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Laborers Together

By Courts Redford

It is a delight to pay tribute to our state mission secretaries and state mission boards, "for we are laborers together with God."

By direct action of the Southern Baptist Convention, and by long years of precedence in mission service, our constituency has come to look to the Home Mission Board for leadership in certain phases of mission endeavor, such as work among the foreigners, the Indians, the Negroes, the migrants, and the underprivileged.

There are reasons why such work has been expected of the Home Mission Board. (1) The Board can survey the needs throughout the Convention territory and seek to meet these needs equitably in all the states. (2) It can help develop general programs for the work throughout the Convention and can do much to secure and train workers and stabilize the work. (3) The Home Mission Board makes it possible for all of our Baptist people to participate in these common tasks. (4) It can focus the interest and prayers of all our Convention forces on mission needs and opportunities. (5) Through seasons of prayer, study courses, Convention-wide conferences, visual education, Schools of Missions, and other means, Baptists everywhere are made aware of the needs and opportunities in these fields.

But the Home Mission Board cannot do the most effective job alone. It needs the state mission boards. Many of the people from minority groups are gradually being assimilated into our Anglo churches. Most of them need to be integrated into the life and activities of our associational programs. They need the ministry and assistance of the Sunday School Department, the Training Union Department, the Brotherhood Department, and the Woman's Missionary Union of the state. They need help from the Evangelistic Department and the Church Music Department. They need training in stewardship.

They have a right to participate in the Cooperative Program. They are a part of our great Baptist Zion and the forces of the state mission board can help make them feel at home in our denominational life. Through a program of co-operation, the Home Mission Board and the state board can join forces to give these minorities the peculiar ministry that each board can best render.

This co-operative program of missionary endeavor has been implemented in several states through the services of a director who is jointly chosen and supported. Thus, we are workers together in behalf of our minority groups.

On the other hand, the state mission board often takes the initiative in co-operative mission service. This is true in western and pioneer missions, in city missions, in rural missions, evangelism, and many other missionary endeavors.

In all of these areas it appears that the two boards complement each other, the one contributing something which the other can less effectively provide. By working together the whole effort has been co-ordinated and there has resulted a minimum of waste, overlapping, and confusion.

The results have been gratifying. Perhaps there has never been a time when the Home Mission Board and the respective state mission boards enjoyed a finer spirit of fellowship and comradeship in service than they enjoy today.

This spirit of "togetherness" is the result of a sympathetic understanding, a sense of fair play, and a oneness of purpose on the part of all concerned.

In behalf of the Home Mission Board, its staff, and its missionaries, I desire to thank the state secretaries and their co-workers for their fine spirit of co-operation. Truly, "we are laborers together with God."

NEWS

C. G. Cole Elected President Home Mission Board

At the semi-annual meeting of the Home Mission Board, held at the Baptist Assembly, Glorieta, New Mexico, August 15-16, in connection with the Home Mission Week there, C. G. Cole, Atlanta, Georgia, business executive, was elected president. Mr. Cole had been serving the Board as vice-president. Dr. L. E. Smith, pastor of Park Avenue Baptist Church, Atlanta, was elected vice-president to fill the vacancy created by the elevation of Mr. Cole to the presidency.

Eual Lawson to Evangelistic Staff

Rev. Eual Lawson, state secretary of evangelism in Missouri, was elected by the Home Mission Board to its evangelistic staff to succeed Dr. C. E. Autry, who resigned to accept the chair of evangelism in Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas.

Mr. Lawson will assume his new duties October 1, 1955.

New Braille Hymnal

The Braille Evangel Publishing Company of Fort Worth, Texas, has recently published a new hymnal for the blind titled "Words of Life." It is a compilation of 150 hymns and gospel songs. The compilation was done by eight blind musicians and with recommendations by Dr. Hines Simms of the Department of Music in Nashville.

Judge Hooper Selected Executive Committee President

Federal Judge Frank Hooper of Atlanta, Georgia, was elected president of the Southern Baptist Executive Committee at its recent meeting in Nashville, Tennessee. Judge Hooper, a layman, succeeds C. C. Warren of Charlotte, North Carolina, who became president of the Southern Baptist Convention in May.

W. Douglas Hudgins, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Jackson, Mississippi, was elected vice-president of the Committee and G. Allen West, pastor Woodmont Baptist Church, Nashville, recording secretary.

New Director of Rural Missions

Dr. J. T. Gillespie, who has served as superintendent of City Missions in Miami, Florida, since September, 1953, was elected by the Home Mission Board as director of rural missions at its semi-annual meeting in Glorieta, New Mexico, recently.

A native of North Carolina, Dr. Gillespie has served as teacher of Bible and Greek in Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, Oklahoma, and North Greenville Junior College, as well as pastor of the First Baptist Church Fayetteville, Arkansas, and Ligon Memorial Church, Spartanburg, South Carolina.

Prior to going to Miami he was in the Co-operative Missions Department of the Home Mission Board for two years and before coming to the Board served as superintendent of missions in Greenville, South Carolina.

Leland Waters Elected Executive Assistant of Home Board

Rev. Leland Waters, who has been serving the Home Mission Board as superintendent of its City Mission and Juvenile Delinquent and Broken Homes Program, was elected executive assistant of the Home Mission Board at its semi-annual meeting in Glorieta, New Mexico. He will assume his new duties January 1, 1956.

Before coming with the Home Mission Board in 1953, Mr. Waters served as executive secretary of the Richmond Baptist Association. He was pastor of the Hopeful and Nough Run Baptist churches near Richmond, Virginia for 16 years.

Ohio Baptists Increase

According to a census reported by *Ohio State Journal*, June 7, 1955, Baptists in the past year led all denominations in Columbus in the percentage of increase. The 14,700 American Baptists showed an increase of 21.7 per cent. Southern Baptists, for denominations with membership less than 5,000 reported a gain of 144.8 per cent for the year.

Baptists in Ohio, American and Southern, are growing phenomenally.

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From the Pen of

John Caylor



Co-operating Southern Baptists

AMONG THE MANY suggestions for a new name for the Southern Baptist Convention is "Co-operating Baptists" or "Co-operating Baptist Convention." This suggestion has met with more approval than any other proposed name. The term is descriptive and might be acceptable as a new name for Southern Baptists, but it might imply that other Baptist groups did not co-operate within groups or among themselves.

It is not the name under treatment here but the term. Southern Baptists are a co-operating people. In this issue of *Home Missions* are articles by Dr. Loyd Corder on Co-operation with State Conventions in the promotion of Direct Missions, and Dr. S. F. Dowis on Co-operative Missions. In any direction one may take among Southern Baptists he will find himself walking with the brethren by co-operation.

For 10 years it has been my privilege to serve in the field of education, publicity, and editorial service for the Home Mission Board. Co-operation within the staff and among the missionaries has made the work pleasant for the editor. For the 10-year period an average of 1,000 missionaries have walked together in missionary endeavor and have served together in "telling the world." Co-operation in telling the story of home missions has been effective in these 10 years in producing 66 mission study books, hundreds of tracts, printed in quantities of hundreds of thousands, and a constantly enlarging subscription list for the Board's magazine, *Home Missions*. In addition to the story told through the Board's own media the home mission story has gone out through Baptist state papers, through the many denominational

agencies and their publications, and through the public press.

