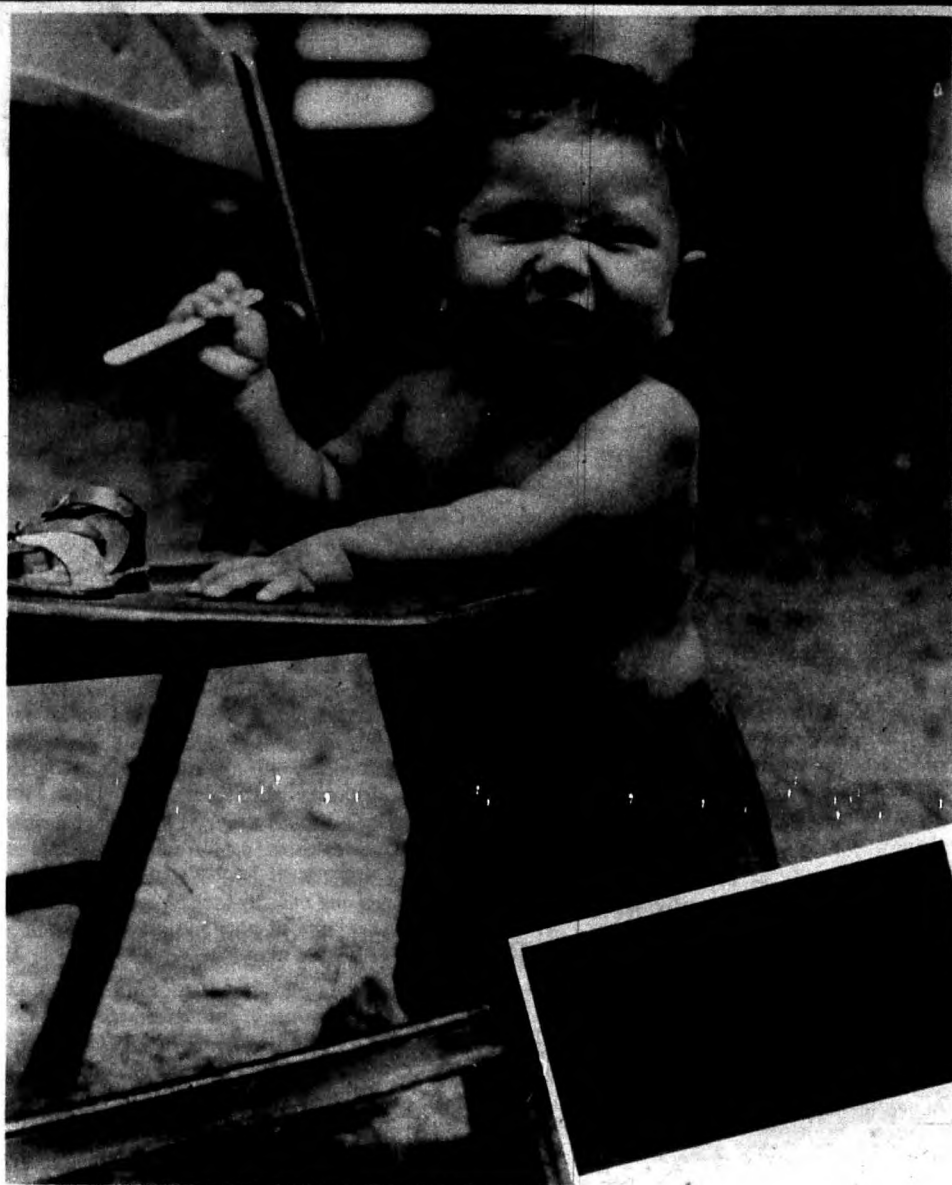


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NEWS

Fifty Men on a Mountaintop

Los Angeles Association pastors, under the direction of Chairman Dale D. Huffman, recently held a pastors' retreat in Modjeska Canyon in planning for the annual simultaneous revival. The purpose of the meeting was for prayer, fellowship, and planning for the crusade. Chairman Huffman reports that the annual retreat serves to unite the pastors and to inspire them for their work.

Church Has Envious Record

During the twenty-six years that Dr. R. G. Lee has served the Bellevue Baptist Church of Memphis, Tennessee, as pastor, 19,039 members have come into the fellowship of the church. This record was made from December, 1927 through April 18, 1954. The present membership of the church is 9,053.

New WMS Organized

During the early part of April the women of Pojoaque, New Mexico, an Indian village near Santa Fe, were quite busy preparing for their first all-Indian Woman's Missionary Society.

Mrs. Michael Naranjo, native missionary, and eight faithful Christian women meet weekly in the home of one of the women of that village. Plans are being made in which the women from the First Baptist Church of Los Alamos will help these Indian women in this circle.

To Speak At Glorieta

Miss Edith Stokely, Community Missions Chairman for the Woman's Missionary Union of the South, will speak at the conference on Jewish work at Glorieta during Home Mission Week, July 15-21.

Plan World Missions Conference

Texas Baptists are planning a World Missions Conference to be held at the Will Rogers Coliseum in Ft. Worth, March 21 through 23, 1955. They hope this will be one of the largest and most far-reaching mission conferences ever held. State, home, and foreign mission work will be presented. Outstanding missionaries and mission

leaders will be speakers at the conference. Conferences and displays will also be used to get the mission message to the hearts of the people.

A businessmen's seminar will be held on the Friday preceding the conference and the annual student mission conference will be held at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary during the week end. The theme of the conference will be, "Go ye into all the world."

Dr. Courts Redford, executive secretary-treasurer of the Home Mission Board, will be one of the speakers.

Missions Conference in Florida

An associational missions conference was held in Panama City, Florida, May 16 which was attended by about 300 people. Every pastor in the association except one was present. Dr. Courts Redford, executive secretary-treasurer of the Home Mission Board and Dr. Baker James Cauthen, executive secretary of the Foreign Mission Board were among the speakers.

Dr. Redford Honored

During Oklahoma Baptist University's fortieth commencement exercises on May 29, the honorary doctor's degree was awarded to Courts Redford, executive secretary-treasurer of the Home Mission Board. Dr. Redford is an alumnus of OBU. Others receiving the honorary doctor's degree at the same time were E. F. Hallock, pastor of First Church, Norman, Oklahoma, and Ferman Phillips, executive secretary of the Oklahoma Education Association and a Baptist layman.

The school also took this occasion to observe the twentieth anniversary of Dr. John W. Raley's services as president of the institution.

First California Church To Reach Over Thousand in Sunday School

The First Southern Baptist Church of Bakersfield, California, of which Dale Huffman is pastor, closed a successful revival meeting on April 18. Dr. Jack W. Manning, associate professor of Evangelism at the Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Berkeley, was the evangelist.

High attendance day in the Sunday

school brought a record attendance of 1,100. This marked the first time in the history of Southern Baptists in California when a church entered the thousand bracket in Sunday school. The former high attendance for this church was 777 achieved in a revival meeting last fall. The Training Union attendance in the revival reached 323.

There were fifty-two decisions in the campaign. Twenty-seven came into the church by baptism, seventeen by letter and statement. Eight made professions who did not join the church. More than 1,200 people attended the worship services on the closing Sunday morning. Both auditoriums were filled to capacity and many people were listening from the lawn over a loud speaker. Many were turned away for lack of seating facilities.

Mission Building Finished

The First Mexican Baptist Church of Corpus Christi, Texas, which is a member of the Corpus Christi Baptist Association, recently finished a \$25,000.00 mission building at its own expense. It is sponsoring the mission and receiving a salary supplement from the state board.

The First Mexican Baptist Church has been helped by the Home Mission Board for many years and its pastor, Rev. J. E. Gonzalez, now receives his retirement through the Home Mission Board.

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From the Pen of

John Caylor



UNDERSTANDING AND SHARING

RECENTLY Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold, of the United Nations, in a brief address before the Associated Church Press in New York City, used the two words "understanding and sharing" as definitive of the program of United Nations. The executive assistant, Andrew W. Cordier, in the same setting, said among other things: "An important field of United Nations service is in mediation and conciliation." The two couplets of words are very important. The former is positive; the latter is negative. The first couplet is idealistic; the second is practical.

If understanding and sharing are important in international relations they are doubly important in the spiritual realm. Mr. Hammarskjold emphasized the necessity for understanding among nations. With varied backgrounds and cultures representatives of governments and civilizations are a diverse group. Understanding is necessary. Words do not mean the same to speakers and hearers or to writers and readers because the background is different. But an understanding can be had when sympathetic representatives try to get the point of view of their neighbors.

The secretary general emphasized the importance of the spiritual element in the councils of United Nations. Men must rise above the convenience of compromise as expressed in mediation and conciliation and understand one another on the basis of ideals and principles.

In the United States or in the United Nations the best meeting ground for a common understanding is in Christ. The secretary general believes that Christian principles ought to govern United Nations' actions. What a message of hope to the world!

In the home, in the church, between individuals, among groups, if the basis of understanding is Christ, we shall all know the truth and the truth will make us free. Understanding is not all that is necessary: the responsibility of sharing is just as important. Those who know Christ ought to share him with the world. Our mission is to know and to share Christ.

THE COUNTRY CHURCH

The May meeting of the Long-Range Rural Church Conference in Georgia has focused attention upon the rural church. The fact that eighty per cent of the churches of the Southern Baptist Convention are considered rural churches means that the country church is an important part of the Southern Baptist Convention. The long-range program is crystallizing the efforts of Southern Baptists in reaching and revitalizing rural churches.

