened August 15, 1947.

The first mission established was the Webster Park Mission, which now after about a year, has a Sunday school enrollment of seventy-six. The peak attendance was eighty-two. There have been twenty-six additions to the church through this mission, twenty of them on profession of faith.

The first Vacation Bible school had an enrollment of seventy-seven, with an average attendance of sixty. Some of the mothers attended the school with their children, they were so anxious to learn about the Bible. Ages of those enrolled in the school varied from five months to thirty-nine years.

This little mission is fully organized, having Sunday school, morning and evening preaching services on Sunday, and prayer meeting on Wednesday. There is an active W.M.S., and a Training Union is to be organized soon.

Webster Park Mission has also adopted a complete budget which includes district, home, and foreign missions. The people of the mission participated recently in a project of sending clothes to



West Port Mission Bible school held in a tent.



Missionary Cecil Laster and Rev. L. V. Swadley, pastor of Pythian Avenue Church, sponsor of Webster Park Mission.

Webster Park Baptist Mission Bible school, Springfield, Missouri.



the needy in Europe. All of this represents missions doing missions.

Various churches in the city are helping with the work and with the expense of starting these mission points. This first mission, which meets in a remodeled garage, is sponsored by the Pythian Avenue Baptist Church.

Great care is being taken in the buying of lots for mission points. In most cases lots are being purchased near the public school buildings which represent the center of the community life. They are mostly in new suburbs; several are populated by veterans and their families who have bought small homes. These families own chickens, a cow, and have a garden. The man of the house works in town but his salary is not sufficient to live in the downtown sections.

At the West Port Mission, sponsored by College Street Church, the first unit of a building is started. The foundation of this unit will be twenty-eight by forty feet.

Since the building was not complete, the Vacation Bible school was held in a tent. The first day only four came. The school closed with an enrollment of eighty. This increase was brought about by visitation. There were six conversions during the school, and the children brought their pennies as an offering toward the church building fund.

A census revealed that in the part of the city known as the Sunshine section, there are 13,000 people and no church of any denomination. This section is populated by professional people and is ripe for the establishment of a thriving church. A well-located lot has been bought, and the First Baptist Church will sponsor the establishment of a mission.

Out in the Sherwood addition, a newly developed section of lovely and expensive homes, a census shows the need for another mission which will be established as soon as possible. Because of the type community, it will be necessary to erect a suitable building before much work can be done.

Religious surveys have been made in three other communities where work will be started as soon as possible.

New Worker



Mrs. Noble Y. Beall

Mrs. Jewell Beall, widow of the late Noble Y. Beall who for thirteen years served with the Home Mission Board, most of the time as superintendent of Negro work, was recently employed by the Board as field worker.

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2, Chama. Worthington, A. Mrs. Worthington,
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Salina. O'Field, Lee, Mrs. O'Field, Route 1,
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John, Wetumka. Smith, Richard, Mrs. Smith,
Anadarko. Wolf, Elam, Mrs. Wolf, Route 1,
Red Oak.

