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Southern Baptists have the largest contingent of youth preparing for delitime Christian service to be found on the carth.

United States does in the next five years will determine the kind of world we shall have for five hundred years — if the lord delays his coming.

W. R. White
President, Baylor University

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Mexican Church Dedicates Building

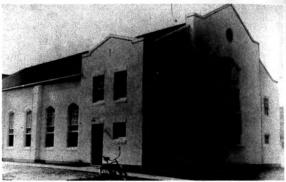
By Courts Redford

O'NE of the most beautiful and adequate church buildings in our entire Mexican field was dedicated on Sunday, December 19, at Corpus Chris-

The two-story building was set apart for the service of the Lord in an impressive ceremony presided over by Rev. I. sion Board to become self-supporting. E. Gonzalez, efficient pastor of the This church assumed full responsibility

The dedication sermon was preached by Rev. Pascual Hurtez, executive secretary of the Mexican Baptist Convention of Texas. Greetings were brought that will accommodate about four hundred to the commodate about

music program was presented. Mrs. Board gave \$25,000 Childress also gave a history of the This little Mexican church has sup-



New building, First Mexican Baptist Church, Corpus Christi, Texas

The First Mexican Bantist Church of Corpus Christi was the first of the churches supported by the Home Misfor all current operating expenses two

by Rev. Courts Redford, representing the Home Mission Board, and by Rev. James Clark, representing the Baptists of Corpus Christi. Rev. C. E. Henford crete blocks, is well furnished, and is of the First Baptist Church (Anglo) led quite adequate for a congregation of the dedicatory prayer.

quite adequate for a congregation of five or six hundred members. The buildthe dedicatory prayer.

Under the direction of Mrs. Matilde
Gutierrez de Childress, a well-planned

five or six hundred members. The building and furnishings cost approximately
\$70,000, of which the Home Mission

church, telling of its growth from a ported two other mission stations. It small mission planted by the Anglo now has more enrolled in Sunday Baptist church in 1908, to the present school-than its total church member nbership of approximately three ship, and had an attendance of 329 on



With the present adequate quarters the church has a splendid prospect for future growth and development



iors, First Baptist Church, Corpus Christi Texas





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The Annie Armstrong Offering

T HE Home Mission Board is under lasting obliga-tion to Woman's Missionary Union for the support given to home missions through the years. The Union started the Loan Fund with a gift of twenty thousand dollars, and has continuously through the years supported every missionary undertaking with their prayers and their gifts. During the years of struggle under the burden of debt, the Annie Armstrong Offering was a lifesaver to the mission of the Board. It saved our mission work

We come again, because of the decrease in percentage which the Home Mission Board is to receive from the Co-operative Program, to look to Woman's Missionary Union to maintain our home mission work as it is not projected

The Convention has in the past three years reduced the percentage the Home Board receives from the Co-operative Program from 231/2 per cent to 16.5 per cent. This means a reduction in three years of \$273,333 per year on a \$4,000. 000 basis of receipts, or a reduction of \$410,000 per year on a \$6,000,000 basis of receipts

Our needs have never been greater nor our opportunities more challenging than now. Home missions is fundamentally more important in the world program of Christ now than ever before. The evangelization of our homeland and the mobilization of the evangelized are necessary to the progress of the gospel in lands afar. As someone has said, home and foreign missions are alternate beats of the same heart of love, but home missions is the first beat. An evangelized homeland is the promise of a world's evangelization

In the past few years home mission fields have been creatly enlarged. Thousands of square miles of territory and millions of people have been added. The field now stretches from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and by the action of the Convention Kansas and Alaska have been added. It also includes Cuba, Costa Rica, Panama, and the Canal Zone. In this vast field there are at least 75,000,000 people, 35,000,000 of whom will never have at chance to hear about Christ and be saved unless the gospel is sent to them. That is the vast field of the Home dission Board, and we are depending on the Annie Armstrong Offering to help make it possible to send misonaries to these lost million

Alaska and Costa Rica are primitive mission fields for the gospel. In Alaska there are approximately 40,000 natives—Eskimos and Indians—among whom no mission work is being done. Costa Rica is also a wide open mission field where there are hundreds of thousands of mmortal souls who will die without Christ if missionaries are not sent to them. The fields added in the past decade increase the task of the Home Mission Board by 0 per cent.

These enlarged fields, and the new tasks growing out of the changing social and economic conditions, are calling for an enlarged home mission budget just at a time when the allocation made to home missions by the Convention is materially cut.