"Everybody talked about it but nobody did anything about it," said one of the rural missionaries as he spoke of Baptist concern for the rural church twenty years ago. Now it is different. Not only does the Home Mission Board through its rural church work seek to reach the country church with a revitalized program but every agency of the Southern Baptist Convention has a keen interest in the country church. The Home Mission Board, the Sunday School Board, Woman's Missionary Union, the Brotherhood, the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, colleges, and seminaries are united in their interest in rural America. All these agencies are co-operating in the promotion of the Long-Range Rural Church Program. Goals for twenty-five years are set up by the Long-Range Committee. Somebody is doing something about it now.

"I was converted through the ministry of a country church," was said by most of the speakers in the Rural Church Conference. As significant as the background of so many interested in the rural church at this time is, the unique fact remains that the chairman of the Long-Range Committee and of the committee to prepare literature on the rural church, Dr. Chester A. Quarles, state secretary of Mississippi, was reared in the city, converted in the city and ministered in the city practically all of his life. His only direct connection with country churches before becoming secretary of Mississippi Baptists, and thereby the servant of many rural Baptists, was in summer student work. This fact is pointed out to show that it is not just the person who was reared in the country who may be interested in or able to serve the rural church program, but all of us may have part in it. One thing on which all Southern Baptists are united is the importance of the rural church and the determination to do something about it.

July, 1954

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THE FIRST Long-Range Rural Church Conference, an outgrowth of a number of regional rural church conferences held in connection with seminaries, was successfully consummated in the First Baptist Church, of Decatur (Atlanta), Georgia, the second week in May. The program was inspirational and promotional.

Attendance at the Long-Range Conference was approximately twelve hundred. Representatives of all Convention agencies interested in the rural church and missionaries and pastors from rural areas were both in attendance and on the program.

Long-Range Rural Program

Those in attendance on the conference constituted themselves into a body and adopted definite recommendations concerning the future. One resolution was to the effect that the Long-Range Rural Church Conference become an integral part of the Long-Range Rural Church Program and, therefore, that the Long-Range Committee be given the responsibility of planning and promoting future conferences. A subcommittee was appointed on literature for the Long-Range Program with Chester A. Quarles as chairman and S. F. Dowis and Eldred Taylor as members. It was agreed that responsibility for promoting the program would be worked out primarily by the Home Mission Board in co-operation with the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, the Sunday School Board, the Brotherhood, Woman's

Missionary Union, and the Education Commission.

Program Committee Named

The program committee for the five-year period was constituted with Chester A. Quarles as chairman and Jake Edmunds, S. F. Dowis, T. B. Maston, Sam Scanlan, Carl Clark, and Roy McCullough as members.

The 1955 Rural Church Conference is to be held at Ridgecrest, North Carolina, June 16-22.

Definite Goals Outlined

A ten-point goal for the next five years was set forth as follows:

To increase the number of four-star rural churches to 5,000.

At least fifty per cent of part-time rural churches moving up to a larger pastoral ministry.

At least a thousand rural churches enlarging their building facilities and a similar number providing pastors' homes.

At least fifty per cent of rural churches operating on annual budgets and making monthly contributions to world missions through the Cooperative Program.

Every rural church having at least one revival meeting a year and reporting baptisms annually.

At least 1,250 rural churches constituted or reactivated.

At least six thousand rural pastors, other than students of colleges and seminaries,

participating in "in-service training" sponsored by our denomination.

Every rural pastor and church participating in a retirement plan of the Relief and Annuity Board.

At least 5,000 more rural churches with the state Baptist paper in the budget.

Every association ministered to by a missionary.

The twenty-five-year goals were as follows:

All rural pastors adequately trained and supported, living in the community, and giving entire time to the field.

Each church properly located, having adequate grounds and facilities.

Every rural church seeking to make the greatest possible contribution in lifting the level of the total life of the community.

Every rural church teaching the Bible plan of stewardship; giving a percentage of its total budget to missions through the Cooperative Program and increasing that percentage each year.

The expansion of rural work to make a church accessible to the people of every community in our Convention area.

Co-operating with minority groups, such as Indians, Spanish-speaking, and Negroes, in the development of their rural churches and mission stations.

Having all our colleges and seminaries include in their curricula specialized courses in community life and development and practical training of rural leadership.



Long-Range Rural Church Committee consisting of (left to right): L. G. Frey, Tennessee; James A. Howard, South Carolina; J. E. Berkstresser, Alabama; E. L. Spivey, North Carolina; W. T. Edwards, Alabama; Martin J. Gilbert, Mississippi; Eldred M. Taylor, Kentucky; S. F. Dowis, Georgia.

New Horizons

By Mrs. L. F. Maynard
Missionary to Negroes
Mobile, Alabama

FOR MANY YEARS there has been in Mobile, Alabama, a co-operative work of white and Negro Baptists for the training of leadership for Negro Baptist churches. This work was begun by a white Baptist minister, Rev. S. D. Montee, who was followed in 1945 by Rev. and Mrs. L. F. Maynard, also white.

Both of these consecrated ministers prayed often and earnestly that a good location with adequate building and equipment for the work might be provided. Although neither of the ministers lived to see it, Baptists of Mobile remembered them and their prayers as the initial services were held recently in a beautiful and well-equipped new Baptist Fellowship Center at 310 North Lafayette Street, in Mobile.

The building, a large brick structure, freshly renovated and remodeled, was provided by Negro Baptists, who through the years have been gathering funds in anticipation of this day. The Anglo WMU organizations added many items for the completion of furnishings and decoration as well as comfort and convenience.

For the opening services those especially invited to attend were the officers of the four colored and one white Baptist associations, together with all Baptist ministers and their wives. The house was overflowing with an enthusiastic crowd. They made a great picture of Christian fellowship in their well-balanced numbers from the various groups.

Rev. A. D. Simpson, the moderator of Mobile Baptist Association, presided. Rev. H. S. Souls, Mobile Baptist promotional

secretary, and other ministers and moderators of the different associations had part in the Scripture reading, music, and prayers.

Miss Alma Hunt, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist WMU was present to speak of her interest and extend encouragement. Dr. W. R. Griggs, director of the Negro work in Louisiana, and others spoke of deep appreciation and best wishes for increased service.

There were remarks from J. H. Kittrell, Sr., chairman of the building committee; Rev. H. H. Smith, president of the Negro group presenting equipment; and from Mrs. L. F. Maynard, Home Board missionary and director of the center. Miss Jewel Morrisette, Home Board missionary in New Orleans, sang: "Bless This House." Dr. C. L. McAllister, president of Selma Baptist University, spoke of the Selma University extension work done in this and other centers.

The highlight of the occasion was the presence and message of Dr. Guy Bellamy, secretary of Negro work for the Home Mission Board. He brought a challenge for advance which met with a hearty response from the people.

A day of enlargement and advance has come for the strengthening of the Lord's cause through leadership development in the Negro Baptist churches of our deep-South section.

We would say with the Psalmist: "This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes" (Psa. 118:23).

"And They Sat Near The Front..."

Dr. Dick H. Hall, Jr.
Pastor, First Baptist Church
Decatur, Georgia

One of the greatest blessings that has ever come to the First Baptist Church of Decatur was the privilege of being host church to the first Convention-wide Rural Church Conference sponsored by the Home Mission Board and held with us on May 11-14.

They were the most gracious and appreciative crowd to be found anywhere. There was not heard one word of criticism or of impatience even though with a large group there are of necessity some delays and inconveniences.

Our people will never forget the privilege of having these brethren in our homes. Their presence brought the blessing that we expected. The benediction of their prayers and the memory of their fellowship will linger on.

One thing was noted that was unusual in our modern day church life. This was that they sat near the front. The scattering seats were always in the back rather than in the front. It was very refreshing to have to search to find a front seat rather than the reverse.

The First Baptist Church of Decatur desires to thank the Home Mission Board for the privilege of entertaining the conference and assure all of those who came that we shall cherish the memory of their visit and pray God's blessings on their work.



Women of the WMU of First Baptist Church, Staunton, Virginia, meet to plan campaign against liquor and beer advertisements.

We Don't Like It and Are Saying So

W.M.U. Circle
Theme Program

By Mrs. Sheele Kelley

Member Woman's Missionary Union
Staunton, Virginia

WE ARE HAPPY we can own and enjoy radio and television, but we feel that along with the good a vicious evil is infiltrating our homes.

Educators tell us that seventy per cent of the permanent impressions on young people are made through the eye; thus television advertising is more effective than advertising through other media by reason of its appeal through the eye as well as the ear. That is why the women of the Woman's Missionary Union of the First Baptist Church of Staunton, Virginia, are engaging in a concerted effort to rid their homes of an evil influence which has long been exerting an unwholesome effect upon the youth of our land.

This campaign is particularly designed to combat the attractive, glamorous, interesting, eye- and ear-appealing beer and wine advertisements.

These advertisers have cunningly planned their ads so as to catch the interest of the innocent youth who watch television or listen to favorite radio programs. Young people are introduced to alcoholic beverages through the tie in of beer-casting with broadcasting of sports events.

Through radio these advertisements are heard in practically all our American

homes (42,000,000), and with the increase of televising will be doubling the effectiveness of its appeal. The commercial interest of the alcoholic beverage trade seem determined to sell their products irrespective of its devastating effects on the people of our nation.