The preparation of home mission materials is a matter of co-operation. Representatives of Southern Baptist agencies and state convention organizations will meet annually in a three-day session to advise with editors of the Home Mission Board and the Foreign Mission Board in the planning of mission study and in the preparation of mission materials. Books, magazines, visual materials, and publicity forms are studied and suggestions for improvement are made and gratefully received.

The circulation of printed materials is as important as their preparation. Baptist Book Stores, State Conventions, Southern Baptist Convention agencies, pastors, and organizational representatives in the local church all co-operate in telling the home mission story. Then there is co-operation with the past. Libraries, convention annuals, the literature of the scholars and historians of the past, and all that others have done before us and recorded in their reports enter into the current story of home missions. Then we are co-operating with the future. It is important to do service for the Lord and it is also important to make the record of that service for the encouragement of those who follow.

Baptists are what they are today because Baptists were what they were yesterday. While tradition does not govern, it does help to interpret. The best way for Baptists to determine whether or not they represent the New Testament church is to examine themselves in the light of the description given in the New Testament. The record keeps us straight if we keep the record straight.

Together we move forward. Baptists do co-operate.

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Lord's Acre cotton project gear a church in the Kings Mountain Baptist Association. The Rev. C. C. Crowe looks over crop with farmer friend.

MY EARLIEST MEMORIES of farm life in the mountains of North Carolina have to do with the waste of forest resources in order to find new topsoil for the growing of corn. Great hardwood trees were ringed and killed to provide fertile soil for crops. A few years later this field was the same as thousands of others—eroded and barren. Much of the topsoil had gone down the streams under the rush of surface water from summer showers and winter rains, and lay on the floor of the Atlantic Ocean. At the time I could not understand the waste of the gately trees, but it was years later that I observed and understood the soil depletion.

When the lumber camps left our lovely mountains the employment and revenue from forest products left with them. In their wake came forest fires and severe erosion on the mountain sides and uncontrolled flash floods in the valley. Terracing, water control, and crop rotation were unheard of. The land suffered, the people suffered, and the rural churches all but closed their doors.

From the mountains eastward toward the Atlantic, erosion has taken its toll of the topsoil from an average depth of 12 inches to its present average of four inches. A precious heritage was lost as streams ran red with the soil. The water table has dropped 10 feet in the last 20 years.

Cleveland County in the Piedmont hills has not escaped. The forests have disappeared. King Cotton has advanced to take their place. The one-crop farmer often has lost his seed and fertilizer,

Baptists and Rural Relations

By W. Lawson Allen
Director of Public Relations
Gardner-Webb College
Boiling Springs, N. C.

to say nothing of time and effort. Terracing came too late to save many farms from complete erosion. Children of a few years ago often showed signs of malnutrition, and many cattle were victims of starvation as a result of eroded farms.

Baptist leaders in North Carolina are beginning to realize that the rural sections really count. North Carolina, in spite of growing industrialization, is a rural state. Cleveland County and the Kings Mountain Baptist Association are in a predominately rural area. An unusually high percentage of the people are Baptists, and the church buildings are better than in any similar area in the South. These rural churches have won and trained thousands of young men and women, only to lose them to the cities. Thus not only the topsoil but the top crop of young Christian people as well has gone from the red hills of the Piedmont.

The Baptist State Convention and the Home Mission Board have for a number of years co-operated in rural relations.

Gardner-Webb College began a dozen years ago to serve the community in which the college is located. By serving the community the college fulfills its purpose not only in the lives of young men and women who come to study in its classrooms, but it takes the college to the community as well. This department of the college is called the Department of Church-Community Development.

Courses are offered in the college in practical church problems of community relations. These are intended to help student pastors meet the needs of the rural fields which they serve. Future pastors are prepared by surveys, papers, and actual experience to serve the needs of the rural community.

Adult education schools conducted in the churches through the department of Church-Community Development have reached more than 5,000 individuals. They have studied Bible, music, church organization, Christian sociology, and rural community development. The college through this department is opening eyes—eyes of the mind—eyes of the soul.

Many of the pastors in the Kings Mountain Association are meeting the needs of the rural people by the Lord's Acre Project, the Lord's Hour Project, Soil Conservation Sundays, and Harvest Festivals.

At a typical Harvest Festival the church members gather for dinner in the church dining room or at picnic tables in the churchyard. After the meal they enter the sanctuary and sit together as families. As the pastor calls the name of a family they stand while one member of the family takes the love offering and places it on the altar. This offering in no way replaces regular tithes and offerings, but is a special love offering used



Tractors furnished by farmers and agencies for co-operative work on the Gardner-Webb College farm.

for missions. Farm families give the earnings of an acre set aside for the cause. Salaried families often give the wage of the first hour of each week's work. Often there are special projects among the youngsters. One five-year-old gathered and sold the eggs laid on Sunday all year, keeping the sale money in a special deposit. With a cherubic beam he took his offering to the altar at the Harvest Festival.

The Rev. C. O. Greene is pastor of a field of rural churches composed of Lawndale, New Bethel, and Double Shoals. At Double Shoals the Harvest Festival, each Thanksgiving Day, produces enough over-and-above offerings to support a foreign missionary.

Since the Rev. Mr. Greene came to Double Shoals six years ago, the Cooperative Program receipts have increased 950 per cent, and the per capita gifts for missions from \$3.53 to \$27.00 last year. Brother Greene states, "The idea is to keep doing something after the building is erected and paid for. The build-

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Terracing to hold the soil on a Cleveland County farm in North Carolina.



(Above) Sample of good beef cattle at the Gardner-Webb College cattle show.

(Left) Prize dairy cow in cattle show at Gardner-Webb College.

Direct Missions Co-operates With the States

By Loyd Corder
Secretary, Direct Missions Department



Dr. Loyd Corder, secretary Direct Missions Department, who is leading Southern Baptists to be more conscious of mission needs in their own states.

SOUTHERN BAPTISTS everywhere have always thought of the Home Mission Board as the agency through which their mission work with Indians, foreigners, and underprivileged Americans is done, and wisely so, for often if left to the administration of smaller denominational units, local prejudices and weaknesses would hinder the mission ministry to those who need it most. Therefore, the Home Mission Board through its Direct Missions Department strives to live up to the expectations of the denomination by accepting the responsibility of surveying the needs, selecting and assigning personnel, acquiring property, erecting buildings, and administering the mission work among these people.

But just as the state conventions need the help and co-operation of the Home Mission Board in their city, rural, and other co-operative mission work, so the Home Mission Board needs the help and co-operation of the state conventions in doing its work with the Indians, foreigners, and underprivileged Americans. The Home Mission Board needs to know the thoughts of state convention leadership regarding matters on which this Board must make decisions.