In 1949, instead of getting 18 per cent from

the Co-operative Program, we will get only 16.5 per cent. The operating budget of the Convention has been pegged at \$4,000,000, which means that we can receive only \$660,000 from the Cooperative Program in 1949 against \$720,000 which we received in 1948. If we do the mission work we are now doing and do anything in the new fields that have been added, the \$660,000 we will receive from the Co-operative Program for current work is far short of what we must

We are not beginning to do all that ought to be done in the fields now occupied. There are about 30,000,000 people in the territory of the Southern Baptist Convention who are wholly unchurched by our 26,000 churches, our 16,000 pastors, and our 18 state mission boards. These lost people had as well be in China or Africa. They are people without a chance, and unless we send missionaries to them they will die without Christ. We need, and must have, a budget of \$2,000,000 to meet our obligation to the lost—the hopelessly lost—in our ome mission fields.

Money cannot be given to a better cause than home missions if one loves the lost and wants to see them saved. There is no place where your dollars will do more. During the entire history of the Home Mission Board there has been one conversion reported for every \$37.00 spent. The average for last year, counting the entire expenditures of the Board in its overhead, mission work. expenditures of the Board in its overnead, mission work, and building program, was one profession of faith for every \$40.00 spent. This means that every time you give \$40.00 to home missions you will make it possible for a lost soul to find Christ. Baptists should keep this

in mind when they make their offerings.

Are lost people worth saving? What did Christ come for? What has He commanded us to do? How many souls are your gifts now saving? How many names will you write in the Lamb's Book of Life? How many will you halp by your effect to prest the purp he Beautiful you help by your gifts to pass through the Beautiful Gate? For each \$40.00 given to home missions you make it possible for one soul to greet you in glory.

May a host be there to greet you as the result of your

Missions and the March of Events

The Cost of Protection

According to a Twentieth, Century Fund report, the cost of police protection in the United States rose from \$91,-000 000 in 1913, to \$382,000,000 in 1932, and to \$411,000,000 in 1941. We do not have the cost for 1947, but we are satisfied that it has materially in creased, and now runs into ten figures. When we are informed that American drinkers consumed per capita 28.17 gal-lons of liquor in 1945, and that automobile fatalities in 1918 totaled 10,700, but in 1945 they totaled 39,969, we can, it seems, come to the conclusion that the drinking of liquor is responsible for increased cost in police protection, increas ed disease among the American people and increased fatalities on the highways We mucht as a sensible people, to get rid of the open saloons.

Food Boxes for Relief

The Southern Baptist Relief Center at New Orleans is promoting the sending of food boxes to help the starving of Europe. It is called, "The Hope Box and is in response to the demand of Southern Baptists who want to send packages to individuals overseas. The packages are to weigh eleven pounds and contain a variety of food, prepared at cost by a New Orleans wholesale procer. Those who want to contribute ood to the needy and hungry in Europe may send \$5.00 for this purpose to Charles Gage, director of the promotion

Lagging Behind Spiritually

Governor Luther D. Youngdahl, of Minnesota, said recently in an address that man's spiritual development has lagged thousands of years behind his scientific progress. "We have devoted ourselves," said he, "to the quest for scientific knowledge, but have failed to learn to live together in peace. And although scientific progress seems to have no limit, our human engineering is so deficient that we find ourselves living in constant fear of destruction by the products of our scientific achievements."

This is well said. Whenever we depart from the Bible we enter into hazards. All search for truth should start from a hasis of truth. This basis is found in the revelation which God has given to us. If our vealed in the Bible and study nature and vious ruling forbidding censorship by

all branches of knowledge related thereto, in the light of revealed truth as found in God's inspired Word, they will not libel. go wrong.

Ridgecrest-Be There! The Home Mission Week at Ridge-

crest, June 1-7, will feature som phases of our denominational task that are of unusual interest at this

The need of a great spiritual awakening calls for a conference on evangelism. The unusual growth of our cities demands special attention to our city mission program. The imortance of the rural church and the increasing interest in religion for rural people, make the conference on rural life imperative.

The messages by our missionaries and conferences on other phases o our mission work will flavor and en rich the entire program.

This promises to be one of the most helpful programs that the Home Mission Board has ever of fered to Southern Baptists. See tha your pastor, associational mission ary, and others of your church lead ers have the privilege of attending

What's In a Name?

The Church of God, in its recent convention at Red Bay, Alabama, greeted care of the Heavenly Father. A godiesi with enthusiasm the suggestion of Homer A Tomlison, general overseer of the tial breeding ground for moral deca world headquarters, that all the denomi- and crime nations drop their distinguishing names and call themselves "The Church of God," as a symbol of unity under Christ

Our dear, good brother overlooks the of Christianity, that it is all the law of Chrisianity, and that it will always be all of prayer the law of Christianity. Unity of Christians can be secured when they all accept the New Testament as authoritative final, and complete, and obey it.