Someone has said that today is sure preparation for tomorrow and all the tomorrows that follow. What, then, can we expect of the future of our nation if our youth are exposed to pressure such as this day by day? It is a well-known fact that our young people spend several hours each day watching television and listening to radio.

We firmly believe this insidious advertising is a contributing factor to the rising juvenile delinquency, crime, and immorality among teenagers and young men and women.

Backed by these convictions, the women of the WMU of First Church, Staunton, Virginia, have been spurred into corrective action. Individuals are writing letters to all radio and television networks protesting the use of these commercials and it is hoped Baptist men and women everywhere will be aroused to see the harm being done daily to many who are not strong enough to resist the appeal of such

ads, and join in the campaign to do something about it.

The Christians in our land whose names are on church rolls control seventy-nine

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Mrs. C. Jackson Holt, WMU president, with her protests to radio and television networks and magazine editors for liquor and beer advertisements which she considers harmful.

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Mission and Omission

By Paul Rogosin

Missionary to Russian-Speaking
Los Angeles, California

I HAVE JUST RETURNED from one month's missionary trip through the Pacific Northwest including California, Oregon, and Washington.

Words fail to describe the feelings that searched my heart as I saw the spiritual needs and studied the possibilities of this new untouched field—white and ready for harvest. The Russian, Ukrainian, Polish, and other slavic colonies—part of many cities of the West Coast—are urgently calling for a Southern Baptist ministry.

Following the Master's "two-by-two" method, I invited Brother Rodion Beresov to be my companion, which opportunity he enthusiastically accepted. Mr. Beresov—one of my converts—is a well-known Russian writer and poet, author of many books. This companionship proved to be from the Lord. By bearing his wonderful testimony of conversion and by reciting his new spiritual poetry, Brother Beresov prepared an excellent atmosphere for my messages. In many instances, where the people did not know our gospel songs and had no hymnals, Brother Beresov and I sang a duet. The singing was out of the depths of our hearts and everybody liked it. In one place an old lady came to us after the meeting, gave us \$10.00, and asked us to make a record of our song. She wanted to send it to one of her relatives in a province. This case did show us a new possibility of ministry—namely, recording of gospel messages and gospel songs and sending them to many of those isolated, lonely, shut-in individuals who cannot be reached with the good news of salvation otherwise.

Kerman, California, was the first stop on our mission trip. This town is situated sixteen miles west of Fresno and is considered to be a Russian center. A good number of Russian families are living in the town proper, but the majority are scattered around on the farms and vineyards. Here they have one Greek Orthodox Church, two assemblies of so-called "Molokans" and "Dukhobors" and also a group of Russian Baptists—eight members.

We conducted two meetings, each attended by about fifteen people. This band of Christians is trying to bear testimony before the worldly folk and was in need of God's message of encouragement and exhortation.

The chief need of the Kerman group is a small hall in the town itself. The place of worship which they are using now is located in the country, far away from those who do regularly attend. They also need someone to come and conduct a revival campaign, to shake the little town

and to establish the work on solid Baptist ground.

God has done his part by giving to us the greatest message ever proclaimed—the free and full gospel of his Son. To reach, with this wonder-working message, those mortals in Kerman is our mission. The sense of an omission will face us if we fail to do it.

Sacramento, California, was the next city we visited. Thousands of Russians are living in this city and suburban areas. There are two or three Greek Orthodox churches in the area and also two Russian Baptist churches with a combined membership of about sixty-five. Two years ago there was only one Baptist church, but on the arrival of a new D.P. from Europe, the original church was split. In spite of such a bitter fact, both churches extended to us a very hearty welcome. Brother Beresov did captivate the hearts of the people. They all liked very much our testimony, singing, and preaching. Both

churches were in need of the message on reconciliation. The person who caused the split is out of the picture now and there is a strong reason to expect that the misled groups will soon return to the original church which is affiliated with the Southern Baptist Association in Sacramento. In both places we had four meetings and distributed fourteen Russian Bibles. On the day of departure, an elderly Russian lady said to us: "I cannot express in words what these meetings have meant to me . . . thank you . . . come again."

At San Francisco, California, our next stop, we found a city which counts among its inhabitants 60,000 Russians. It may be called the capital of Displaced Persons on the West Coast.

The one Baptist church is not well located. It is too far from the actual Russian colony of San Francisco. Members of the church find it difficult to attend. However, several months ago a new

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Why I Am For the 1955 Simultaneous Crusade of Evangelism

By J. C. Canipe
Secretary of Evangelism, North Carolina

I AM FOR THE 1955 Crusade of Evangelism because I believe this idea was born in heaven and revealed to Southern Baptist leaders on earth by divine guidance. The idea of a Southwide or Nation-wide Simultaneous Crusade of Evangelism came out of prayer and thoughtful searching of God's will for Southern Baptists at this critical hour in the life of our world.

God has through the centuries chosen leaders and revealed his will to them and moved them to reach the masses. Instances of this are: Moses and Aaron, the Old Testament prophets, the apostles of the early church, and the great preachers in church history. Let us pray that Southern Baptists will follow their spiritual leaders in this Crusade better than the people did in many instances in Bible and church history. The Children of Israel could have reached the Promised Land forty years sooner had they followed their spiritual leaders.

I am for the 1955 Simultaneous Crusade of Evangelism, in the second place, because of the dire and desperate need of every man for Jesus and his redemption in our modern world. Man has come to the end of his row; he has tried in vain to meet his needs with things, gadgets, and materials, all the while groping in the dark and growing desperately worse. The recent chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission said, "We hold something in our hands that we are afraid to hold, and we are afraid to turn it loose. Can't you people who have charge of the moral and spiritual forces come to our rescue in this desperate hour?" What a plaintive and pitiful cry from the voice of a leading scientist!! Can we Christians hear and heed it!!!

Stripped of all artificialities, all men

have the same needs. Our first and greatest need is God. That may not be what men want, but that is now, and has always been, man's greatest need. We need him in life, in death at the great judgment, and throughout unending eternity. Without God, men plunge day by day into deeper darkness and despair while, at the same time, they toy with the secrets of life and death. A nurse asked her dying patient, "Sir, what do you need now?" He gasped his last breath saying, "I need God now."

I believe in the 1955 Simultaneous Crusade of Evangelism because men without Christ are lost—hopelessly lost in this world and in the world to come. If I did not believe this, I would never preach another sermon. This is the verdict of the Bible and the experience of men throughout the ages. We are told that there are two billion four hundred million people in the world, and only seven hundred and fifty million of these know anything about Christ or make any pretense of being Christian, this in the light of two thousand years of the gospel of Jesus Christ. Only about half of the people in these United States belong to the churches, and only God knows how many even of them are real Christians.

In spite of this, it seems, under providential guidance, God has raised up America for a special purpose in this world, and in America God has raised up Southern Baptists for a specific purpose and work! I believe our divine mission in this world is to evangelize America and, through America, the world. To this end, God put this idea of a Nation-wide Simultaneous Crusade of Evangelism in the hearts and minds of Southern Baptists. May God Almighty through his Holy Spirit

lead Southern Baptists to preach, testify, and witness for Jesus to every lost person in this land in the great Nation-wide Simultaneous Crusade of Evangelism in 1955.

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When Jimmie came to Help Us

By Mrs. E. C. Branch
Missionary to the Indians
Lakeside, Arizona



IT WAS A COLD, windy Friday afternoon here in the mountains, and Jimmie Begaye shivered a little at the change from the Phoenix desert as he stepped from Rev. Gene Pugh's car, waved good-by, and turned to greet us.

Jimmie, a Navajo Indian ministerial student attending Grand Canyon College, had come to preach for the Apache Mission while Missionary E. C. Branch was away in a School of Missions.

After visiting some of our Apache people in Showlow, we hurried home to what was to be for Jimmie Begaye a busy and unusual week end. We were grateful for his willingness and enthusiasm. Nothing was too difficult for him to attempt or too uncomfortable to erase his smile.

On Saturday we visited the Navajo families working at the lumber mill and Jimmie invited them to the services. We took an Apache mother to the hospital and visited others of our people including little Geneva Altaha, three days old. Back at home again, Terry and I decided belatedly to mimeograph church bulletins for our services. Jimmie agreed to sing for us as well as to preach, and to teach the Young People's class also.

Sunday's rush is caused by the complication of getting our people to services. I drove the bus to Indian Pine where Mr. Camp, a mission-minded layman from the McNary Church, and Terry took it on down to White River to get our people as Mr. Branch does each Sunday. Brother Begaye drove our car and I drove Mr.

Camp's car to pick up those from Showlow. All this began before noon in order to arrive at the church in McNary by two o'clock. The Showlow group arrives before the bus in order to get the material ready in the classrooms for Sunday school.

As the bus rolled into the church yard, I noticed that the commercial bus driver from White River had followed it in and I went out to talk with him. He is a minor part of our problems here, complaining that we are free competition for him and that if these people did not go to church they would be riding his bus, etc. I left him, still complaining, to begin Sunday school.

In spite of the confusion caused by the bus driver, services went smoothly. Our people had looked forward to Brother Begaye's coming. They listened eagerly as he sang and gave his testimony and then proclaimed God's Word. After the sermon two people came trusting Christ as their Saviour, and five rededicated their lives to the Lord. "It was wonderful," Eliza Burnette said after the service. "When can he come again?" many asked.

