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We have discovered added depth since the article, "Venture into Spiritual Maturity," was written. Now we believe we have been able to see even a larger perspective into which the priesthood of believers and the equipping ministry will fit as the most natural way the great ends of the gospel may be achieved.

This venture gets deeper and more exciting as we go along. Some of our people and churches are beginning to catch fire. There seems to be a mighty thirst on the part of many people for that which brings depth meaning and excitement into spiritual life and which produces a great unity and fellowship.

Nat Tracy

I am extremely interested in sharing with others information contained in the Home Missions magazine. I am grateful for the report on the search for spiritual maturity being carried on at Howard

I think the article, "Venture into Spirit-ual Maturity," is the most encouraging thing I've read in a mighty long time. Surely these men, of whom Nat Tracy wrote, have discovered the road to revival.

Emmett Boydstun Pacoima, Calif.

Pacoima, Calif.

I read with a great deal of interest and elation your recent article entitled "Venture into Spiritual Maturity."

It was refreshing to know the discussion and the struggle that the group has had for some period of time. They seem to have grappled with and come forth with a new understanding of this whole matter of Christianity. Thank you for sharing these aspects of their struggle and growth with many others through this publication.

I share with you the concern that this type of struggle can help to revitalize the significance and meaning of the church.

Milton P. Synder.

Milton P. Snyder Butner, N. C.

I have just finished reading "Venture into Spiritual Maturity." I have long felt that there is a need in our churches, and in my personal life, that high-pressure preaching and religious salesmanship cannot supply. A recovery of the practice of the priesthood of believers seems to be in the right direction.

Carmen L. Conner Portales, N. M.

We truly appreciate your printing the stimonies and article, "Venture into

Creath Davis De Leon, Tex.

Nat Tracy's article, "Venture into Spirit-ual Maturity," has thrilled me. He so per-fectly expressed what I have been under-going for a year and a half.

Mrs. Donald M. Hutson Vernon, Tex.

Radio and TV Ministry

I have just checked with the distribution department, and found that 12 stations in the U.S. carry "La Hora Bautista," 10 carry "Control Central," 17 carry "Momentes De Meditacion," and 8 carry the Navajo program, "The Living Water." Many of these programs are sponsored by state conventions, such as Texas and California, or by local associations, or individual churches. It is very difficult to get "public service" time for language programs. In English we can get free time because of the quality of the programs are strictly commercial.

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strictly commercial

As perhaps you are aware, the Home Mission Board pays the cost of broadeast of "Momentos De Meditacion," each west over WNBX in New York City, whefe they have a potential Spanish listening audience of about 1.250,000 people. In Kingstown, R. I., the Board helps pay the cost of broadeasting a program in Portuguese, "Escola Biblica Do Ar" (The Bible School of the Air) taught by A. R. Major. We produce the program, with Major supplying the Sunday school Jessons in Portuguese each week.

We are working with Elias L. Golonka, assistant secretary of the Language Missions Department, to get a program in

assistant secretary or the Language mis-sions Department, to get a program in Polish started Golonka recorded some Polish music in Toronto, Canada, just prior to the Southern Bapitst Convention meeting in Dallas, and we hope to have 13 of these programs produced sometime in the fall.

In addition to radio programs, we have done some experimenting with language television in this country. Perhaps you are aware that the Foreign Mission Board paid the cost of translation, recording, and dubbing of 39 films from "The Answer" series into Spanish, to be known as the "La Respuesta" series. At the present time, two stations in Texas, in Corpus Christi and in San Antonio, have televised this series on a "public service" basis. We feel that this area will increase. These films are available from the Radio and Television Commission on a service commission charge basis of \$3.00 per showing, to any Latin American church or groups that could utilize such films in Spanish. They were used extensively during the "Cruzad Bautista Nueva Vida" (New Life Movement) here in Texas last fall, and with very good results. One pastor told me of 18 conversions in his church after he showed one of the films.

Likewise, we have gone into the production of language correspondence courses to In addition to radio programs, we have

Likewise, we have gone into the production of language correspondence courses to supplement the radio and television ministry. We have 3 courses in Speaks thus far. They are the "La Respuesta" course based on the little book, "Esta Es La Respuesta," a course on the book of Luke called Esta Es La Vida" (This is the Life); and a course on the book of Acts called "Esta Es La Cummunidad Triunfante."