No Censorship by Radio

The Federal Communications Commission has recently reaffirmed a pre-

It is held by F.C.C. that while a radio station is at liberty to deny the use of facilities, it may neither censor for libelous content any of their broadcasts nor he sued for damages. Neither the licensee nor the commission itself, F C.C. stated in this ruling, has power of censorship to limit or interfere with the right of free speech, other than to prevent as provided by the law the broadcasting of obscene, indecent, or profane language

The Home Altar

In a radio broadcast recently, J. Edgar Hoover, FB1 director, said, "If there is hope for the future of America if there is to be peace and happiness our land, then we as a nation must turn to God and to the practice of dail family prayer

Hoover, who has been making invetigations concerning the delinquency wouth in our nation is in a position speak with authority on the source of this delinquency. He says that it is in the home and that the source of it and the reason for it is the lack of religion the home

Our nation is sadly in need of a ... birth of the simple life, a return to the days when God was part of each house hold, when families arose in the morn ing with a prayer on their lips and ender the day by gathering together around the family altar to place themselves in the home is built upon sand; it is a poter

The Sunday School Board has laun. ed a campaign to establish the fanis altar in the homes of our Bantist neoole That campaign will be successful if ou fact that unity does not consist in a pastors will call upon the people to so name. The only basis on which Christian up a home altar. We must save out ians can unite is the teaching of Christ homes if we would save our denominain the New Testament, Southern Baptists tion, our Christianity, and our nation hold that the New Testament is the law. We can save our homes by dedicating them to Christ and making them places

 M_{is} **Objectives**

By Courts Repropose

OME mission objectives are obvious to the student of missions, but may be assumed that many of us Soptists have not had the opportunity ons in the homeland sufficiently to see he work. An outline dision may, therefore, be helpful.

in the first place, there are some igs the Home Mission Board can do Southern Baptists better than any her agency. It can represent Southern Baptists to missionaries and missionto Southern Baptists. The Home Mission Board can survey mission fields reveal relative needs. It can help udize mission tasks. Home missions serve groups which demand wide vation and carefully wrought out Such groups are the minorities.

There has been much discussion among Southern Baptists as to co-ordination and correlation. A Southwide who pride ourselves as being "average" board, such as the Home Mission Board, can help to correlate and co-ordinate study the challenging field of mis- co-operative mission activities throughout the Convention territory. The Home Mission Board can promote missionary education and create mission interests. It can enlist, inspire, and help train missionaries for work in the homeland and for service abroad. Only a Southwide board is adequate for the promotion of a Southwide evangelistic program.

In line with its objectives the Home America, Cuba, and Alaska. Work in the homeland serves the Indians. Nethose of Spanish and French backgrounds. The Board also has work

among the Jews. Other groups served by the missionaries from the Board include the deaf, migrants, and the armed forces. Its radio work, its summer student program, and the general ministry of field workers bear a rich harvest in

The great co-operative missions program of the Board consists of mountain work, city missions, the rural church program, and the work in the West.

Through its magazine, mission study books, and free literature the Board renders a wide field of service in publicity and education. Through schools Mission Board has work in Central of missions and visual education the mission story is broadcast.

Through the department of evangel groes, language groups such as Japan- ism the Home Mission Board making ese. Chinese, Bohemians, Italians, and a definite impact upon the whole constituency of the Southern Baptist Convention for soul-winning.



Helping the Choctaws Know About Christ

W HILE serving in a School of Missions in Maryville, Tennessee, I met Rev. W. W. Simpson, missionary to

the Choctaw Indians of Mississippi.

Learning that we were both to serve in

a school in Pontotoc, Mississippi, a fort-

night later, he invited me to visit his

work at the close of that school. The

resultant visit was one long to be re-

There are approximately two thou-

Mississippi, scattered over a wide area.

nestly endeavoring to develop the Choc-

taw churches in every possible way. There are now ten churches located in five counties, which require hundreds of

The first church which we visited that November Sunday morning had no window panes and no provision for heating, but the floor and pews had been scoured until they were spotless.

The building was filled to capacity. Cement blocks for the construction of sand five hundred Choctaw Indians in a new building were on the grounds and the people were eagerly looking forward to erection of the church. Rev Brother Simpson has been working on this field for three years, and he is ear-J. C. Allen, a Choctaw student at Clark College, is pastor of the church.

After 1 brought a missionary message, the pastor preached to the congregation in their own tongue.

At the second church we visited miles of travel by him each week.