Hurriedly we gathered our materials, straightened and swept the church for the Anglo services to be held that night, packed everyone into the cars, and retraced the twenty miles back to Showlow and then home, arriving just before the bus got back from White River. Then-ah! then we prepared food, the first we had had since breakfast.

After a few moments of relaxation we again climbed in the car and drove to

Showlow that Jimmie might meet Mr. Pugh and begin the 200-mile trip back down to Phoenix and college, arriving possibly about 1:30 Monday morning.

I tried inadequately to express our appreciation to him for all he had done in the course of "filling the pulpit," but he brushed it aside, saying that he had "liked it all."

We thanked God for this young Indian who had turned from the study of engineering to answer God's call to take Christ to his people, and our prayer is that more Indian young people will step out on God's promises and give their lives to be used of him.

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Officers of the Regional Baptist Convention organized recently at Denver, Colorado. (Left to right) S. W. Driggers, clerk; Paul N. Jolly, vice-president; Garland Howard, president; Mrs. L. A. Watson, WMU president; and Roy Sutton, Brotherhood president.

Western Churches Form Regional Convention

By Mildred Dunn

THE FIRST REGIONAL Baptist convention, sponsored by the Baptist General Convention of Arizona, was held at the Denver Temple Baptist Church, Denver, Colorado, May 3-5, 1954.

Sending representatives to this convention were churches from Wyoming, Montana, South Dakota, North Dakota, and Colorado. All Southern Baptist affiliated churches in that area were requested to send messengers to the meeting and 348 were registered.

The convention program was under the direction of Dr. Willis J. Ray, executive secretary of the Arizona Baptist Convention, and his associates. Southern Baptist churches in that area are affiliated with

the Arizona convention.

Dr. Courts Redford, executive secretary-treasurer of the Home Mission Board, who spoke to the group, considers this an important and significant step since it "helps establish fellowship among the churches of that area and points the way to the time when these respective churches may be organized into a state convention." According to Dr. Redford, it is contemplated that the Colorado Baptist Convention will be constituted the latter part of 1955.

Dr. S. F. Dowis of the Co-operative Missions Department of the Home Board, who also spoke on the program, was highly pleased with the meeting because of its fellowship and harmony. Dr. Dowis pointed

out that this regional convention is not to have paid employees or boards or agencies, but the churches in this convention will continue to be affiliated with the Arizona Baptist Convention and be served by its leaders.

Other Southwide representatives attending this conference included: Dr. Porter Routh of the Executive Committee, Dr. C. C. Warren, vice-president of Southern Baptist Convention, Dr. J. M. Crowe of the Sunday School Board, and Dr. Alton Reed of the Relief and Annuity Board. These brethren brought messages of information and inspiration to the group.

The statement of purpose of the regional convention was adopted as follows: "The



Some of the leaders and speakers attending the Regional Baptist Convention at Denver, Colorado.



Three hundred and forty-eight representatives of Southern Baptist churches attended the recent Regional Baptist Convention in Denver, Colorado.

purpose of a regional convention including the following states—Wyoming, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Colorado—is to provide opportunity for fellowship and to promote understanding and co-operation of the constituent churches, with the total program of the state and Southern Baptist Convention."

Dr. Garland Howard of Casper, Wyoming, was elected president of the convention. To serve with him were the following officers: Rev. Paul N. Jolly, Grand Junction, Colorado, vice-president; Dr. S. W. Driggers, Denver, Colorado, clerk; Brown

Hudson, Colorado Springs, Colorado, Sunday school superintendent; Richard Peacock, Glendive, Montana, Training Union director; Mrs. L. A. Watson, Denver, Colorado, WMU president; and Rev. Roy Sutton, Denver, Colorado, Brotherhood president.

A number of Convention-wide leaders were present for the meeting and echoes from the field were brought by Rev. O. R. Delmar, Billings, Montana; Rev. Carl H. Johnson, Sheridan, Wyoming; Rev. L. A. Watson, Denver, Colorado; Dr. L. H. Roseman, Rapid City, South Dakota; and Rev.

Paul N. Jolly, Grand Junction, Colorado.

The week of November 22-26, 1954, was chosen as the next meeting date for the convention and Denver Temple Church, Denver, Colorado, as the place of meeting.

There was also a meeting of the group in a regional conference at Salt Lake City. Representatives attended from the churches in Utah, Idaho, and Nevada. It was deemed wise to postpone the organization of the regional convention in Salt Lake City for another year, and to ask the Arizona State Convention to provide a regional convention program for them in 1955.

Brotherhood to Help in Evangelistic Crusade

By James M. Sapp
Associate Secretary
Brotherhood Commission

A half-million cottage prayer services is the goal of Brotherhood leaders in preparation for the 1955 Simultaneous Evangelistic Crusade. Preliminary talks were held this week in Memphis prior to preparation of materials for Brotherhood leadership across the convention.

Dr. C. E. Matthews, superintendent of Evangelism of the Home Mission Board and leader of the crusade, and Miss Edith Stokely, community missions chairman of Woman's Missionary Union, met with Dr. George W. Schroeder, executive secretary of the Brotherhood Commission and David T. Mashburn and James M. Sapp, his associates, to begin initial planning.

The WMU has been asked to promote the cottage prayer services in churches which do not have Brotherhoods.

Plans call for leading Southern Baptist churches to conduct at least one cottage prayer service for every fifteen families prior to the revival emphasis in 1955.



Leaders plan for nation-wide evangelistic crusade. (Left to right) A. V. Washburn, C. E. Matthews, George Schroeder, James Sapp and Miss Edith Stokely.



Committee on evangelism, Oklahoma County Baptist Association, planning simultaneous revival crusades through 1960.

Simultaneous Revivals In Oklahoma County

By A. L. Lowther

Superintendent of Missions
Oklahoma County Association

THE SIMULTANEOUS revival program had its beginning in Oklahoma County in 1944. Perhaps the one man who was more responsible for it than any other was Dr. J. Howard Williams, then pastor of the First Baptist Church, Oklahoma City. A committee, headed by Dr. Williams, invited the Negro churches to join in the campaign, and the first year fifty-five white and Negro churches participated.

This first effort was such an outstanding success and was so well received, by both the white and Negro Baptists of Oklahoma County, that there seemed to be a spontaneous desire on the part of all to continue this successful method and make it an annual affair.

The 1954 crusade, directed by Dr. C. E. Matthews, Home Board superintendent of Evangelism, was by far the best from the standpoint of churches participating and

additions. Under his direction, the programs at the fellowship breakfasts were conducted as seminars. Experienced speakers were selected to lead in discussing different phases of evangelism. Plans and methods were developed which the group could use in making their revivals more successful.

Rev. Auson Justice, pastor of Kelham Avenue Baptist Church, served as chairman of the steering committee and did a



One of the fellowship meetings of the Oklahoma County Simultaneous Crusade.

superb job in leading the churches to make good preparation for the crusade. The plan as given in *The Southern Baptist Program of Evangelism* was followed in detail. The steering committee, after preparing its plans, brought them to the associational board and they were approved before any work was started or publicity begun. For about six or eight weeks before the crusade, the chairman of the steering committee had charge of the program at the Pastors' Conference, thus constantly keeping the revivals before our pastors.

For years Southern Baptists have had well developed plans for doing Sunday school, Training Union, Brotherhood, and WMU work. Now, at long last, we have a successful plan of evangelism that produces results. This plan, outlined in Dr. Matthews' book *The Southern Baptist Program of Evangelism*, (which can be purchased at any Baptist book store), is church-centered. The converts are won by our churches, in our churches, and unite with our churches. The churches in any city or association can follow this plan and have successful revivals.

One thing that has contributed to the success of the simultaneous campaigns in our association has been the willingness with which the larger churches participated. Not one time has a single one of our larger churches failed to enter. Larger churches in any city can make a wonderful contribution by their willingness to participate in association-wide efforts.

In the associational board meeting, following the crusade this year, annual simultaneous revival dates were set through 1960. They will begin each year on Easter Sunday and run for two weeks. We are already looking forward to next year's campaign, and it looks as if every Baptist church and mission in Oklahoma County



Four evangelists of different race and color take part in Oklahoma County Baptist Association's revivals.

will be in the revival for the full time and at the same time. Nothing we have done has enriched the fellowship among our people more than the simultaneous revivals. The following table will show the growth of this program through the years:

Results of Simultaneous Revivals 1944 - 1954

Year	Churches Participating	Baptisms	Latter	Total Additions
1944	55	1,036	602	1,638
1945	70	1,175	748	1,923
1946	70	805	643	1,448
1947	57	776	564	1,340
1948	73	883	604	1,487
1949	74	1,202	779	1,981
1950	80	1,091	731	1,822
1951	85	1,297	756	2,053
1952	106	1,161	808	1,969
1953	111	1,424	883	2,307
1954	118	1,576	1,082	2,658

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AMONG the MISSIONARIES

Learning To Pray

Our people are learning the power of prayer. We have just closed a revival on our field in West Tampa, Florida. During the revival we walked into one of our kindergarten classrooms and found two of our teachers very much upset about lost loved ones. We talked to them for a few minutes, pointing out that "All things are possible with God"; and that the things they had been powerless to accomplish themselves, God would make possible through prayer.

Both teachers bowed their heads and confessed their helplessness to God and pled for mercy and salvation for their loved ones.