The Home Mission Board needs the sympathetic understanding of the Baptist people of the state conventions as it deals with the many complex and difficult problems encountered in this specialized mission work. The Home Mission Board's direct missionaries need the fellowship and encouragement of being identified with the main stream of denominational life in the area where they live and work. The Board needs to have brought to bear on the di-

rect mission fields the impact of the general promotional program of the state conventions. Also, the Board needs the help of the state conventions in enlisting the churches of these conventions to face and deal successfully with the challenge of Indians, foreigners, and underprivileged peoples in their own communities; for it is possible to have paid missionaries only in the greater concentrations of these people.

Therefore, though insisting on complete freedom to administer its direct mission work, the Home Mission Board seeks the closest possible understanding and co-operation with the state conventions. In the states of Louisiana, Texas, Oklahoma, New Mexico, and California, where there are larger numbers of direct missionaries, the Home Mission Board has arranged for the person responsible for the administration of its direct mission work in each state to be fully identified with the state convention administrative and promotional staff in order that there may be a perfect interchange of information and understanding in the administration of the work*. In each state this person is responsible to the Home Mission Board for

*Rev. Carl Conrad, Director of French Missions in Louisiana, Box 311, Alexandria, Louisiana.
*Dr. L. D. Wood, Co-ordinator of Spanish Missions in Texas, 618 Dedell Building, San Antonio, Texas.
*Rev. Bailey Sewell, Superintendent of Indian Missions in Oklahoma, 1141 North Robinson, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.
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*Rev. E. J. Cramer, Director of Foreign-Language Missions in California, 1485 Broadway, Fresno, California.

*These men also perform administrative functions with the foreign-language missionaries employed by their respective state conventions.

the administration of matters pertaining to the personnel, property, etc., of the Home Mission Board's direct mission work in that state, but he is responsible to the state convention for his functions in promoting among the direct mission congregations the full program of Southern Baptists as it is promoted among the churches of that state convention.

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Convict Paints the Smiling Christ

By Julius Sturm
Raiford, Florida

AT THE Florida State Prison, four years ago, an old lifer dreamed, after a long evening of fervent prayer, that Jesus smiled at him. An artist for many years, this man was serving a life sentence for cashing small worthless checks to buy whiskey. The inmate decided to paint the smile of Christ as he had seen it in his dream. Working for many months, it was not until his twenty-seventh attempt that he finally succeeded.

Turning down all offers to sell his portraits, many for substantial amounts, he has given more than 150 pictures without cost to churches, prayer groups, missions, and worthy individuals all over the world. To date he has a backlog of nearly 6,300 requests—more than he can ever possibly paint. But steadfastly he refuses to accept pay for them.

Says Superintendent L. F. Chapman, Florida prison warden, about what prayer has accomplished for the artist: "There has never been an inmate who has undergone a more complete transformation with advent of religion as a motivating force in his life."

Notified recently that he will be released shortly, he plans to continue painting the Smiling Christ portraits and giving them to the most deserving of the many who have requested them. The paintings are unsigned, and he insists on maintaining anonymity to protect his children from further embarrassment.

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Co-operation of Home and State Mission Boards

By S. F. Dawis, Secretary
Co-operative Missions Department



Dr. S. F. Dawis, secretary of the Co-operative Missions Department of the Home Mission Board, and Dr. Chester Quarles, state executive secretary of Mississippi, one of the many state secretaries who co-operate with the Home Board.

THE HOME MISSION BOARD has a Department of Co-operative Missions which does all its work in co-operation with state mission boards. The purpose is to develop a unified Convention-wide mission program, and to assist states not able

to support the mission work needed in their own states.

Most of the workers in this department are not employed by the Home Mission Board, but rather are employees of the state mission boards and under their di-

rection. They are approved by the Home Mission Board in cases where the Board makes an allocation toward their salaries. The only employees of the Co-operative Missions Department of the Board are the field workers and office personnel.

The Home Mission Board co-operates with the state convention in the employment of a state superintendent of missions to be in charge of mission work in that state. He is chosen and directed by the state board. He attends Convention-wide conferences promoted by the Home Mission Board and promotes mission conferences in his own state, assisted by the Home Mission Board. There are now state superintendents of missions in all the states of our Convention except three, and in all probability these three states will have men either by the last of this year or the first of next year.

The Home Mission Board also co-operates with the state mission boards in the development and promotion of a City Mission Program. This City Mission Program is a part of the state mission work and is under its general direction. The Home Board co-operates with the state boards in providing a book, outlining the program for the successful promotion of the work, and providing literature on each phase of the work. The Board holds annual Convention-wide conferences on city missions and assists the state mission boards and cities in promoting local conferences for the promotion of the work. There are now 50 City Mission Programs in operation in the Southern Baptist Convention. This is just half what is needed. The Home Mission Board is anxious to co-operate with the state boards in whatever way it can to secure a worthy City Mission Program in all other cities.

The Home Mission Board makes an allocation toward the salary of the state superintendent of City Mission work when it is needed and requested by a state mission board. However, this allocation is paid through the state board and not to any individual City Mission Program.

The Rural Church Program is one of the largest and most promising programs that Southern Baptists have undertaken in recent years. The Rural Church Program began its initial work in 1944 under the direction of Dr. Courts Redford, then assistant secretary of the Home Mission Board. Since then it has been transferred to the Department of Co-operative Missions.

The Rural Church Program has now evolved into a Convention-wide program with a committee representing all the agencies and boards of the Southern Baptist Convention, charged with the responsibility of promoting a Twenty-Five-Year Long-Range Rural Church Program. This program is in the interest of revitalizing all the rural churches of our Convention and in establishing rural churches in the areas where none exist at present. The term "rural church" is understood to include churches in the open country, villages, and towns up to 2,500 population. The Home Mission Board provides literature and conferences, both on the Convention and statewide level, for the promotion of the Rural Church Program. A booklet on the Long-Range Rural Church Program is available at this time.

The Home Mission Board has also printed material on the associational mission program and the rural church survey for the local church. The Board co-operates with the state conventions in the promotion of the associational mission program and the rural church survey. Field workers are available to assist state superintendents in the promotion of these programs.

The Rural Church Department also co-operates with the state conventions in encouraging schools and colleges to set up departments of rural work to train young ministerial students for services in rural churches. These schools and colleges will also have the institutes and the preachers' schools for men who are pastoring churches in and around the schools and colleges. In this connection the Home Mission Board supports heartily the extension schools of the colleges and seminaries for those persons who have not had the opportunity of college and seminary training. There are two men working with the Home Mission Board in this department, the director and the secretary of the rural church survey, who are available to the states at any time that they can be of assistance.

The Western Mission Program is one of

our large and effective mission programs, and has been since 1942. The Western Mission Program includes 15 states west of Texas and Oklahoma, all the way to the Pacific Coast. There are in these 15 states five state conventions, namely: New Mexico, Arizona, California, Oregon, Washington, and Kansas. There will be organized a new Colorado State Convention in November of this year, including members from the states of Colorado, Wyoming, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Idaho, and Nebraska. This will be one of the largest state conventions ever organized in Southern Baptist history. Perhaps it will begin with 100 churches and 12,000 to 15,000 members.

In the western work, the Home Mission Board co-operates with the five state conventions in promoting the work. The Board provides a large part of the salaries of general missionaries who work in these

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Chaplain Vernon O. Rogers is in the process of briefing senior ROTC cadets on the moral, ethical, and spiritual values in Air Force officer leadership.