Brother Allen, also pastor there, proud-ly showed me the five new Sunday school rooms that the people of the con gregation are building. At the Canaan Church which we vis-

MRS EDITH L. LEDRETTER

Missionary in Maryland

ited that day, we found their building nearing completion. The funds for the building were largely provided by the Choctaw pastor, Rev. B. D. Isaac, from money received by him from the Gov ernment upon the death of his son, who was killed while serving in the armed forces. This son, Edwin, had been say ing his money to go to school, the church building, which is to be a me morial to him, will have an auditorium basement, and two Sunday school rooms. Until the erection of the building, the congregation worshipped in a brush arbor

Last spring Miss Nell Taylor took a group of young people from Mississippi College to the reservation and presented programs in three of the churches William Day, whose father is pastor o the church at Louisville, Mississippi was one of the young people. Bill's re port of those services, given to a Sunday evening congregation of his father church, resulted in the women of that church providing the means for five young Choctaw girls to attend Y. W. A. camp One of the girls was Cornelia Isaac, of the Canaan Church. While at camp, Cornelia accepted Christ as her mediately sought to win her "boy friend," and was successful. On the day

Rev. W. W. Simpson, his daughter. Mary Ellen, and Collee York.

Grace Ben and Delores Jimmy of to college

Choctaw girls at Y. W. A. camp

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visited the Cansan Church Cornelia was conducting a meeting in the basement with Intermediate girls whom she had organized into a G. A. The women were meeting upstairs.

Cornelia's face glowed with happiness as she told how she, with other women of the church, had taken the girls to the home of a sick woman, carrying food and clothing to her. Then, she said, "we washed ten quilts and two pairs of blankets for her." (This was not done in a washing machine!)

The women of Mississippi provided for ten girls and four boys to attend amp Garaywa. Two of the boys were honor campers, and were awarded a week's stay at Ridgecrest.

"In June," Brother Simpson told me. we tried something new among the (hoctaws. We had youth revivals. They were a great success, and we shall have them again next year."

July and August must have been very busy months, for during that time were held nine Vacation Bible schools, tenrevivals, with the pastors preaching, and a Rible Institute. This latter lasted for a week, and nine churches were represented in the sessions, which lasted all day. In this institute Dr. J. B. Rounds Dr. John D. Freeman, Rev. A Terrell, Miss Nancy Cooper, and thers served as teachers, while neighhoring pastors brought the evening messages. Two college students, employed for the summer months by the Home Mission Board, served in the Vacation Bible schools.

Problems and difficulties? There are plenty of them! Bootleggers, knowing he weakness of many of the Indians or strong drink, waylay them when they have sold their crops and ply their Gictous trade.

The Roman Catholics are making strong efforts to establish and maintain work with the Choctaws. They have several workers to our one. Built by the side of a Government public school is a Catholic church and priest's home hased from the school, so Brothe mpson told me, for instruction in the atholic Church, Last Christmas, when women of the Philadelphia church repared Christmas gift bags for the bildren of the school, the New Testaents that had been included in each were removed before the bags were inhuted to the children.

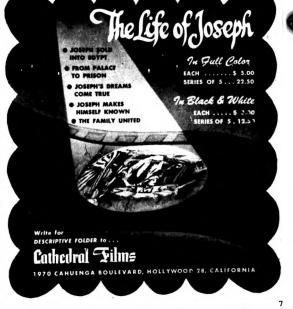
A full-time helper to work among the omen and young people is urgently



is dearest to the heart of Missionary Simpson is that of getting promising uniteers for fulltime Christian service. young Choctaw hoys and girls into Bap-tist colleges. This year there are six the expenses for these students, each girls and four young men in Clark College, and one girl in Blue Mountain Christian friends make contributions. College. 1 met several of these fine young people, "week-ending" at home taw Indians lies in the hands of Chris-They were, indeed, a challenging group! tian leaders! Let us pray for them!

unteers for fulltime Christian service.

The hope of the future for the Choc-



She Couldn't **Forget**

By MILDRED DUNN

ans, Mrs. Melvina Roberts packed a few personal possessions, left her comfortable way of life in Oklahoma City.

Her first meeting for the Navajos was few personal possessions, let lief composes and the first meeting for the Navajos was held April 10, 1948, and was attended by fifteen Indians. One family, who had never heard the light of the Navajos, who had never heard the light of the

women in Oklahoma City who knew service. They had one 10-year-old about her work helped care for her daughter who had never been to school. financial needs. Later, the W. M. S. of her home church, the Capitol Hill Bap-last summer, was attended by twenty-

Mrs. Roberts, herself a half Choctaw Indian, had done school work among

BECAUSE she could not forget the spiritual needs of the Navajo Indishe could not feel satisfied knowing of

about Jesus, of His great love for them.

She went on faith. At first a few family came forty miles to attend the

The first Vacation Bible school, held tist Church, gave financial aid, and early one children with two Alaskan Indian 1949 the Home Mission Board apgris present. The average attendance was sixteen, and there were six profes-sions of faith.