The next day one of the teachers, Mrs. Albert Rocamora, went visiting with Mrs. York and me. We decided to go see her aunt, Mrs. Granda. We were very cordially received in the home, and when asked, Mrs. Granda said she would be glad to have me explain God's way of salvation to her. While we were explaining the Scriptures to Mrs. Granda, a young neighbor knocked at the back door and told Mrs. Rocamora she had come over to talk to her about being baptized. This young Junior girl had attended our church ever since she entered our kindergarten several years before. Mrs. York was called to the back porch, and while I was talking to Mrs. Granda, she led Linda Carlino to Christ.

We continued to explain the Scriptures to Mrs. Granda, and finally she bowed her head to ask God's forgiveness for her sin of unbelief. Just as Mrs. Granda closed her prayer of repentance and submission to the will of God, there came a knock at the front door. Mrs. Rocamora went to the door and it was her mother, Mrs. Prats. We asked her if we could talk to her about surrendering her heart to Christ and she consented. After our going over the plan of salvation with her, she too bowed her head and surrendered her heart to Christ.

Mrs. Rocamora has been praying for and talking to her young brother, Ralph

Prats, and his pal, Sam Carlino, Linda's brother. A week after our revival these two surrendered their hearts to Christ. We have been praying for Mr. Rocamora who is stationed in Korea. Recently he wrote that he reads the New Testament regularly and that this reading is the only real joy he has. He is scheduled to return to the United States in July. Join us in prayer that he will surrender his heart to Christ also.

Victory through prayer comes to all who pray in faith, believing in God's power and presence. I do not know anyone on this field who has ever been saved without definite, sincerely-uttered prayer.

—T. H. York, Sr.
Missionary to Italians
Tampa, Florida

Rejoice In Our Work

We are enjoying our work immensely. The Lord has blessed and led us along these first few weeks. Although the work is still new to us, we feel that with the help of the Lord we have made a little headway.

The WMS has been reorganized at San Tan and Lehi. Both churches had formerly had organizations, but meetings had been discontinued. The ladies seem to have received renewed interest and are eager to go forward.

We had a sunrise service at San Tan Easter morning. There were approximately thirty-five present. The people told us that it was the first time the Baptists had had a sunrise service there. Afterwards, we had breakfast together, and then an egg hunt for the children.

This past Sunday we took about thirty of our members to the "Thanksgiving and Prayer Service" at Blackwater. We received genuine inspiration as we heard the Indian people give testimonies as to what the Lord had done for them, and to pray for an Indian school where their children could receive a better education.

Three boys were taken to the RA Con-

gress held at Casa Grande. The RA's are not meeting at the present, but we hope soon to have regular meetings again.

One of our young men requested a conference with me to discuss a sin he had committed. He had confessed to his Saviour, and asked forgiveness, and he was at peace with God, but he was eager to go a step further and make it right with his fellowmen. He said he planned to go to every church member's house and tell them what he had done and ask their forgiveness. Truly, this expresses real Christian spirit.

—Rev. and Mrs. John Mouser
Missionary to Indians
Chandler, Arizona

A Great Day For Us

On Easter Sunday two young men were baptized in our Chinese Baptist Center in San Francisco. Many people present had never seen a baptismal service before. We had Brother Roy Young in our service that morning. While we were getting ready for the baptism, we had Brother Young speak to the congregation about the significance of baptism.

It was a great day for us. There were 104 in our Sunday school and more than 150 people in the morning worship service. The children's parents were invited to our service. They seemed to enjoy it very much.

Many more young people are coming to our Christian fellowship. So many of them are not Christians yet, but some day we hope to win them one by one to the Lord. Thank God for the privilege.

—Peter Chen
Missionary at Chinese
Baptist Center
San Francisco, California

Winning The Jews

In accepting the call to come to Houston, Mrs. Mitchell and I resolved in our hearts that we would try and inform every Baptist in this area of the Home Board's plan of Jewish evangelism. I never knew there was so much to be done in this field.

There are hundreds of good Christian laymen in the Houston area who love Jewish people but don't know how to go about winning them to Christ. I believe that the plan suggested by the Department of Jewish Evangelism of the Home Mission Board is an excellent guide. Many of the pastors here have already promised their wholehearted support to this program and

have not contacted any who have not co-operated to the fullest.

Many laymen need to know that we have a real, live, wide-awake program for reaching Jewish people. We must realize that Jewish people are lost without Jesus Christ. We also should be patient in our dealings with them, realizing that not all are philosophers or theologians, but many are seeking light to lead them from darkness.

Do not pass up your Jewish friends when enrolling a Million More in '54, in the Cradle Roll, Extension Department or wherever it may be. Two of our largest

field and began trying to establish a mission here we first met in an old saloon called the Brown Derby.

Later, through the Annie Armstrong Offering, we built a parsonage which also serves as a chapel. We have pews, a pulpit, and a piano in the huge living room.

One of the consecrated workers in our church is our Sunday school superintendent, Adrian Vercher, who was converted during our first revival. He had been a Roman Catholic for forty-seven years. He is a very talented man and has given all of his talents over to the use of the Lord. In his own words, "I am thank-



churches in Houston have Jewish Christians serving as deacons. These people will serve in your church, too.

—Billy Mitchell
Jewish Evangelism
Houston, Texas

Because Southern Baptists Loved

In a little French community in northern Louisiana, there had never been any Baptist work until 1951 when the Home Mission Board appointed me as a missionary to the French at Cloutierville. I was appointed upon the recommendation of Rev. L. C. Smith, a veteran French missionary, who had kept this village upon his heart for a number of years. This small town is about as old as the city of Natchitoches which is said to be the oldest town in the Louisiana Purchase. When I moved on the

ful that Southern Baptists sent a missionary to Cloutierville because now I know the truth and I am very happy since I have been saved." This truly is the testimony of many here who have become loyal Christians.

We now have an organized Baptist church including the Sunday school and Training Union. It will take perhaps years of toil to build a strong church in this needy area, but Baptists are making much progress.

Because Jesus loves and Southern Baptists follow his calling into areas where Jesus is literally unknown, Mr. Vercher and others like him now are happy Christians.

—Cecil R. Webb
Missionary to French
Cloutierville, Louisiana

Housed By Faith

"I cannot realize that we have such a lovely church," said Thomas Tom, an elderly deacon of St. York Indian Baptist Church, Marlow, Oklahoma. "Just think, the building was begun last June when we had only about \$80.00 in the church treasury and now we have this lovely building and owe so little. Isn't it wonderful what God will do for his people if they will let him?"

The church has had many anxieties since it was constituted in 1914. But through prayer, faith, and confidence in the Lord a beautiful concrete block building, worth about \$3,000.00, has been constructed.

To encourage and show faith and confidence in the group of Choctaw Indians, the Baptist Home Mission Board gave \$500.00 out of the Annie Armstrong fund. The local Mullins Baptist Association

matched the grant made by the Home Mission Board with another \$500.00. Members of Highland Park Baptist Church, Duncan, made the pulpit and paid for and wired the building. The First Baptist Church, Marlow, gave pews and made it possible, by a special donation, for windows and doors to be put in place. Small donations were given by other interested persons.

Yes, faith is the answer. The missionary and church exercised faith in God. The Home Mission Board showed faith in the church and missionary, making it possible for the local Anglo Baptists to exercise a greater faith in the project. Thus, a congregation was housed by faith.

—Wilson W. Boggan
Missionary to Indians
Sulphur, Oklahoma
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If They Had Only Known

By John D. Freeman
Graceville, Florida

WHEN ONE LOOKS about him and sees the depreciation that has hit some rural areas of the Southland during the past half century, and then beholds what has occurred in other such areas where the people had capable pastoral leadership, he is made to cry out, "Oh, that our forefathers had known how to develop rural life by planting in country areas men trained to be both spiritual and social leaders." Two examples will reveal what I mean.

Little Escambia

Escambia River in western Florida has two branches in Alabama, Big and Little Escambias. Flomaton, Alabama, is located between the two. One mile across Little Escambia from the city is a meetinghouse owned by Little Escambia Baptist Church, and across the road from it is a modern pastor's home, a lovely and commodious bungalow occupied by Pastor Fred Brown and his family.

The church was constituted in 1898 but until a year ago it had never had full-time care by a resident pastor, hence had had its "ups and downs, mostly downs," as one member expressed it. But God laid his hands upon an automobile mechanic in Atmore, Alabama, and pushed him into the ministry. At the same time, he made the young man aware of his lack of train-

ing. He tried to attend the New Orleans Seminary, but the distance was too great and his financial condition did not permit him to move to the campus. "And then God sent Baptist Bible Institute to me," he says of the decision to move this Institute from Lakeland to Graceville, Florida.

The church occupies a big field. During a revival last April, in which I had the privilege of being on the field, estimates based upon a partial survey and visitation were pretty accurately formed. There are some 265 families with an aggregate of more than 1,000 people. Of this number fewer than one-third are enlisted in church work, or even attend services. "A pastor never visited our home until Brother Brown moved on the field," was heard more than once during the week.

What has happened in two years under this man, only one year of the time being spent on the field? From half-time to full-time preaching; from collections of \$50.00 per month, barely enough to pay the preacher, to nearly twice that sum per

Mt. Olive Baptist Church,
Bonifay, Florida.