HOME MISSION

EDITORIALS By Walker L. Knight

EVERYBODY, EVERYWHERE

As one comedian always says, "Everybody's trying to get into the act." When this happens in home missions, the Home Mission Board couldn't be happier. In fact, everything possible is being done to encourage participation by all

If any year can be cited as a climax or milestone in mak ing it possible for more participation by Mr. Baptist in missions, 1965 will have to be taken into consideration as the year. Two shiny new ministries were launched this year—the US-2 and the Christian Service Corps.

The driving force behind it all is how to bring willing, capable people into contact with critical missions needs in creative, constructive ways. With encouragement from Woman's Missionary Union and the Brotherhood Commis sion, both with many capable people wanting to do mission work, the Home Mission Board explored through a pilot endeavor the possibilities in such a ministry as the Christian Service Corps

There was nothing complicated about the corps. It was simply that if mature (past 35) men and women would give their time and pay their own way, couldn't the mission agency find a place for them to serve? Of course, there were questions about whether they could actually be of any help in a short time or would they simply occupy the missionaries' time in taking care of them or informing them? Could they do anything effective in such short periods? For this reason, the first group was a small one-only six were assigned. But these went to such places as Alaska, the Kentucky moun tains. Hawaii, and the Northeast. The reports coming back effectiveness. One retired pastor went into a trouble situation and the missionary said, "He was like oil on troubled water.
We were truly grateful for his work."

So the adults are getting into the summer missions act. Many more are expected to serve next year.

There was another group of Baptists untapped for misceived for its Peace Corps. Thus the Home Mission Board made plans for its US-2 ministry, and as the name implies they serve two years in the United States or Panama, and later possibly in Puerto Rico. The US-2 is a college graduate, who has been an active Baptist, and is willing to give two years' service to meet mission needs. Most of those who have responded have a history of service in Student Summer Missions. They are aware of both the needs of home missions and of how they can help meet these needs. This issue contains a full report on the appointment of the first 20 of these young adults.

So the young adults are getting into the missionary personnel act through US-2. Another 25 will be appo every year, with a continuous force of 50 in the field of home missions.

Many professional people have been in the act for years Many professional people have been in the act for years through the Tentmaker ministry of the Home Mission Board. These Baptists, many of them soncol teachers, doctors, nurses, etc., have been willing to Telocate their homes in communities designated by the Home Mission Board where they can help establish needed churches by simply being active members of struggling churches or missions.

Meanwhile, the student summer missionaries were at record peaks as 630 served in 1965, and applications were at the highest peak as more and more college students were giving of their summers for missions. Also the number of permanent missionaries appointed by the Home Mission Board stands at a record figure-2,515.

In addition, more and more churches indicate they are educating their people in missions and providing opportuni-ties for them to meet the missions needs within their own communities or in other communities through special mis-

ON THE COVER

Jack Boggs of Pineville, La., becomes a friend to Timothy Poienz, right, on a Cleveland, Ohio, side-walk and invides him to Vacation Bible school This was a continual experience for Jack, as he served as a student summe missionary for ten weeks. Like the other 630 volunteers for Student Sum mer Missions, Jack had Vacation Bible school in the mornings and house-tohouse surveys in the afternoor



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I am a Missionary Because ...

issionary because I feel most assoissionary because new missions and circumstances. hurches' are needed. I am a misionary because I feel, that in this tion, I was faced with the problem of

be closed. Had it closed immediately, lmost all the membership of the easier to reach the families moving there from other Southern Baptist churches, very little sustained effort had been made to reach the native Southern Baptist church. The pastor was defeated in spirit and left. I was nusiastic in the face of pessimism. The incomplete survey showed some good prospects. Plans were formulated to reach them. A prospective

I see a need for churches to be pastor was contacted (he's their pasrenthened and encouraged. I am a tor now). On my last night with the church, the people who had caught tiations do not equal their potential the vision of what could be done, n the work the churches can do to- base or no base, shared with others. gether, especially in the area of ad- This "dead" church has now ven ance planning. I am a missionary tured out to share in a program of pecause I feel the last man on earth serving an Indian mission in a town eeds to hear the gospel, and some 50 miles distant, and is arranging to f them have no contact with a refinance their debts so that they chuleh which proclaims it. I am a can handle them under almost any Sometimes desperation dictates ac-

field of service I can render my best five student summer missionaries, all having a vacant week at the same A few months ago it was learned time. Plans had been tentative to hat a military base in our state was to have an Indian Mission Vacation Bible school on or near one of the seven reservations, but final plans church in the nearby town would were not completed for a variety of have been gone. Since it was always reasons. Time had run out, however, and the pastor of the mission had resigned and was making ready to leave. It was agreed that if he could find us a meeting place of any kind, people. Objective evaluation indicated I would join the five students, and hat even if the base closed, enough we would have a five-day, six hourpeople would remain to justify a per-day school, serving a noon meal. Two small two-room houses, 21/2 blocks apart, were secured-only one sked to come amid growing senti- had toilet facilities-and two motel ment that the church ought to sell units for the workers. Fifty-five were out for whatever the property would enrolled with a daily average attendring, and agreed to return for a ten- ance of 33, with two professions of day stay during which time we would take a telephone survey to determine who the prospects were in the town dians of North Havre, a community for other-than-service people. My approach was to be positive and eneither of the two nearest reservations. It is a joy to be a missionary.