In the building provided by the Home Mission Board, Mrs. Roberts now conhe New Mexico Indians, and upon re- ducts a series of services which are vest field of the Lord.

The hardships of living on an Indian reservation in an isolated, barren sec-tion of New Mexico is being endured by one lone woman whose heart was touched by the fact that generation after generation of Navajos was dying without the knowledge of Christ. Her story should warm your heart.

drawing more and more Indians to the

For the women she has week-day gatherings at which she teaches them to sew and how to prepare foods. She also gives them instruction in personal hy giene and simple medical care with, of course. Bible study.

She also has Bible study and work.

shop groups which are well attended by the men, and conducts Bible classes and workshop for the young people and children

Rev. W. F. Woodson, pastor of the

local Anglo church, assists by conducting regular preaching services at the

The greatest need, even more than trained workers, is an interpreter, says Mrs. Roberts, who is praying for more

Upper left Navajo children at V. B. S.

Lower left. Mrs. Roberts with the wife and child of medicine man in front of hogan.

Insert. Navajo family come to Saturday afternoon service.

Lower right. Hogan from which three Indian girls went to All-Indian camp last June. One made profession of faith



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oper: This Navajo mother speaks no English, but spends a half day at a time of the Indian Center with Mrs. Roberts.

Center: Indian Center, Farmington, New Mexico.

lower Living quarters in rear of building. Walls are incomplete, there is ceiling, and it is very cold.

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background is Mrs. S. R. Rivera, teacher.

Talented Indian Won

God continues to manifest himself out here on the desert in Arizona.

How we have asked Him to be with have two small daughters. us in power as we try to witness among our Indian people! Especially had we prayed in behalf of Mrs. Ida Wilson. secretary of the Tribal Council and one of the most influential women on the

Papago reservation.

After coming for a few times to our church services at Sells, she came forward on Sunday morning. December 5 and confessed Christ as her personal Saviour. Then followed many days of rayer, study, and counsel regarding the tter of church membership.

Finally, she was able to say, "I know I want to be hantized and ioin the Ban-

tist church and then help my people to

know Jesus as I know Him."

Mrs. Wilson is herself a Papago and her husband a Delaware Indian They

We expect her to be a great influence for Christ among her own people

Marvin Sorrels Missionary, Papago Indian-

Sells Arizona Kindergarten Children Enjoy Hallowe'en Party

Children of the Mexican kindergar ten which is sponsored by the First Baptist Church of Mission, Texas, and

All of the thirty-seven youngsters enrolled in the classes and several younger brothers and sisters were guests at the party along with their parents. The party was at the home of Mr. and Mrs.

The school, now in its fourth year. not only furnishes a means of teaching the children about God, but serves also to reach the parents.

Mrs S R Rivera Mexican kindergarten worker Mission Texas

Indians Seek Helb From Missionaries

Many Indians are coming to our cen ter for financial and spiritual help

Recently a young Chevenne war ver eran 19 years old came to the center early one morning after spending the night in jail. He was bloody, his head was bandaged and he was a pitiful sight

Almost crying he said, "Mr., will you

fight or receiving a terrible lick on the head. He claimed he was a Christian, but was terribly ashamed of his con-

We prayed for him, bound up his wounds, gave him a Bible, and made arrangements to enter him in the Veterans hospital. The last word this Indian lad said as he left was "Mr., I am awfully grateful you helped me."

Mr. and Mrs. Goodbear were a fine

looking Indian couple who came to us tot help. They had come to our city to abrun work, but their room rent and meals were past due-and "could we help them "

Mrs Goodhear was a Chevenne and he an Arapahoe. She was a Christian, the past several years in south Louisiaughter of a fine Christian woman, but he said "the only religion I know is that

how Jesus died for his sins, and then er at Harlingen, Texas how from the Lord. His wife rejoiced his heart to the Lord. His wife rejoiced verted while on board ship at Iwo Jima.

One hundred and eighty-six Indians called at our Center this month, although we have not as yet gotten the place equipped as we hope. As rapidly as nossible we are adding reading rooms and other things which will be helpful.

F C Rowland Missionary to Indians Oklahoma City, Okla-

New Recruits for Mission Work

with him in his new-found Saviour, and February 20, 1945, has been appointed

they expressed themselves as being missionary-pastor of the Mexican field,

grateful that Baptists have such as In dian Center in Oklahoma City Frey how he had been baptized into the

the Farskin Indian Baptist Church in been appointed to work with the Span-

breath, having had one lung re- to fill the vacancy left by the transfer

vears.

she told me

Among the new missionaries recently starting work under the Home Mission Board are Rev and Mrs. H. H. Peevy who will work among the French at Jeanerette, Louisiana. They have spent ana where he has served as pastor

Miss Esther Canas, a very talented young woman recently out of school. my father, peyote religion."