Pastor's home, Little Escambia
Baptist Church, near Flomaton,
Alabama.



week; from little if any gifts to missions, to some \$300.00 per year, with a definite sum going regularly for the first time to state headquarters; from twenty-four in Bible school to nearly 100 today; with Training Union a close runner-up in attendance. The one-room meetinghouse has been enlarged by four rooms; a community hall has been constructed on the grounds; the pastor's home has been built; and yet there is only a small debt.

Mt. Olive

Three miles north of Bonifay, Florida, on the highway running into Alabama, is the meetinghouse of Mt. Olive Baptist Church. Beside it on a two-acre plot is a converted farm house which is home for Pastor John T. Dudley and family. It was my privilege to work with this pastor and church in an enlargement revival early last April and thus to know the field and its challenge.

A complete survey showed 225 homes with 650 people, not counting church members who live in Bonifay. Brother Dudley moved to the field December 1, 1953. There were then twenty-nine in Bible school, now there are about 100. Morning worship was attended by some thirty-five people, now by more than 100. Training Union has grown from twenty-seven to seventy-seven; the WMU has increased in membership; and a Brotherhood has been formed. Church membership has increased by a score or more and now stands at 136.

The former pastor drew \$150.00 per month. The church now pays \$45.00 per week and furnishes the home. The survey revealed more than 300 prospects for the church and already plans are being discussed whereby the present auditorium may be converted into an educational building and a lovely new one will be built, with baptistry and steeple.

If They Had Known

Little Escambia and Mt. Olive were typical country churches, of which there are yet more than 8,000 in our territory. Today they are typical illustrations of what rural churches can and will do when they have capable leadership from resident pastors. How can a man live on less than \$45.00 per week in these days of exorbitant cost of living? Ask these men who are doing it! In every case where one of them has received training adapted to his cultural level, he has soon had an increase in salary, and at the same time

has led a church to increase its gifts to general causes from two to tenfold.

At least four thousand of the pastors who serve the little fields can never go away to school. They do not have the funds to pay expenses and most of them are too far below the level of college and seminary classes to apprehend what the text and the professors say. Extension classes will not provide all they need.

The undeveloped rural churches within the bounds of the Southern Baptist Convention constitute a challenge and at the same time a continuing threat. If they can be given capable resident leadership they will grow into great assets. The income of our state and Convention boards would be at least \$1,500,000.00 more right now if each of the undeveloped churches could have been led aright during the past half century. We are able to boast, "Wherever a student from the Baptist Bible Institute has gone, a church has developed in all lines and become a loyal co-operating part of the Baptist brotherhood."

AMONG the MISSIONARIES

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Cheerful Givers

The Chinese Baptist Church of Los Angeles urgently needs a church building to care for the rapidly growing attendance in both Sunday school and worship services. The church asked the Home Mission Board for help, but our people also want to do their best.

On Sunday, January 31, after the morning worship service, our people launched a church building fund campaign.

The total money pledged by the members within one hour was \$7,712.00. One couple, Mr. and Mrs. Emory Chow, pledged \$3,000.00. Dr. T. B. Chow pledged \$2,000.00 and about twenty young people pledged \$100.00 each.

Everyone gives cheerfully and joyously. Our members will continue this campaign until they have their church building. We are praying God this dream will come true as soon as possible.

—Thomas Lowe
Missionary to Chinese
Los Angeles, California

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Dusty Trails on the Pima Reservation That Lead to Jesus

By Rev. and Mrs. L. W. Crews
Missionaries to Indians
Socaton, Arizona



A YEAR'S CYCLE for a missionary brings many varied opportunities for service. This picture-story shows some of the opportunities on the Pima Reservation in southern Arizona for Missionary and Mrs. Bill Crews.

A missionary must be a preacher, a carpenter, a counselor, or perhaps a bus driver. He is often called upon to help the people in his mission field with their financial and social dilemmas as well as religious problems.

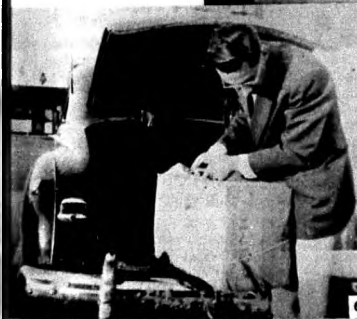
1. The missionary visits the Eldridge home at Socaton. George accepted Christ after the Christmas program last year.

2. Thalma and Marcos Emerson wanted a legal, Christian wedding after they found Christ. Here they are in the missionary's home.

3. Morgan Yesk helps the missionary haul rock. Constructing a building took a good portion of our time the first year on this new field.



4. A new piano, gift from an individual, is a welcome addition to our churches on the Pima Reservation.



5. GA's meet to study Japan. Tonita Yesk marks the record chart.

6. Missionary Crews unloads one more box of used clothing to be distributed to families who need this help.

7. Off to the state RA Congress in Phoenix. This is a new experience for the Indian boys.

8. The greatest joy that can come to a missionary is the baptizing of converts. Here three members of the Poul family are being baptized the same day. Edward Yesk is standing just behind Mr. Crews.



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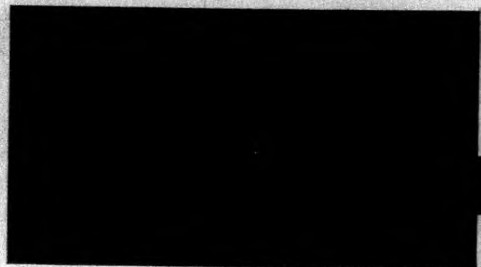
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per cent of the wealth of the United States. They should be able to dictate to radio and television as to the type of programs used.

The Virginia women are not content with protesting to networks, but feel that advertisements of liquor, beer, or wine in current magazines are also harmful. Therefore they have provided gummed stickers which the women attach to undesirable ads and mail to the editors. One such sticker reads: "I do not like this! Such ads do much to increase drunkenness, broken homes, crime." Below is a line for the individual's signature and church affiliation. Other suggested stickers might read: "The final result of an ad such as this may be immorality and crime among our teenagers." Or "This ad is detrimental to the moral health and welfare of our nation." Some of the women write personal letters, others merely attach the gummed label and sign it.

A list of magazines which do not use advertising of beverage alcohol is furnished the women and letters of congratulation are written/the publishers. Also editors of magazines using the liquor and beer advertisements receive letters protesting the practice and notifying the editor that they are cancelling their subscription or will fail to renew if the magazine continues to carry such ads.

The women of Virginia who have started this campaign hope that other Christian men and women all over our land will join them in protesting in this way these advertising evils which are daily contributing to the moral and physical degradation of manhood, womanhood, and the youth of our nation.



By R. B. Armstrong
Missionary to Spanish-speaking
Tampa, Florida



Missionary R. B. Armstrong, Tampa, Florida; Donald Levy,
Aguacate, Cuba; and Alberto Reyes, Tampico, Mexico.

WE ARE a small group of believers at Clark Memorial Baptist Church in Tampa, Florida, and it was an important decision to undertake to bring Rev. Donald Levy, a Home Board missionary in Aguacate, Cuba, to hold our revival. Many of the churches in the Tampa Bay Baptist Association were participating in the simultaneous revival effort, and we wanted to take our place in letting the people of our community know about Christ.

We had not had a Spanish-speaking preacher for a revival since the present missionary had been on the field. We knew it would mean much to the Spanish-speaking people of this community to have a good evangelist come to us. The Lord surely led us to Mr. Levy.

It was in October when we were getting ready to leave for Missouri for a School of Missions that the telephone rang. The person calling said he was from Cuba and had heard about the work in Tampa. He would like to have the opportunity of dropping by our home.

In our busy moments of packing and preparing to leave, we wondered only momentarily what visitor from Cuba would take the time to ride the bus to our home. In a short while a striking looking young couple stepped to our porch and introduced themselves as Senor and Senora Levy. As we visited with them we found they, too, were on their way to a School of Missions in South Carolina. We were surprised at first to note Mr. Levy's excellent English. We found that he often serves as interpreter for many of our

Southern Baptist officials who visit Cuba. Mr. Levy grew up in an English-speaking home. His mother had been an English missionary to Cuba before her marriage. His father had been a teacher in Jamaica.

The hours were too short as we visited with them and we determined in our minds to invite him here for our next revival.

As the months approached for the revival, air mail letters were being shuttled back and forth making the final arrangements. We were all praying hard here on the field that the Lord would send us a great revival. We were praying for Mr. Levy as he prepared himself in study. We were making every effort at the church to save money to pay his travel expenses and for a personal gift to him.

In Ybor City the Spanish newspaperman was most gracious in printing a good article introducing Mr. Levy to our community. Little did we know how the Lord was going to use that article to his glory.

On Sunday night, as the meeting started, three young Mexican men came into the church and introduced themselves. They told us how the boat on which they worked was dry docked for repairs and they would be in the city for about one week. Senor Alberto Reyes seemed so interested in serving the Lord and asked to go visiting with Mr. Levy and the missionary the next evening. We met him each evening as he returned to the hotel from the boat and he visited in several homes, giving his testimony and urging the people to turn to the Lord as he had done. He had a beautiful voice so we asked him to lead

the singing each evening. How graciously the Lord supplies our need! Our regular song leader was ill with a sore throat. In addition to his singing, Senor Reyes gave his testimony each night before Mr. Levy spoke. The people enjoyed it very much as he told of the change that had come in his family life since he had accepted the Lord. He told how each member of his family had, one by one, been won to the Lord. Each night we thanked the Lord for sending him our way. Then we remembered how we had prayed so earnestly for the meeting and knew the Lord had heard our prayers and answered.