Helena, Mont.

THE EXECUTIVE'S WORD

By Arthur B. Rutledge Executive Secretary - Treasurer, HMB

A Uniform Missions Program

Between now and Thanksgiving Day, Southern Baptists will conduct 29 of our most significant meetings of the year. These are the annual gatherings of the state conventions which cooperate through the Southern Baptist Convention.

In these conventions critical decisions will be made. Needs and challenges will be confronted; plans of action will be determined; budgets will be adopted.

As an arm of the churches, the Home Mission Board is vitally interested in these meetings. We appreciate the opportunity of having a staff person in attendance. We welcome the privilege of fellowship with fellow workers in home missions work all across the nation.

Most of the field work of the Home Mission Board is carried on in cooperation with the respective state conventions. Every part of our homeland is served, to some degree, by one of the 29 existing state conventions, so the need for cooperation in missionary work at home is readily apparent

As early as 1853 the Southern Baptist Convention requested general associations and state conventions to develop "the most complete cooperation" with the Home (then Domestic) Mission Board. In the 1882 Convention, in a comprehensive statement, the Home Board declared that "it earnestly desires the hearty cooperation of the several state boards."

In the 1901 Convention it was stated that "the work to be undertaken by the Home Mission Board in any state should be a cooperative work, so far as practicable; the terms of cooperation to be such as may be mutually agreed upon between the Home Mission Board and the state organization." In the years that followed "Home and State Board" cooperation was frequently mentioned in Convention minutes, including criticisms on some occasions.

In the main, the Board has moved in the direction indicated in 1901, and has enjoyed constructive relation ships with the state conventions. In 1959, in adopting the report of the Committee to Study the Total Southern Bantist Program, the Convention commended the Home Board for its cooperative relationships with the state conventions. It urged the Board and state conventions to work together in developing a single, uniform program of missions in the homeland.

Today the Board has a clear understanding of relationships and procedures with all 29 state conventions, and has a written agreement with 26. An annual conference is held with representatives of each of the 29 bodies, at which time plans for the following year are matured and a joint budget is developed.

In cooperating with the younger state conventions, normally the Home Board provides financial assistance for all of the convention-related missionary work done within the respective state. In cooperating with the older and established conventions, usually the Board provides financial subsidies only for types of work requiring workers with specialized training, such as Christian social ministries, language missions, and work with National Baptists, and then only when requested by the state body. The stronger conventions, including many of their associations and churches, provide full support for most of the missionary work done within their respective states. In such cases, where financial help is not supplied, a high level of cooperation prevails.

In working with each of the states, and in conducting conferences attended by workers from all of the state conventions, the Board serves as a unifying center for many types of home missions work. Examples are metropolitan missions, work with the deaf, and work with National Baptists.

In these relationships the Board also becomes a missionary resource for the state missions offices. The services of specialists, in such areas as pioneer missions, rural work, Jewish ministries, juvenile rehabilitation, literacy missions, area surveys, and establishing new churches, are available to the conventions and the churches.

To all cooperative relationships the Board brings a national perspective. Often it serves as a catalytic agent, pointing out needs and suggesting solutions. In these ways it is able to work with the state conventions in developing this single, uniform, convention-wide program of missions which the Southern Baptist Convention recommended in 1959.

Within this framework of cooperation in home missions tasks, the Home Mission Board seeks to face up to the crucial and multiplying spiritual demands of our day.

As we approach the annual state meetings, it is our prayer that all across the nation the 1965 conventions shall be marked by such earnestness, concern, optimism, and commitment that in every state the progress of the gospel will be accelerated in the year ahead.







E VERYTHING about US-2, from the catchy, appropriate name to the 20 young adults who are the first volunteers, appears to one's sense of adventure and missions service.

These 20 have volunteered for two years of service in the United States and Panama to help meet critical missions PHOTOS BY A C DURHAM needs. The name, US-2, immediately presents the area of service and the length of the term.