We read to him the Bible, told him has been appointed kindergarten work-

Rev. Epilanio Salazar, who was con-

ing at Baird. Texas since February.

Rev. and Mrs. Simon Villarreal have

ish at San Jose and Salinas, California,

of Rev Jesus Rios to the new Spanish

work at Los Angeles Brother Villarreal,

who was born in Mexico, has been a

pastor in Texas for the past thirteen

Learn of the Living God

and I saw Jesus and I kissed His feet," a little five-year old girl told me.

"But you can't see Jesus," I said.

"I went to church with my mother

"Yes, He was on a wooden cross,

"But Jesus is not dead on a cross, He

is alive. He is here with us," I insisted.



Mrs. Ida Wilson, talented Papago In-dian, who recently accepted Christ.

"He's in our hearts," a little boy in the kindergarten class added.

These Indian children with whom we work have been taught to believe many things that are not true, but they are happy to learn that there is one true, living God who loves them and is able to keep them safe from all evil powers. Doris Christensen

Missionary to Indians Santa Fe, New Mexico

Appreciate Schools of Missions

It was my privilege to work in Schools of Missions this month. Many expressed genuine delight in such schools. One man thanked me for telling him how church at the age of eleven but had not been a Christian. He has been preachsouth Louisiana. He said he never knew before, and was glad to know so much was being done

The young people, especially students, were interested in the summer program for volunteer workers.

Mrs. L. Grace Thompson Missionary to French Montegut, Louisiana

Many Nationalities Seek the Lord

We have had a splendid month! God blessed in many ways! Eight boys and girls were baptized. One boy is a Bulgarian whose parents are strong Greek Orthodox. Only the power of God caused them to give consent to his being baptized. One girl's mother is Polish and father Russian.

Helen Lambert

Missionary, Granite City, Illinois

Amonthe Missionaries

grateful that Baptists have such an In-

ittended prayer meeting and every serv

show in our city. He was a member of

Ottawa, Canada He was coughing ev-

not doing so well," he said.

ial guidance as well.

oved because of cancer, and the other

We gave him some warm clothing.

me financial help to get him back to

the Canghnowagh Indian Reservation in Quebec, and tried to give him spir-

As he left the center he said, "This

be my last trip, and perhaps I'll not you again here, but we will meet

We were glad to serve this Indian

who reminded us of the old saying. Hetter help four who may not be

worthy than to let one go by who really

of the church until they left town

Another, an old war veteran, a male

irse by trade, found himself left by a 1946

pray for me, will you help me?" First his tale was concerning for the Home Mission Board, enjoyed a play, but then he related how he had Hallowe en party given by their teacher, come to this large city and had been Mrs S R Rivera, and members of the persuaded to take just a "few drinks and finally wound up in fail after

New Missionaries

Miss Esther Canas, Mexican kindergarten, Harlingen, * Texas



Rev. and Mrs. H. H. Peevy, missionaries to French, Jeanerette, Louisiana.









Rev. and Mrs. Simon Villar

real, missionaries to Spanish

in California.

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needs help."

Strange Things Do Happen

By MAJOR J. GRIFFITH CHAPMAN

Southern Baptist Chaplain in Korea

EDUCATION DIRECTORY

Bible to Be Revised

The premier of the Communist Government in North Korea recently appointed a Communist as chairman of the Christian Federation of North Korea and ordered him to revise the Bible along Communistic lines on the grounds that the teachings of the original Bible Christians who opposed the revision South Korea

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New Buddhist Bishops Appointed

Archbishop Fukuda of the Tendai sect of Buddhism in Japan has installed two new bishops recently. The new hishops are Bruno Petzold, 75-year-old German philosopher who has been a resident in Japan for many years, and Major John Brinkley, son of the wellare pro-American. Many preachers and known Captain Brinkley who was adviser to the Japanese Government and which would make the Bible conform founder of the "Japanese Mail" newsto Communist ideology are fleeing to paper. The Major, now a Buddhist bishop, is an officer in the British Occu-

pation Forces in Japan and has been a student of Buddhism since the fire world war

Southern Bantists should be

aware of the trend of our times

in the religious realm. These are

some from among many interest-

ing observations being sent con

stantly by our chaplains stationed

around the world.

Who Is Converting Whom?

An American soldier, a Jew from New York, now in Tokyo, has become a Buddhist and has taken the first order of the Buddhist priesthood. Another American, prominent in the occupation goes regularly to a temple and sits lihours praying before the Buddha young American Christian missional was shocked when he saw white mer worshiping idols in Japan and ex-claimed, "Who is converting whom?"