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The Air University's academic cur-

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riculum designed to better prepare these thousands of officers for places of higher and greater responsibility as leaders is not lacking in emphasis on the essential elements of life, the moral and spiritual.

Each year the Air War College has representatives from the clergy to appear on the platform and to speak on pertinent subjects dealing with the moral, ethical, and spiritual phases of leadership. At the Air Command and Staff College, several hours each semester are allocated to lectures by the chaplains on the moral and ethical responsibility of the Air Force Officers' leadership. Also other lectures stressing the spiritual values in the moral and ethical codes of conduct expected of all Air Force officers are given.

In the Squadron Officers Course, which is a part of the Air Command and Staff College, many hours are given to the consideration of moral and spiritual values necessary in the building of the proper type of Air Force officers. Committees are appointed, evaluation and planning boards are activated for the purpose of determining the proper approach and best means of communicating to the minds of our young officers these vital truths. An Air Force Chaplain is assigned to the Air Command and Staff College, and he works very closely with the students and faculty in preparing and presenting material on necessary moral and spiritual values.

During this past year, more than 150 Air Force chaplains, many Reserve chaplains, and civilian ministers have participated in the presentation of the lectures to the cadets. The supervising chaplains have also traveled to more than 150 universities during the past two years for the purpose of visiting, counseling with, and addressing ROTC cadets in these areas of consideration.

Another phase of the moral and spiritual training program is the monthly Character Guidance lectures given to all military personnel throughout the Air University. These lectures are designed to improve not only the thinking but the conduct of Air Force personnel. They are prepared and distributed to all Air Force personnel by the office of Chief of Air Force Chaplains, and are presented to our officers and airmen by the chaplains. Results show that the Character Guidance lectures are very successful. The content is slanted toward important matters pertaining to one's duty both to God and country.

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The pastor from Bradford, Pennsylvania, Arvel Adams, and I went to the Falls and after seeing the Falls went home with the pastor, Zig Boroughs, who met us upon our arrival.

Boroughs is a graduate of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. While a student in the seminary he was pastor of a small church in Gantt, Alabama. While there some of his people moved to Niagara Falls. Later they decided to start a Southern Baptist mission in the community and asked the church in Gantt to sponsor the mission. Later the pastor went up for a revival. Then he was asked to move to the Falls and become pastor.

The young pastor returned home, resigned his church, and asked it to call him as pastor of its mission in New York. Then the Boroughs, with their six small children moved to Niagara Falls. The mission paid

him \$50.00 a week so he worked at night to supplement his income.

On Friday night, June 24, Pastor Boroughs invited representatives of Southern Baptist churches in Ohio, along with Pioneer Missionary Otis Denney, of Rittman, Ohio, and Rev. G. K. Ford, moderator of the Erie Baptist Association, to assist in constituting a church. This church is affiliated with the State Convention of Ohio Baptists.

—Otis Denney
Pioneer Missionary
Rittman, Ohio

Servicemen Attend Laymen's Conference in Far East

From the evening of May 2 through May 5, 186 Protestant laymen from three branches of the service in the Far East gathered at Camp Eta Jima for the 1955 Laymen's Conference.

The main purpose of this conference was to stimulate the spiritual life of key Protestant laymen and to send them back to their units better prepared to be effective helpers in the chaplains' program. One hundred and one Army personnel took part, 84 Air Force and one Navy in ad-

dition to six personnel and one chaplain from British Commonwealth units in Korea. Fourteen chaplains from the three branches of the service led various classes and activities of the conference.

One previous conference was held last September. Both indicate that interest is high among Christian laymen. Each man traveled at his own expense and was granted five-day administrative leave from his unit.

Forty servicemen were flown from Korea to Ashiya Air Base, Kuysu, Japan, so they might attend.

Dr. Luther Copeland, president of Seinan Baptist University at Fukuoka, was retreat master and each evening and at 11:00 o'clock morning devotion gave messages which were soul-searching and challenging. Dr. R. H. Culpepper, missionary teacher at Seinan Baptist University, taught classes on the "Sermon on the Mount." Russell Norden of the Evangelistic Center at Fukuoka taught the classes on the "Parables of Jesus." Chaplains taught the other classes.

Of the 186 attending, 50 were Baptists.

—Edwin W. Miller
Post Protestant Chaplain
Camp Eta Jima

Richmond Baptists Sponsor Another Good Will Center

The Richmond Baptist Association of Richmond, Virginia, broke ground for its new Hillside Court Center June 5, 1955, in South Richmond. This is the fifth Good Will Center being operated by the association in its expanding program of effective city missions.

The First Baptist Church is providing about 75 per cent of the construction cost of approximately \$40,000.00, as the major missionary activity of the church during its 175th anniversary year in 1955. The center is to be opened this fall with a full-

time weekday Good Will Center ministry as well as the regular chapel program of preaching and teaching. Two full-time and two part-time staff members will direct the center, which will serve principally the Hillside Court Housing Project of the Richmond Redevelopment Authority. The project provides low rental housing for about 400 white families with residence population of 2,000.

The operation of the five Good Will Centers of the association is financed through the association's Good Will Center Committee and the executive secretary, Rev. Paul F. Crandall. The Good Will Centers are also a very vital part of the association's Woman's Missionary Union Community Mission work. The other centers are: the Fulton Baptist Center, the South Richmond Baptist Center, the Cary Street Baptist Center, and the House of Happiness Baptist Center, begun in 1914 and the oldest Good Will Center in continuous operation in the Southern Baptist Convention.

Two of the centers have a bi-racial ministry with scheduled activities at designated times for both white and Negro youth and adults and one center sponsors a weekday ministry to Chinese children under the direction of a full-time Chinese worker.

—Paul F. Crandall
Richmond Baptist Association
Executive Secretary

14 Professions at VBS

We have just completed our VBS. We had an enrollment of 96 and an average attendance of 73. Our mission offering was \$10.00 which was sent to the Cooperative Program through our state convention.

It took four cars each day to bring the children and take them home. Three of the cars made two trips. As many as 20 children were taken at one time in a station wagon.

The Lord blessed us with 14 professions of faith. We had several Anglos and one Negro attending as well as the Mexican children.

We are finding that the children from the Mexican homes are not always able to understand a lesson taught in Spanish, so the school was conducted about half in English and half in Spanish.

—Elton F. Vickers
Missionary to Spanish-Speaking
San Pablo, California



Baptist leaders in Richmond, Virginia, break ground for fifth Good Will Center sponsored by the Richmond Baptist Association.



VBS at Spanish mission, Toluca, New Mexico, where Rev. and Mrs. A. D. Reed serve as missionaries.



Missionary Horace E. Fisher (left) and Thomas Nickey, associational Training Union director, worked together in planning first elimination contest for Choctaw Indians in Mississippi.



Leaders at recent Laymen's Conference sponsored by the armed forces in the Far East area where the altar call was answered by 49 and a number indicated they were called to full-time Christian service.