To qualify, the US-2 volunteer needed a college degree, a history of service in his church, a high sense of dedication, and a willingness to give up well-paying job opportunities for

the next two years.

Their skills ranged from music education, special work with retarded children, accounting, psychology, physical edu-cation, drama, nursing, to public school teaching and religi-ous education.

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Their two years of work will not be entirely unfamiliar, for 16 of the 20 have served as student summer missionaries, many for two summers. In additiven, some were staffers at one of the Southern Baptist summer assemblies, and all were active in their Baptist Student Unions. Many were presidents of the campus BSU; one was president of the state BSU.

Their assignments take them to such isolated places as the

small, Alaskan village of Kotzebue or the Hawaiian village of Kaapa on the island of Kauai, or the Baptist encampment

or Kaapa on the island of Kauai, or the Baptist encampment in Panama. Others will serve in huge metropolitan centers like Houston, St. Louis, Chicago, and New York.

They fill some positions which have been vacant for long periods of time; in other cases they supplement overworked missionaries, and in some they provide personnel for new work (such as with Polish-speaking people in Chicago and New York). The US-2 of the future will make it possible for some missionaries to take attack with valvely for the some presidence to take attack with valvely for the some presidence to take attack with valvely for the some presidence to take attack with valvely for the some presidence to take attack with valvely for the some presidence to take attack with valvely for the some presidence to take attack with the presidence to the source of the for some missionaries to take study furloughs for language study or additional training in specialized fields. Others will become part of the thrust in new areas, or free other persomel for such work while they take over assignments where theological training and experience are not crucial.

Most expect to continue their education after the two years of service, an aspiration encouraged by the Home Mission Board through financial assistance.

Some see the two years as a means to answer definitely the question of God's call to mission service; others see the two years as an opportunity to help meet critical mission needs, much as they did through Student Summer Missions. Where they will go from here in mission work remains to be seen.

The appointment of these 20 came almost a year to date The appointment of these 20 came almost a year to date from the first announcement by the Home Mission Board of the US-2 ministry. Each following year 25 additional college graduates will be appointed, and a continuous force of 50 will be maintained.

Who they are, where they are going, and what they will he doing follows:

BEVERLY BEARD TO ALBUQUERQUE

BEVENUY Jean Beard of Memphis, Tenm, a graduate of Blue Mountain College in Blue Mountain, Miss., will serve two years at Friendship Baptist Center in Albuquerque, N. M. Miss Beard served in 1962 as a staff member at Glorieta Baptist Assembly and in 1963 on the staff at Gulfshores Baptist

Assembly, Gulfport, Miss.

This year she worked ten weeks in New York City as a student summer missionary.

JO ANN BENGE TO HOUSTON

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JO Ann Benge of Albuquerque, a graduate of Eastern New
Mexico University in Portales, will serve two years at the Good
Will Center in Houston, Tex.

Miss Benge taught third grade in the Albuquerque public
schools for two years.

In 1964 in Arkansas and in 1965 in California she worked for
ten weeks each summer as a student missionary of the HMB.

ALVA FRITSCH TO CHICAGO

Alva Fritsch of St. Louis, a graduate of Louisiana College in Pineville, will serve two years as youth director of the Polish Baptist Church in Chicago.
Miss Fritsch attended St. Louis Baptist College in St. Louis

before transferring to Louisiana.

She served 10 weeks in both 1963 and 1964 as a student summer missionary, working in South Dakota first and then in Ohio.

BETTY GUTHRIE TO EAST ST. LOUIS

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Betty Guthrie of Shreveport, La., a graduate of Louisiana College in Pineville, will serve two years as a missionary at the Baptist Good Will Center in East St. Louis, III.

Miss Guthrie secured her degree in physical education, and she will use this knowledge and the experience gained in two summers' work at the Caddo Baptist Mission Center in Shreveport in her new goilion.

her new position.

She served in 1963 as a summer missionary, working in a Bap-

NORMAN HARRELLS TO ALASKA

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Harrell, natives of Grapeland and Ter-



US-2 APPOINTEES TO HAWAII, the Raymond Sikes, share during the Hame Mission Board appointment service their experiences in answering the call to missions.

US-2 MARY POE, center, talks over her assignment in Lexington, Ky. with Agne Davis and Clovis Brantley of the Hame



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for sharing interests and experiences.
This group, composed of the four couples, was led by Clyde Walker of and the Raymond Sikes, (above right).



GROUP INTERACTION provided time New Orleans Seminary. There were



TALENTS GALORE were discovered among the 20 US-2 volunteers, and they displayed them in an hour's program following the evening services.
Here Nathan Parter of the HMB Personnel Department tehearses a Partuguese song with some of the corps.