American Becomes Vice-Press dent of Shinto Sect

The Shimmei no Michi, or Way Faith is a Shinto sect which worship the god Izanagi and the goddess lz. nami, his wife, who are claimed as the creators of the islands of Japan and the oldest ancestors of human beings. It you recite their names every day, you are supposed to attain a state of onenes with the gods. A prominent American has joined this sect and has been made vice-president, according to an an nouncement of the sect headquarters

For many years there has been a

movement in Japan to unite all religions such as Buddhism, Shintoism, and

Christianity. Some Japanese are study

ing the Hible from a new point of view

They insist that the prophecies of John

in Revelation refer to Japan today, and

that Japan will rise on the basis of te-

ligion. The chief priest of Yasukuni, or

the National Shinto Shrine, is very as

During the war a number of Japan

ese Christian pastors tried to harmonize

Shintoism and Christianity and unify all

theology. They identified Amaterasu Omikami or the Sun Goddess of Shin-

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of the Bible. They even identified Jesus Christ and Jimmu Tenno as one and the same person. They claimed Jimmu was the first Emperor of Japan and ascend ed the throne of Japan in 660 B. C.

Before these Christian unionizers got around to explaining to the Japanese people how Jesus could have mounted the throne as Emperor of Japan more than 600 years before He was born, the Americans dropped the atomic bomb thernight the unionizers became good thustians and advocates of "demok-

La Imericans Remember

Unless America is made a Christian nd and Americans are taught the Chostian faith, it is inevitable that many them will succumb to heathenism and idolatry in foreign lands.

l'inless missionaries are well-grounded in the Christian faith and have the ourage to contend for that faith without compromise, it is inevitable that native leaders will mutilate the doctrines of that faith and the day will ome when the Christianity of the Orient will bear little or no relation to that

. This Foreign Missions or Home Missions?

There stood before the missionary a harming Japanese young woman who had wandered into the service alone that Sunday morning in Tokyo. Shyly the approached the missionary, and "Please, sir, will you help me? I m interested in Christianity and would ike to know more about it. I am an unation bride and will leave for the inted States in a few months with my ushand who is an American soldier. "I will be glad to help you," replied the missionary "What is your hus-band's religion?"

Oh, sir," she answered, "my husand has no religion and I am seeking chgion for both of us."

Sadly the missionary pondered the oblem as he asked himself, "Which eathen shall I try to win first, this one burn in Japan or the one born and reared in an American home?"

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Born in Yokum, Texas, Brother Bel lamy was educated in Quanah High School and Decatur Bantist College He prepared himself as a teacher and for even years was superintendent of the Locket Schools in Texas

Among his pastorates were Pleasant Grove, North Groesbeck, Fargo, and Putnam City

In denominational work Brother Bel lamy has served as associational moderator and clerk. He has been president of the Oklahoma City Baptist pastors' conference. For some time he served as an independent evangelist and for many years as general missionary of the Oklahoma Baptist General Convention

Brother Bellamy has manifested an abiding interest in work among the Ne groes wherever he has served.

"Believe It or Not"

The number seven seems to have played an important part in his life, as was noted by Robert Ripley in his "Beheve It or Not" column. It read:

"7th child in a family of 7 boys, and name has 7 letters in it During the World War 1, in the 7th Division, 7th Brigade, 7th Ammunition Train, 7th Section, 7th Sqdn., 7th man, General's Car No. 7777, and spent 7 months in the Army of Occupation. Supt. of Locket Schools for 7 years. The 7th pastor of Putnam City Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Served 7 full years. Came to Oklahoma City on the 7th day of September Observed 7th Anniversary on the 7th day of September Dr E. C. Routh, whose name has letters, spoke that day on the number of 7's in the Bible Had 7 additions on his farewell Sunday. Spoke at the Shi-loh Baptist Church (Colored) on the 7th Anniversary of their pastor. Took

offering and raised \$777.77." Secretary Bellamy will arrive in Atanta sometime during the month of February to make his home in the headquarters city of the Home Mission



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We were happy to have the opportunity of speaking to nineteen Indians and four white people at our Monday night meeting conducted in the First Baptist Church of Taos (Anglo).

not know their tribal lineage. However, they have a beautiful Bap tist church where about one hundred and fifty came to hear me preach. Although this Indian church is seventy-five years old. the people in Richmond. Virginia, had

Mr. Mirabal was very interested in this story and asked many questions. He then told me of a band of Taos Indians who years ago left their tribe rather than rebuild a Catholic church, which they were being forced to

never heard of it.

do, and went toward hought these were descendants of this

same group.
Later, Mr. Mirabal's son-in-law, Mike Revna, a Catholic but friendly with me, told me that his grandfather was keenly interested in this group of Indians. I am going to make further

HAVE never witnessed such victo- investigations. This incident may prove ries for Christ among the Indians as a providential point of contact with an influential family among the Taos In-

> The night before I arrived at Santa Ana, Mrs. Rose Naranjo, one of sixteen Indians who are members of the white church at Espanola, volunteered to be come a missionary to her own people On the night I was there we had a service in her home on the pueblo which was attended, among others, by the interpreter for the governor and his wif: These two seemed interested and were encouraging to us.