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1. Help guide young people's careers. More high-school students will take the courses they need to become engineers if they know of the wide opportunities in the field. Since the 1920's, General Electric has tried to create interest by distributing a variety of school training aids. (Above, a teacher counsels students, using a G-E career guidance booklet, "Why Study Math?") In the past 10 years, schools have requested 63,000,000 copies of our training aids.



2. Bring businessmen and educators together. An understanding of the role math and science play in business can help teachers prepare students for careers. The group above is the latest of 1,450 high-school teachers to attend G.E.-sponsored summer fellowship programs. Here they have the opportunity to study at several leading colleges and to see firsthand the value of their work to business. We have also conducted conferences for college educators since 1924.



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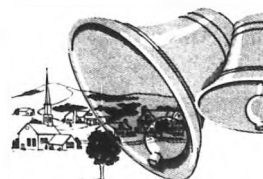


5. Encourage self-development. Young people with aptitude should be helped to move ahead. For example, the young men above joined our Apprentice Training Program as high-school graduates in 1949; this year they are graduate engineers from the U. of New Hampshire after a 6-year work-and-study program sponsored by our Meter Department. Donald E. Craig, General Manager of the Department, congratulates the men and welcomes them to full-time jobs.

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Texas Deaf Enjoy Camp Meeting

By Mrs. Leslie Gunn
Missionary to Deaf
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

A CAMP FOR the deaf was held at the beautiful Piney Woods Baptist Encampment near Woodlake, Texas, July 1, with Rev. Leslie Gunn, Home Board missionary, serving as camp pastor. The theme of the Texas Baptist Conference of the Deaf was displayed on a beautiful, huge, red heart sprinkled with sequins. The theme was "Love is the Theme." The heart was constructed by Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Tippie, of Dallas, Texas. He was the president for the past year and presided over the conference in such a humble yet efficient way that it was a spiritual blessing just to watch him.

The program was planned by Mrs. Lillian Beard of Houston, and 25 persons participated. The songs were so impressive in the beautiful sign language that even though one could not understand and speak the language, he was inspired.

The food was the best we have ever had in any camp. We were filled to capacity each meal.

Mr. and Mrs. Garrett, the camp managers, were wonderful to us and provided us with every comfort. The cabins were nice, modern, air conditioned buildings.



These deaf from Texas Baptist churches enjoyed a get-together at Piney Woods Encampment recently where they discussed how best to reach the deaf for Christ.

The children and some adults thoroughly enjoyed the swimming pool. About 20 children attended and their activities were directed by Jerry Campbell and Peggy and Ann Gunn.

The highlight of the camp was when one soul accepted Christ as her personal Saviour. She was so happy and all of us were for her.

The second best thing at the camp was the Christian fellowship. Groups would gather out under the beautiful, tall pine trees and discuss the Lord's work as it was carried on by the 19 different church groups represented.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Prock were there from New Orleans, Louisiana. He was an inspiration because of his humbleness of spirit. His wife assisted him in one of his messages with a chalk talk which was a beautiful picture depicting "The Light of the World" which is Jesus.

I am sure the theme which ran throughout the entire program in every song and message helped all of us to go away with more love in our hearts for Christ and his work.

These Things I Have Learned

By W. R. Grigg, Director
Negro Work in Louisiana

UPON TAKING time out to reflect upon the work I have had the privilege of doing with Negro Baptists during the last 18 months in Louisiana, I am aware that I have learned some things that I needed to know. Having enumerated them for my own benefit, it seems that they are worth sharing with others.

As the apostle Peter stated in the house of one Cornelius, "Of a truth I perceive" that I have learned from my friends who happen to be Negroes:

1. The high value of patience. Haste, more often than not, makes waste. Error is always in a hurry. Time is the greatest friend of truth.
2. The true worth of relaxation. Tension always leads to conflict.
3. The wealth in a wholesome sense of humor. Humor is lubrication for soul and body.
4. Real greatness depends on character and not color.
5. The inestimable value of a complete and childlike faith in a personal God. All men of faith meet in God through Christ. God is the foundation of their union and fellowship.
6. Each person needs the esteem and respect of each other person. No man lives or dies to himself.
7. Equality of respect is of greater worth than equality of wages.
8. All human beings are persons and not problems.
9. With Ekupery I can say, "In my civilization he who is different from me does not impoverish me—he enriches me."
10. He who is different from me is not necessarily inferior.
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New Ybor City Baptist Temple constructed by the Home Mission Board in the Latin Quarters in Tampa, Florida.

Mission Dollars Build Church in Latin Quarters

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

EVERY FAMILY in the Ybor City Baptist Temple, Tampa, Florida, had some special part in the preparations for the dedication of the new building on May 15. The choir, under the direction of Lanell Guyton, had worked hard to do justice to the occasion. Mrs. Aida Dabney had spent many hours crocheting a beautiful scarf which would adorn the table and pulpit. Others had spent time raking the yard and cleaning in preparation for the event.

A distinctive feature of the new building is a massive stone decoration on front which stands nine feet tall. The center of this object is an open Bible on which is carved John 3:16 in Spanish on one side and English on the other. This well tells the story of the mission of this church. Both languages are used in the church program. Sunday school classes are taught in both languages and Sunday morning worship services are conducted in English and Sunday night services in Spanish.

The building now completed is the first unit of a three-unit plan. Floor plans were furnished by the Sunday School Board in Nashville, Tennessee, but exterior plans were designed by a Tampa architect. The exterior Mediterranean design fits well into the neighborhood this church serves. The congregation formerly worshipped in the Clark Memorial Church, a landmark

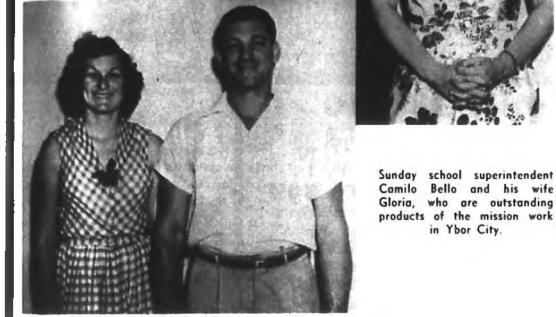
in the Latin Quarters. At the completion of the new church building the congregation voted to change the name to Ybor City Baptist Temple.

Twenty-five thousand dollars of mission money was put into the building by the Home Mission Board. The local congregation assumed the responsibility of furnishing the building. A new spinet piano has been purchased for the auditorium as well as leather cushioned metal folding chairs. Tables with extension legs to be used either as banquet tables or in the Primary and Beginner departments, and oak chairs for the children, have been purchased to date.

The members of the congregation have been working and praying for a great growth in this community where Christianity grows so slowly. Mrs. Peggy Garcia, who with her daughters Caroline and Betty, is regular in attendance, has been praying faithfully for an increase in members as well as money with which to furnish this beautiful new building. Mrs. Garcia gladly tells how this new church is a dream come true, for she has longed for so many years to have a beautiful building to which to invite her family and friends for worship. Growth by new members is a dear thing to this family, because



Missionary and Mrs. R. B. Armstrong who have led the people in getting ready for the new building.



Sunday school superintendent Camilo Bello and his wife Gloria, who are outstanding products of the mission work in Ybor City.