A young couple had recently come to Tampa from Cuba to make their home. When they read about Mr. Levy's visiting our church, they came to hear him. Before the week ended this young mother had brought her church letter from the Regla Baptist Church in Havana and the young father made profession of faith and asked the church to baptize him.

By the close of the meeting seven adults and one Junior had made professions of faith. One mother, who had sent her little boy to the Good Will Center kindergarten this past year, made a profession of faith the first night. It was the grandmother of another kindergarten pupil who made this important decision also the same night. Several others were mothers of children who had been coming to the Good Will Center and Clark Memorial Church for several years. One mother had been reading the Bible in her home since I gave her one about a year ago. Her Junior daughter

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Man at left, who at first opposed his church sponsoring missions, enthusiastically says: "Doesn't seem possible these new churches have been going a year. . . ." Pastor replies proudly: "Everything's certainly worked out well. . . ."



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Son: "I was late, too."
Mother: "I'm serious, Tam. I'm for joining a church closer by."
Dad: "But dear, there is no church closer by."



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Chairman of Survey Committee pleads for mission church when he says: "We discovered thousands of people living in these three communities who were not attending church anywhere."

July, 1954



Some of the speakers and leaders at recent meeting of the Cuban Baptist Convention.

Rev. A. T. Bequer, pastor at Cienfuegos, Cuba, was elected president of the Baptist Convention of Cuba during the recent annual meeting. Reports at the convention showed progress in almost every part of Baptist life.

Dr. Loyd Corder, secretary of Direct Missions Department of the Home Mission Board, who attended the convention, reported an excellent spirit and an impression that the work was progressing well in Cuba. He was particularly impressed with the Wednesday evening service held in the

public park and attended by approximately 4,000 people. About 100 persons made professions of faith during the service.

The following comparisons of work done by Cuban Baptists in 1952 and 1953 proved interesting:

As of December 1, 1952 and December 1, 1953.

	1952	1953
No. of members	7,351	7,459
Total gifts	\$90,141.78	\$109,217.46
Total baptisms	597	543
No. of churches	77	82
Missions sponsored by the churches	158	151

Besides Dr. Bequer, other officers elected at the convention included: M. A. Gonzalez, Santa Clara, vice-president; Arturo Corugedo, Mantanzas, secretary; A. Lopez Munoz, Guanabacoa, vice-secretary; Enrique Pina, Havana, treasurer; Ondina Maristany, Havana, legal secretary; L. M. Gonzalez, Pinar, Marianao, Sunday School; R. A. Ocana, Caiharien, Training Union; Miss Mildred Mathews, Havana, WMU; Thomas Oropesa, Havana, Brotherhood; and Hanibal Espinosa, Los Palacios, president of pastors' conference.

New Worker In Church Loan Department

Berner F. Wilson, who for twenty-one years has been secretary-treasurer of the Decatur National Farm Loan Association (making and servicing Federal Land Bank loans), assumed his new duties as assistant superintendent of the Church Loan Funds for the Home Mission Board April 15, 1954.

Mr. Wilson, an active deacon at the First Baptist Church, Decatur, Georgia, is particularly well qualified for his new job which will include the appraising of church property on which loans have been requested and some part of the keeping of records on these loans.

A native of Dacula, Georgia, Mr. Wilson has been active in civic and church affairs. Besides serving as deacon in his local church, he is past president of the Brotherhood, past

president of the Progressive Bible Class, and member of the building committee during the recent construction of the beautiful new First Baptist Church building. He is also past director of Decatur Chamber of Commerce and officer of the grand jury association.

In his new job he will assist G. Frank Garrison, superintendent of the Home Board's Building Loan Funds, in administering the nearly \$3,000,000.00 in the two loan funds including the Church Building Loan Fund and the Church Extension Loan Fund.

Mr. Wilson, a former student at Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, Georgia, resides at 808 E. Ponce de Leon Avenue in Decatur with his wife and their two sons, Berner Freeman Wilson, Jr., (Biff) and James Marion Wilson II (Jim).



Berner F. Wilson leaves business to work at Home Mission Board.

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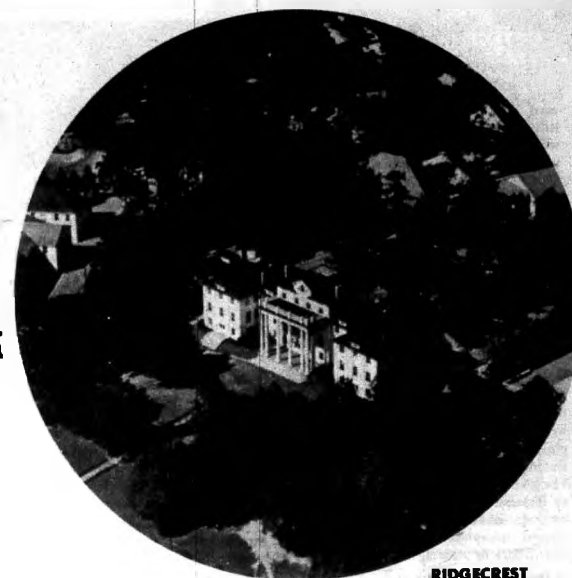
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Missions and Omissions

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work was started in the very heart of the Russian colony there. A Russian Baptist woman, with no church affiliation, invited to her private home a group of her neighbors and friends for a chat and cup of tea. Forty people came and were charmed by the peculiar manner in which the evening was spent. The most interesting program was offered . . . musical, vocal, literary, and oratory . . . but everything was strictly religious. It was not a church worship of any kind, and yet the consciousness of God's presence kept the whole company of worldly people in a constant mood of reverence.

To the astonishment of all present, it was Rodion Beresov who was in charge of the program. It was he whom they used to hear at every local Russian concert, play, or Orthodox Church festival or social. But now he is altogether a different man. The change of all his being is so evident, so impressive, and the new life in him so natural, so sweet, so arresting . . . no wonder many people present expressed their desire to meet again.

Thus, the real spiritual awakening was started.

When Mr. Beresov returned to Hollywood and could not be present, the meetings were going on just the same. The hostess did invite some brethren from Sacramento and Oakland and the interest aroused was kept up.

It was the eighth successive meeting of the kind to which we came on this trip. It was Sunday. The meeting started at 4:00 P.M. and lasted until 11:00 P.M. Even then the forty-two people present were eagerly asking questions and did not want to go home. The atmosphere was excellent. At the close, I made a definite call to repentance. Several people lifted up their hands, asking us to pray for them. When I invited the whole gathering to kneel down, several souls for the first time in their life earnestly prayed for the forgiveness of sins and the tears flowed freely. It was late in the night before we returned to our sleeping quarters and scarcely could sleep because of joy.

Those were unforgettable days that we spent in San Francisco. But before we left the city we rented a hall for my public lecture on my way back from Seattle. This lecture was a success. More than 100 people attended, although the time was not suitable.

On Tuesday morning, when we were

getting ready to leave the city, the hostess of the parlor meetings came in and said: "Now you are leaving us. You have had a glorious meeting, you have been a blessing to many, you have seen souls saved. How can you dare to leave them behind without care? These babies must be visited. They must be followed up and not left to drift. They need to be rooted and grounded. Could you not postpone your departure for a week or two? Brethren, I could not sleep last night for thinking about these converts. No, I tell you, you cannot leave today! If you are not able to stay here for awhile yourself, then you must send someone from your church at Hollywood and continue the work of God . . ."

The request of this sister was altogether reasonable, but we could not grant it. The time for completing our missionary journey was strictly limited and once again we were sorry for this inevitable omission.

It is our constant burden that these meetings shall be continued and souls become converted and taken care of. It is our constant prayer and expectation that the missionary workers will be employed and sent to those many heart-hungry Russian people.

Portland, Oregon, is the most beautiful city on the West Coast. On our way from San Francisco to Seattle we stopped there for half a day only. Without any difficulty we found two Russian Baptist families and found there were several thousand Russian-speaking people in the area. There are two Greek Orthodox churches and therefore there must be room enough for planting one Baptist church between them. In fact, the seed of the church is there already, six Russian baptized believers. They have not formed a church yet. They have not even started regular meetings, but are gathering from time to time in their homes.

The main need of this Baptist group is a leader.

The time could not permit us to arrange the meeting in Portland on this occasion but the Russian group did ask us for a promise to visit them again, and to stay longer. Parting, we left them some literature and the Scriptures.

In Seattle, Washington, we were extended a hearty welcome. A Russian woman, Dr. Elizabeth Chubulawa, who started meetings in Seattle, was not a stranger to us. She had visited our Slavic Baptist Church of Hollywood a few months before and

we had promised to meet her at Seattle some day. The day of our arrival in Seattle was rainy, smoggy, and gloomy, but our sister was happy and beaming with joy. A short conference was held. It was decided to organize four meetings in the evenings and to keep us busy with various visits during the days.

After the first meeting was held, we realized that the main need of this work is a place of worship. The Lord helped us to solve this urgent problem. Woodland Baptist Church (Southern), to which I applied for help, unanimously voted to befriend the Russian group by giving them permission to use the church building at any time it is free from their regular meetings.