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Total 135
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Dred Matthews; Celia Perez; Mrs. Frank E. Pool;
Edmundo Robinson; Jose M. Sanchez, Mrs. Sanchez;
Silvia Silva; Jewell Smith, Aurelio Travi-
sano, Mrs. Travisano. (Baptist Temple, Dragones
y Zulueta.) M. R. Vivanco, Mrs. Vivanco (Cuban
American College).
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M. A. Sr., Mrs. Callero, Marianas. Castano,
Teofilo, Mrs. Castano, Jecumina. Fernandez, Do-
minguez, Mrs. Fernandez, San Jose de las Lajas.
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Barras. Fraguera, Rafael, Jr., San Jose de Guan-
tal. Garcia, Juan Luis, Barras. Gomez, Oscar,
Jr., Mrs. Gomez, Los Pinos. Gonzalez, Raul, Mrs.
Gonzalez, Luyano. Hernandez, Antonio, Mrs. Her-
nandez, Guama. Hernandez, Domingo, Mrs. Her-
nandez, Guama. Levy, Donald, Mrs. Levy, Bata-
hiana. Machado, E. R., Mrs. Machado, Vibora.
Marquez, Luciano, Mrs. Marquez, Regla. Mederos,
Jose, Mrs. Mederos, Guanabacoa. Naranjo, Juan,
Mrs. Naranjo, Aracoste. Pinos, Emilio, Mrs.
Pinos, Puentes Grandes. Ramos, Antonio, Mrs.
Ramos, Arroyo Apela. Rodriguez, F. J., Mrs. Rodriguez,
Calabazar. Rodriguez, Jose Joaquin, Mrs.
Rodriguez, Calabazar. Rodriguez, Josefa. Agas-
te, Rodriguez, Juana. Batahiana. Rodriguez,
Nelson, Mrs. Rodriguez, Melara del Sur. Santana,
Antonio, Mrs. Santana, Belcan. Santana, Fer-
nando, Mrs. Santana, Cateria. Vasquez, Maximo,
Mrs. Vasquez, San Antonio de Rio Blanco.
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Aguero, Marti. Corugedo, Arturo, Mrs. Corugedo,
Mahabana. Espinosa, Anibal, Mrs. Espinosa, Jovel-
lanos. Marquez, Juana. Matanzas. Martinez, An-
tonio, Mrs. Martinez, Cardenas. Pina, Enrique,
Mrs. Pina, Colon. Rodriguez, Francisco, Mrs. Rodriguez,
Matanzas.
(Pinar del Rio Province)—Garcia, Nemesio,
Mrs. Garcia, Casamayor. Garnett, Christine, Marti

St. Concepcion del sur. Gonzalez, Luis M., Ar-
teaga, Martinez, Estrella. Quintero Macha, Natalia.
Rafaela, San Jose y Martines. Millan, Manuel.
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Mrs. Quintero, Marti. Salas, Oscar. Arzuela,
Vasquez, Enrique, Mrs. Vasquez, Pinar del Rio.
(Santa Clara Province)—Bosquez, Edmundo,
Mrs. Bosquez, Sanati Spiritus. Bosquez, Edmundo,
Cartagena. Bosquez, A. T., Mrs. Bosquez, Cartagena.
Bosquez, Bartolome, Mrs. Bosquez, Santa Clara.
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Eva. Flanetas, Dominguez, Cecilia. Rodas, Fra-
guera, Rafael, Mrs. Fraguera, Flanetas. Gomez,
Eduardo, Mrs. Gomez, Guayma. Gonzalez, Genoveva,
Cienfuegos. Gonzalez, M. A., Mrs. Gonzalez, Santa
Clara. Leon, Ernesto, Mrs. Leon, Santa Isabel
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Molina, Cirilo, Mrs. Molina, Turkey. Molina, Bibiano,
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Calabazar. Parot, Rogelio, Mrs. Parot, Santa
Dominguez. Perera, Alejandro, Mrs. Perera, Cumanayagua.
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Total 18
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Costa Rica. Hughes, Van Earl, Mrs. Hughes, Box
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Apartado 1712, San Jose, Costa Rica. Pradi, Jose,
Mrs. Pradi, Redemptio Baptist Church, Panama
City, Panama. Rojas, Emmanuel, Box 21, Limon,
Costa Rica. Yearwood, V. T., Box 2024, Ancon,
Canal Zone.

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Total 4
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Total 41
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ville 3, Kentucky. Craig, Leon S., P. O. Box 2070,
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New Ridge Boulevard, Nashville 6, Tennessee. Hil-
dred, E. D., 713 Education Building, Birmingham,
Alabama. Hill, J. H., Oak Ridge, Tennessee. Hol-
loway, James R., 4234 East Second Street, Char-
lotte, North Carolina. Jackson, J. C., 1012 East
Pine, Tulsa, Oklahoma. Lewis, Bert B., Char-
lotte, North Carolina. Maynard, L. F., Mrs. May-
nard, 1234 Marion Drive, Mobile 18, Alabama.
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Tapscott, William, 1424 McCullough Street, Balti-
more, Maryland. Washington, Victor E., 218 S.
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liam Telf, 511 East 2nd Street, Oklahoma City,
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bia. Friendship Baptist College, Rock Hill. Mor-
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lege, Tyler. Union Baptist Theological Seminary,
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ette, Tallahassee. Farr, Theo., 714 East 4th Street,
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Rico: Exotic Stepchild"; and "Bermu-
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