Betty made a profession of faith this spring and was recently baptized.

The July, 1950, issue of *Home Missions* carried an article titled "Camilo Bello and others like him) Is Our Answer" by Rebecca Larry of the Good Will Center here. Camilo is now a Korean veteran but still dependable for Christ's cause in the Ybor City Baptist Temple. Camilo is our Sunday school superintendent and the church has voted to ordain him as its first deacon. This dedication meant much to both Camilo and his beautiful wife Gloria. During our last revival Gloria accepted Christ and was recently baptized.

Camilo testifies that words cannot express his gladness for this day when we dedicated our new building because he sees victory for Christ in the future. With this beautiful building and modern facilities, he is confident more eyes and hearts will be turned toward Christ.

Mrs. Aida Dabney has never been satisfied to bring only her own children to church services, but gathers all the neighborhood children together when Sunday morning comes. Although they have to walk a half-mile, one can spot from a great distance Mrs. Dabney with her group

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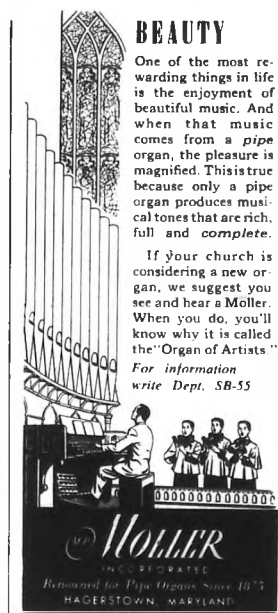
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I SAT IN THE foxhole with my rifle in hand. Suddenly and without warning I received a terrific blow to the head. My ears rang. My head throbbed and my body echoed its vibration.

My foxhole was dug in a vacant lot in an Oklahoma town. I was a "junior commando." My uniform included a T-shirt, blue jeans, and a steel German helmet without a liner.

When I got to my feet and saw a colored boy bolting for Dixie, I realized what had happened. The mischievous black prankster had slipped up on my back side, raised the helmet a few inches from my head, and then let it drop. Right then I began to develop a dislike for colored people. It never became a hatred, and I would not

even admit the ill feelings, but they were there.

Years later I was wearing a real military uniform on a bus in San Antonio. A Negro friend of mine got on the bus. I was glad to see him and greeted him cheerfully. He returned the greeting, and it was evident that he was glad to see me, too. I moved over to let him sit down. His dark eyes met mine. He forced a smile. He passed on by.

Another blow. Another state of confusion. Another realization. This blow was echoed by the familiar sign at the front of the bus which read, "Front Seats Reserved for White Patrons." The confusion was an attempt to justify such discrimination. The realization was that my prejudice had been conquered by love.

Baptists and Rural Relations

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ing is a means; not an end."

The Rev. C. C. Crow, pastor of Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, has long been close to the soil. Farm projects for the Lord, conducted similarly to 4-H Club projects, have brought the membership of several churches he has served to a larger stewardship of the soil as well as other material possessions.

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Co-operation

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five state conventions, and, of course, in the other states affiliated with the state conventions. These missionaries are elected by the state conventions and are under their direction and support. The Home Board holds general conferences with the state secretaries, state superintendents, and general missionaries annually, and assists them with the conferences within their own states for the promotion of the work.

In addition, the Home Board grants pastoral aid for mission pastors in new fields in these western states. This aid must be requested by the state mission boards for men who are qualified and approved by the Home Mission Board. The aid is granted by the Board and paid through the state conventions. There are now 40 general missionaries in the western states. During the last 12 months more than 300 mission pastors have been aided in these 15 western states.

Another field in which the Home and state mission boards co-operate is the Pioneer and Mountain Mission Work. By the pioneer fields, we mean pioneer work in the eastern states. This is done through the state conventions of Missouri, Illinois, Kentucky, Virginia, Maryland, and Ohio. Each of these states has co-operating churches from other states which are assisted by the Home Mission Board through the state convention. For example, Missouri promotes mission work in the state of Iowa; Illinois promotes mission work in Wisconsin and in part of Indiana; Kentucky promotes mission work both in Indiana and part of West Virginia; and the Ohio State Convention has churches affiliated with it from Pennsylvania and New York, aside from the state of Ohio. Virginia has churches affiliated with its convention in West Virginia, and, of course, helps those churches in that area. The

Home Mission Board does not enter a field as a Southwide agency, but only through the state convention and at its request. The states also make a contribution toward the work and ask for the Home Board's assistance. In these pioneer fields, the Home Board aids in the employment of pioneer missionaries, in addition to the associational missionaries that are employed by the state mission board. These pioneer missionaries work in fields that are not covered by associational missionaries and fields that are so sparsely settled that an associational missionary would not be the most profitable way to approach it. This allocation is made to the state convention that directs the work, under the direction of the state superintendent of missions. The Board also makes allocations for mission pastoral aid, upon the request of the state mission board, for men who are qualified to do the new mission work. These mission pastors and new fields of work are under the supervision of the state superintendent.

The Home Mission Board provides also a Convention-wide conference on pioneer work and general literature for the promotion of pioneer missions as well as the associational mission work. It may be of interest to know that in the state of Indiana, there are two associations co-operating with the Illinois State Convention and one association and a group of churches co-operating with the Kentucky State Convention. There is also another association of churches co-operating with Tennessee. In this connection, Arkansas also sponsors work in Michigan. This is a large and rapidly growing work. The Home Mission Board also makes an allocation toward the payment of salaries of pioneer missionaries in Michigan through the Arkansas State Convention as well as for mission pastoral aid in that area through the Arkansas State Convention.

Mountain Mission Work was the development of the Home Mission Board in its more recent type of program. Under the leadership of A. B. Cash, and in co-operation with the state mission board in Kentucky, a definitely outlined program for mountain missions was worked out a few years ago. This is on the county unit basis. Literature has been provided for the work. The Home Board, in co-operation with any state mission board which has a mountain area, sends a man to survey the mountain area, to get the facts, and to suggest a program that would meet the needs. When and if the state board adopts such a program, the Home Board lends aid and assistance in getting the work under way and promoting it until the state is able to carry it alone. In this connection, the Home Mission Board also has Convention-wide conferences and gives aid and assistance to state conferences on Mountain Mission Work. This has been one of the most successful phases of Co-operative Missions.

The last field added to the Co-operative Missions Department is Alaska. As of January 1, 1955, the work was transferred to the Department of Co-operative Missions. This means that the Home Mission Board will co-operate with the Alaska Baptist Convention as a convention, recognizing it as a convention, and giving it a part in directing and sponsoring the work within the territory. The Board, in co-operation with the Alaska Baptist Convention, employs a state superintendent, who in co-operation with his committee and the executive committee of the convention, will direct the work, including the native work. In addition to the state superintendent of missions, the Home Board makes supplements to pastors' salaries for west churches, and to the new missions. Heretofore it has been direct, but in the future will be upon the suggestion of the convention in Alaska, and in co-operation with it. After January 1, 1956, all mission pastoral aid for the mission pastors in Alaska will be sent to the Alaska Baptist Convention and paid to the pastors from that office. It is the plan that the native mission work will be almost entirely supported by the Home Mission Board, but will be under the direction also of the state superintendent of missions.