The Russian Baptist group in Seattle consists of eight people. Mrs. Chubulawa, being herself a new convert, was good enough to start the work and to lead some souls to Christ and to bring the group together. But being a lady she cannot lead the men. Hence some good experienced brother is badly needed.

We left this "headless" group with a strong promise to pray and to do everything possible to supply their need of a Baptist leader. Our hearts were subjects of mixed feelings. The very logical required step in the future, if not taken by us, will be our omission.

On our way back we visited the following towns: Yakoma, Washington; Eugene, Oregon; Eureka, Orland, and Alameda, California.

For the lack of time we could not visit the following Russian centers: Spokane, Washington; Moscow, Washington; Sebastopol, Calistoga, Palo Alto, Santa Rosa, and Santa Barbara, California, and others.

I am so very grateful to God for this trip, and do thank the Home Mission Board that it did not ignore my request for such a trip. I have learned a lot and will be praying for my field of labor more intelligently, hoping that some day more Russian workers will be employed and more Russian Baptist churches will be organized. Such are our objectives and responsibilities.

Were we called upon to do this alone, we would simply say "We cannot," but we have proved that GOD CAN and that the Home Mission Board is willing to co-operate in every thing that bears the seal of God's approval.

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My Faith Was Lifted

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accepted Christ last fall and was later baptized. Surely God had answered our prayers.

I believe I learned a lesson on faith during the revival. If God can touch the heart of a young Christian from Tampico, Mexico, and send him to us to be such a surprise blessing in addition to our missionary-evangelist, and touch the hearts of men and women to tender their souls to him, I shall pray and expect bigger and greater results in the future.

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Q. What is the Immaculate Conception?
A. The Roman Catholic doctrine of the Immaculate Conception means that Mary, from the first moment when she was conceived within her mother, was free from sin.

Q. Has Rome always had this doctrine?
A. No. The promulgation of it dates no farther back than December 8, 1854, when it was proclaimed by Pius IX.

Q. Was the doctrine held in any sense by the early church?

A. No. It was unknown to the early church; and in the writings of the fathers of the first five centuries it was never once mentioned. Not one great name can be quoted for it during the first eleven centuries.

Q. Was it accepted willingly by the whole church when introduced?

A. No. When first introduced it was vigorously opposed by Bernard, now a canonized saint of Rome; and afterwards it was keenly opposed by Thomas Aquinas the leading light of Roman Catholic theologians.

Q. What does this doctrine deny?
A. It denies the universal sinfulness of mankind.

Q. Did Mary claim to be free from sin?

A. No. "And Mary said, My soul doth magnify the Lord, And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour" (Luke 1:46, 47). Mary's own language shows that she regarded herself as a sinner needing salvation.

Q. Must Roman Catholics believe this doctrine as necessary for salvation?

A. Yes. Roman Catholics must believe as necessary for salvation that Mary was born without sin.

Q. Is this doctrine found in the Bible?

A. No. There is not a single text in the Bible that teaches directly or indirectly that Mary was conceived without sin. The whole Word of God teaches the contrary, even as Paul declares that "All have sinned, and come short of the glory of God" (Rom. 3:23).

Q. Are the Scriptures against the Immaculate Conception?

A. Yes. St. Paul says, "But the scrip-

ture hath concluded all under sin" (Gal. 3:22).

We ought to hold Mary in respectful remembrance as the one who was honored among women in being the mother of the man Christ Jesus; but not to forget that she was a sinner even as others, saved by grace even as others.

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Are you protected against Doctor and Hospital Bills

... as completely and at such low cost as the
5 million people now under the **WHITE CROSS PLAN?**

Individuals And Families Are Eligible — Compare This Plan With Any Other In Existence

This happens every day. A family is getting along fine... making ends meet, planning for the future. Then suddenly, an unexpected sickness or accident brings a pile of doctor and hospital bills. Savings that took years to build up are wiped out in weeks. The family is forced to borrow so heavily it will take them quite some time before they can start saving for the future again.

Don't let this tragedy happen to you. Under **WHITE CROSS**, the famous low-cost plan, you can protect your whole family against doctor and hospital bills for just a few pennies a day!

different sickness or accident for each family member, beginning with the third treatment where doctor treats you, at your home, his office — or hospital.

Although low in cost, the **WHITE CROSS PLAN** represents good cash benefits and good service. No wonder it is the fastest-growing health protection plan in existence.

LIFE INSURANCE

Pays for natural or accidental death available in Ordinary Life, Endowment and Juvenile policies.

YOU MAY CHOOSE ANY DOCTOR OR HOSPITAL

Under the **WHITE CROSS PLAN**, you are not limited to a few doctors or hospitals. Any accredited physician may treat you and you may use any hospital, large or small.

NO RED TAPE

- Money is paid to your hospital, your doctor, or you — as you direct.
- You don't have to join a group.
- No pre-rating — you get full amount of benefit even if covered by Workmen's Compensation or other insurance.
- You don't have to be a bed-patient to collect hospital benefits.

RECEIVES \$259.00 FOR HOSPITAL EXPENSES

"I want to express my deepest appreciation for the claim of \$259 for hospital bills which has been received. If I could only find words to help others receive the same wonderful benefits offered through your hospitalization that I have received. My heartfelt thanks go to you for this wonderful service."

(Mrs.) Sadie B. Sexton,
Goodlettsville, Tenn.

LEG CRUSHED — GETS \$680

"Little did I realize when I took out your Hospital Expenses protection... that just a little over a month later I would be in an accident... My right leg was crushed between two mine cars. Your company to date paid me a total of \$680.00 on my claim."

Peter Zulick, St. Clair, Pa.

FEMALE DISORDERS

WHITE CROSS protection is wide and varied. Under the **WHITE CROSS PLAN**, after six months, you can get cash for hospitalization, surgery, or doctor visits due to female disorders such as hysterectomy, genito-urinary ailments or tumors, abdominal hernia, etc.

MONEY TO LIVE ON

when you're laid up and can't work
Under the **WHITE CROSS PLAN**, you can get up to \$300.00 a month while in the hospital and up to \$200.00 a month while you're at home getting well. In case of disabled extended illness or serious injury, this money often spells the difference between a solvent family and a family deep in debt.

PROTECTS YOUR WHOLE FAMILY FOR A FEW PENNIES A DAY

Under the **WHITE CROSS PLAN** — the low-cost plan — you can protect your whole family against doctor and hospital bills for just a few pennies a day. That's for everyone — the children and all.

OPERATIONS

Under the **WHITE CROSS PLAN**, you can get \$5.00 to \$250.00 for operations... for each member of your family... for each different sickness or accident.

JUST A FEW OF THE OPERATIONS FOR WHICH PAYMENT IS PROVIDED

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| Cutting into abdomen | Operations to reduce dislocations of hip, knee, shoulder, jaw, finger, etc. |
| Abscess of brain | Removal of shoulder or hip or diseased portion of bone |
| Amputation of legs, arms or fingers | Cutting into chest |
| Appendix | Mastoid |
| Brain tumor | Tonsil removal |
| Breast removal or removal of cyst or tumor | Adenoid removal |
| Kidney removal | Sinus operations |
| Removal of stone or tumor from kidney | Hernia |
| Prostate | Hemorrhoids |
| Removal of tube or ovary | Eye operations |
| Gall Bladder | Fractures |
| Tumors | Spine operations |
| Varicose Veins | Circumcision |
| Lung removal | Removal of Uterus |
| | ...and many more |

HOSPITAL ROOM & MEALS

up to \$1,500.00 for each sickness or accident

Under the **WHITE CROSS PLAN**, you can get from \$4 to \$15 per day for 100 days for room, meals for each dif-

ferent sickness or accident to each different member of your family. And, remember, one person in every 2 families will need hospital care this year.

X-RAYS, DRUGS, CARADIOGRAMS
You can also get cash for many other hospital expenses for which you might not expect to be covered. You can get paid specified amounts for operating room charges, anesthetics, X-rays, drugs, dressings. You are even given an allowance for electrocardiograms for heart examinations.

OUT-PATIENT BENEFITS

Under the **WHITE CROSS PLAN**, you DON'T have to be a bed patient or stay overnight to receive hospitalization benefits.

CHILDREN'S AILMENTS

Under the **WHITE CROSS PLAN**, it is easy to include children in the family's original plan. The cost is very little.

AMBULANCE, BLOOD TRANSFUSIONS
Under the **WHITE CROSS PLAN**, a specified amount is allowed for ambulance, maternity benefits, iron lung, blood transfusions, oxygen... even a cash allowance up to \$25.00 for "any other necessary hospital expenses."

DOCTOR VISITS
— even for ordinary sickness
You can get up to \$150.00 for each

YOU CAN GET ALL OR ANY PART OF THE PLAN. YOU CAN PROTECT YOUR WHOLE FAMILY FOR ONLY A FEW PENNIES A DAY.



MAIL COUPON for FREE INFORMATION
BANKERS LIFE & CASUALTY CO. CHICAGO 30, ILLINOIS

THE WHITE CROSS PLAN, Dept. SB-7
c/o BANKERS LIFE & CASUALTY CO.
Lawrence Avenue at Kenneth
Chicago 30, Illinois

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Send me the facts about the low-cost WHITE CROSS PLAN—including all cash benefits and rates for individuals and families. This does not obligate me in any way.

Name..... (PLEASE PRINT)
Address.....
City..... County or Zone..... State.....