We had another experience at this place which warmed our hearts. We visited in the home of Mrs. Cracker Garcia who promised to attend ou service the next night. Her husband At Taos I also met and conversed was away on a hunting trip, but he with Jim Mirabal and told him about a came home unexpectedly and she in group of Indians I had visited in North Carolina and Virginia who said they did my message. He came, and with him

two Mescalero Anaservice Mr. Garcia rededicated his life t the Lord and prom ised he would remain faithful even though to cost him much. He ale of his tribe were going to force him to be church governo and if they do he will be required to urge people to attend the Catholic services. He was in deep distress and asked me for private conference He asked me what he should do. I urged him to resist doing that

which was against his the rising sun. He said they were head- conscience. He promised he would, and ed toward the Atlantic Ocean. He we are instituting a cycle of prayer that God will keep him strong, and help him to stand against this temptation. I wish wife is a fine Christian woman, and we are hoping they will soon join our church.

Rev. Seferiño Jojola, one of our out

standing Inuian preachers, was conducting a revival meeting with the Sandia Indians at Bernalillo, and the night Larrived every adult person present accepted Christ as Saviour including the daughter of the chief and Tony White Cloud, a nationally known athlete. Mr. White Cloud is himself a Jemez Indian, but his wife is a Sandia. I was particularly interested in his conversion because of a picture which I had of him. but which I did not know until that night was a picture of any real person. The picture had been painted by a young Indian boy and given to me several years ago. I had kept it in appreciation of its artistic value, not knowing it was a likeness of anyone I would ever

Since leaving Bernalillo, I have had a letter from Rev. Lee Roebuck, missionary there, telling that he had been invited to the chief's home for a feast. It was this man's daughter who had been converted. Since he is a Catholic, this chief had previously maintained an attitude of indifference to Missionary Rochtick.

These are only some of the experiences I had while on tour of our Indian ork, but serve to show that more and more the Indians in New Mexico are urning toward the Christ and His gospel Pray with us that this tide may

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Rev. Grady O. Watson, who during ther Watson served through the First Baptist Church as minister to the deaf while he attended the New Orleans Seminary. Later he moved to Newton, Mississippi, where he attended Clark College.

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the Home Mission Board The Board extended an invitation to group at a luncheon session at which licly his appreciation of his business as- progress of the kingdom sociate. In presenting Mr. Rauschenberg to the Board members, the presid-

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in this field of service, and will forward steps in behalf of juvenile delinquents

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ican brother, we brought several of the people from El Gato mission to the service which I was conducting at my Alamo Mission. That night some of those people confessed Jesus Christ as their Saviour and five were later haptized into the Anglo Baptist church at San Juan, Texas. These, the first ones at El Gato to be baptized, have been faithful to the Lord.

El Gato is a place where the Catholic priest visits the homes and tells the families that they cannot come to the Baptist mission. Now on the doors of some homes we find signs which read "We do not allow Protestant propa-ganda, we are Catholics."

Nevertheless, we conduct services each Thursday night and Sunday afteracquired

One Thursday night we drove to El Gato for our regular service. The little

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The reader may not agree with the author, but will be made to think on the question of church union versus



El Gato Mission. Young man third from left drove nails in tires of missionary's car. Later was converted.

house was full, and joyfully we began in a happy frame of mind.

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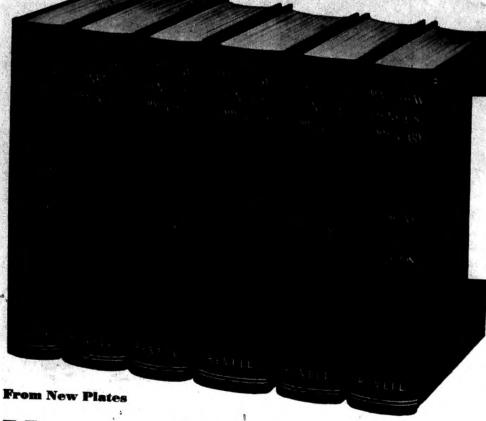
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