The Home Mission Board, through its Department of Co-operative Missions, is seeking to aid and assist the state conventions in developing and promoting a mission program in each individual state convention that will meet all of the needs of all of its churches and people. This department has grown from one field of work in City Missions in 1940 to ten phases of work at this time.

World's Largest University

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ing on and adjacent to the Air Force Base, the Sunday morning congregation in our chapels gives no different appearance to that of most civilian churches. Most of the military attend chapel services in civilian clothes.

As a part of the religious training in the Air University Command, the chaplains place great emphasis on our Sunday school activities. Maxwell Air Force Base has more than 600 Sunday school students in attendance on each Sunday morning. The Sunday school teachers are acquired from the personnel of the Air Force schools and from the families of the military. There are many Air Force full colonels who have been teaching Sunday school at Maxwell for two or three years. Many of the wives, and in some cases the daughters of military families, assist in this phase of religious education.

Our chaplains also participate in youth activities, such as Scout organizations, young peoples' social organizations, and other activities in which they endeavor to inculcate into the curriculum the principles of moral and spiritual teachings.

Our chapels during each year hold special Sunday services with emphasis upon particular phases of religious work such as missions, charitable activities, orphan

homes, and welfare activities. On these special occasions freewill offerings are made by the people to support such causes. For example, as of May of this year all the chapels on the base received a special offering for the Foundation for Religious Action. The response was wonderful and the collection totaled approximately \$500.00. We feel that our participation in religious causes of worldwide interest is most beneficial to the development of the moral and spiritual lives of our people. World missions has received thousands of dollars from military personnel each year.

The director of the chaplains' work for the Southern Baptist Convention, Dr. Alfred Carpenter, at Miami, Florida, May 1955, gave an outstanding report on the accomplishments of the chaplaincy. He stated that chaplains led all other groups within the denomination in soul-winning during the past year. Our chaplains do emphasize the importance of soul-winning, and they recognize this as their primary task as men of God. The activities of chaplains at the Air University are repeated all across the country and around the world in the Air Force, the Army, the Navy, and in the Marines. The chaplaincy is a big spiritual business today. With millions of our people in the military and raising their families on military bases, the program of moral and spiritual training is increasingly more important each day.

Mission Dollars

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d boys and girls. Her daughter Joyce, 14, a beginning to assume responsibility in our music program Mrs. Dabney has watched closely the building of this new church and proudly shares the developments with her neighbors in the hope that she may interest them. Mrs. Dabney realizes what mission dollars spent in this building mean, for she pictures what her children and many of her friends might be were it not for the church and its influence.

These were the attitudes found by Rev. Wiley Henton, building superintendent for the Home Mission Board, when he came to be our speaker for the dedication. He found happiness everywhere that the great day had come at last. We all felt humbled as our Good Will Center workers, Evelyn Epps and Elizabeth Smalley, read the Scripture passages and led in prayer, for they reminded us of our responsibility to be faithful to the charge given us by Christ. Mr. Henton spoke on the subject "A House of Prayer" and we all knew we were living sacred moments. Each member of the Ybor City Baptist

Temple would say "May God bless you for caring enough for us to see that we have this house of worship." We are trusting the Lord to bless us enough that we may soon put up the second unit of the building. Already we do not have enough Sunday school rooms. We also need a kitchen unit so that we may have socials. And as our congregation grows, we shall need a larger auditorium.

Pray for us as we undertake to carry on from where you have brought us through your mission dollars.

Direct Missions

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By Rev. and Mrs. Ben Yelvington
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THANK YOU for reading "Learning About Christ Through the GA's" in the July issue of *Home Missions* and answering our plea to pray for the 14 girls who in March, when we wrote the article, did not know Christ as Lord and Saviour. We would like you to know how in these months God has worked in the hearts of these girls and how he has answered your prayers.

During our revival in connection with the Simultaneous Crusade in April, Mary Elizabeth made a profession of her faith in Christ. Her parents have not yet given permission for her to be baptized.

In May, Inez told us that her mother was being transferred to work in another Indian Government School and that they were to move in a few days. We planned a farewell party for Inez, and since we had been studying the Far East that week in our GA meeting, had it in the form of a Chinese dinner with chop suey, Chinese tea, and chopsticks. But we included an American cake decorated in honor of Inez. A few days later Inez came to say good-by and we had the opportunity to talk with her personally. And there in our living room, after reading from God's Word and praying, Inez accepted Jesus as her Lord and Saviour. Her mother and father are not Christians and there is no Baptist church where they have moved; Inez needs our continued prayers that God may use her life.

During a wonderful week of Bible study, preaching, and Christian fellowship in June at the New Mexico All-Indian Camp in the Monzona Mountains, eight of our Junior GA's accepted Christ and made public professions of their faith. How we rejoiced also as one Intermediate girl and four Junior boys made decisions at various morning and evening services when opportunity was given to accept Christ. Souls

were saved and lives changed. When we returned from camp, nine-year-old Maggie rushed to her home next door to eagerly tell her mother, "Mother, now I am a Christian," before any other words of greeting were exchanged between them. Later that day her mother told me that Maggie seemed happier and behaved differently than ever in her life before, and that she was happy that her child had become a Christian. We are praying that Maggie's testimony may win her family, and that these other girls and boys may lead their families to the Lord.

At our Vacation Bible school, July 5-13, during which time 113 children were enrolled, with an average attendance of 81, Shirley, an 11-year-old Indian girl and one of our most faithful and enthusiastic GA's, accepted Jesus and made her public profession, along with 12 other boys and girls. Six girls who made professions of faith that day are newly-reached girls, but already five of them have attended GA meetings and we pray that the other girls' mother will soon permit her to come, also.

Of the girls mentioned in the first article there are still three who have not made decisions for Christ and several others who have since been coming to GA's who are now learning about Christ, but won't pray that each of these, too, will come to know him.

Also, won't you continue to pray for these others; not one of the girls or boys who made decisions for Christ these past few months is from a Christian home. Most of them are not allowed to attend our Sunday services, and those who are not permitted to be baptized. What a responsibility we have to help these young people be loyal to Christ through all circumstances, to grow as Christians, and so live that their parents and friends may be won.

Questions and Answers on CATHOLICISM

By William E. Burke
Field Worker, Home Mission Board

Q. What is the supremacy of the pope as it is understood by the Roman Catholic Church?

A. It is the supreme authority and jurisdiction which he claims over the whole Christian world.

Q. Does the pope claim this supremacy only over the Roman Catholic people?

A. No; he claims it over all baptized persons, no matter to what church they belong. The theory of Rome is that all persons baptized, no matter by whom, are subjects of the pope. Protestants being regarded as rebellious subjects, but subjects just the same.

Q. Must Roman Catholics believe in the supremacy of the pope as necessary for salvation?

A. Yes. Pope Boniface VIII decreed, "We declare, define, and pronounce, that it is necessary for every one that is to be saved to be subject to the Roman Pontiff" (*Romanian Analyzed*, p. 60).

Q. What Scriptural authority does the Roman Catholic Church offer for these claims?

A. She offers Matt. 16:18-19.

Q. Do these texts sustain the claims founded on them?

A. No. It is clear from other texts that Christ is the foundation on which we are to build. "Behold, I lay in Zion a chief corner stone, elect, precious: and he that believeth on him shall not be confounded" (1 Peter 2:6). Peter himself nowhere alludes to such supremacy. He says, "The elders which are among you I exhort, who am also an elder, and a witness of the sufferings of Christ" (1 Peter 5:1). Here he calls himself an elder and witness, but nowhere the vicar of Jesus Christ upon earth. The grant of the keys to Peter is not quoted in proof of his supremacy. The keys, it is admitted, are a figure, and imply a door. However, the keys of the kingdom of glory belong only to Christ: for it is written of Christ, that it is "he that openeth, and no man shutteth; and no man openeth" (Rev. 3:7).

CHANGES in Missionary Personnel

NEW MISSIONARIES

Partner, Syble (Secretary to Administrative Force)
Hew, James and Mrs. (Indian), 616 W. Indian School, Albuquerque, N. M.
Lia, Lucy (Chinese), 1246 Hyde, San Francisco, Calif.

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Deleada, Elias and Mrs. (Spanish), 8460 20th Street, San Francisco, Calif.

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Roberts, James Dentle (Teacher-Missionary), Shaw University, Raleigh, N. C.
Holloway, James R. (Director Mission Center), 448 1/2 E. Second Street, Charlotte, N. C.

BOOK REVIEWS

Bible Highlights, by Myrtle Mallett. Exposition Press, \$3.00.

From the King James version of the Scriptures, the author has compiled Scripture passages on themes, such as obedience, strength, power, arm, ears, etc. This is a most helpful compilation for teachers and Bible students.

Doctor of Tanganyika, by Paul White. Erdmanns, \$3.00.

Dr. Paul White, missionary doctor, has been unable to serve his mission field in recent years because of enforced retirement made necessary by malarial and asthmatic attacks. He is serving missions in Africa through writing his popular children's series, *Jungle Doctor* and has told the mission story to the delight of children. Now Dr. White presents *Doctor of Tanganyika* for a study of the field. This larger book is just as interesting as the *Jungle Doctor Series*, just as readable, and it offers a survey study of medical missions promoted in Africa by the Anglican church of Australia.

Deaf Elect Officers

Carey C. Shaw, Houston, Texas, was reelected president of the Southern Baptist Conference for the Deaf in the meeting held in Houston, June 9-12. Other officers elected were: Mrs. J. Carl Brittain, Inman Park Baptist Church, Atlanta, Georgia, vice-president; Robert Marsden, Little Rock, Arkansas, secretary; James B. Fair, Houston, treasurer; Mrs. Robert Marsden, Little Rock, editor of *Southern Baptist Bulletin for the Deaf*; W. L. Asbridge, Memphis, Tennessee, assistant editor. The 1956 meeting of the deaf workers will be held in Inman Park Baptist Church, Atlanta, Georgia, June 7-9.

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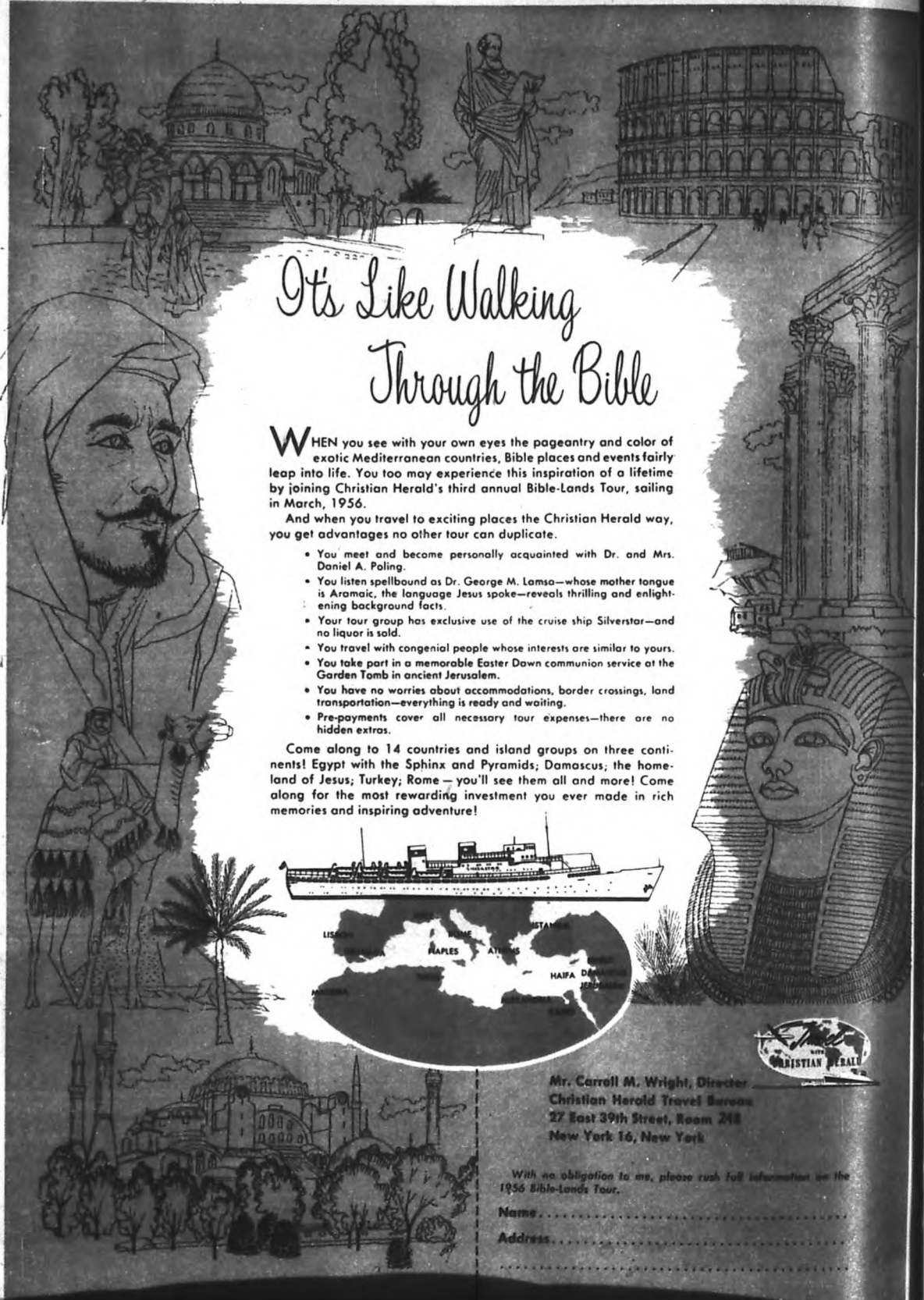
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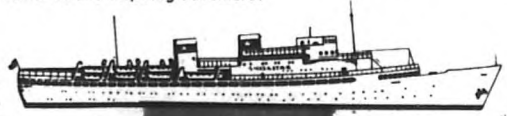
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