THE FUTURE promises new experiences mand Sikes take a few moments from and rewards as the US-2 volunteers distributed by schedule to watch a sunset cover and meet mission needs. The Ray- and think about the next two years.

rell, Tex., will spend two years as missionaries in Kotzebue, a remote village in Alaska.

Mr. Harrell is a graduate of Baylor University in Waco, Tex., and Mrs. Harrell (Gunita) attended Mary Hardin-Baylor College in Belton, Tex.; then she secured a nursing degree from Hillcrest School of Nursing in Waco.

LINDA LINZY TO GRANITE CITY

Linda Linzv of Crittenden County, Ky., an honor graduate

They were members of the Highland Baptist Church in Waco, a congregation long interested in missions in Alaska.

NELDA JEAN HEMBOLD TO AUSTIN

Nelda Jean Hembold of Dothan, Ala., a graduate of Clarke Memorial College at Newton, Miss., and of William Carey Col-lege at Hattiesburg, Miss., will serve for two years at the Austin Baptist Center in Austin, Tex.

Miss Hembold served for two years as a student summer missionary with the HMB, giving ten weeks for work in Austin in 1964 and in 1965 in New York City.

NEIL JONES TO TEXAS

Neil Jones of Panama City, Fla., a graduate of High Point College, High Point, N. C., will spend two years helping establish ministries with juvenile delinquents in Texas cities. He goes first to El Paso.

Jones attended Columbus College, Columbus, Ga., before finishing his college work at High Point. At Columbus he was

LINDA LINZY TO GRANITE CITY

Linda Linzy of Crittenden County, Ky., an honor graduate in elementary education from Western Kentucky State College in Bowling Green, Ky., will serve two years in the area of social work at the Lincoln Place Mission, Granite City, Ill.

Miss Linzy, a student leader and dormitory counselor, served in the summers of 1963 and 1964 as an assistant in the education department of the Outwood State Hospital and School for Mentally Retarded at Dawson Springs, Ky.

JOHN NORWOODS TO MONTANA

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Mr. and Mrs. John V. Norwood, natives of Livingston, Tex., and Enid, Okla, will serve two years in Havre, Mont., where John will be pastor of a mission.

Both the Norwoods graduated from East Texas Baptist College in Marshall. He attended the University of Texas in Austin for two years before transferring to East Texas.

They served 10 weeks in Tennessee in 1965 as student summer missionaries. He had also worked as a summer missionary in 1964 in Nevada.

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Fourteen Georgia Tech men discover that missions is the essence of what a Christian should do."

"You should give God a chance to work a miracle in your life."

in your life."

Rogers Redding couldn't get away from this statement made in a Sunday school devotional in the college department at Atlanta's First Baptist Church.

"This is the thing that lit the fuse," says Redding. That very week he applied for Student Summer Missions with the Home Mission Board. Redding added: "As BSU president, I didn't feel that I could persuade other guys to go if I wasn't willing to go myself." He was appointed to serve in New York City.

Rogers Redding, from Kentucky, earned his degree in chemistry at Georgia Institute of Technology in May. He received the award for being the outstanding senior in chemistry and was awarded a NASA fellowship for graduate studies at Vanderbilt University. He plans to teach on the college level after completing his studies for the Ph.D. tlegree.

degree.

A miracle did take place. Fourteen men from Georgia Tech served as student summer missionaries in 1965, nine were selected by the Home Mission Board.

How did it happen? "Art Sherwood had more influence than anyhody else in my going as a student summer mis-sionary," says Jimmy Hendricks, a Junior chemical-engi-neering student from Georgia; he was assigned to California. Jim Loomis from Tennessee echoes the same words: "Art was the main influence in getting me into summer missions." Jim is a pre-med, biology major, who was appointed to Florida

Jim is a pre-med, biology major, who was appointed to Florida.

Art Sherwood was the key on the campus for missions involvement. As a Junior electrical-engineering student, he has already received almost every conceivable academic honor granted at Georgia Tech. He is the BSU president for the current year and was missions committee chairman

In the summer of 1964, Art went to East Pakistan as a



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JIMMY HENDRICKS of Georgia, left, a Junior chemical engineer, and Cliff Stavall, right, are Georgia Teth students and fraternity brothers, but they also shared something else in common. They were volunteers for Student Summer Missions. Jimmy served in California.

KA PRESIDENT AND BIOLOGY MAJOR, Cliff Stovall of Georgia, went to New Mexico as a student summer missionary.

BOB ELLIS of Mississippi was assigned to Hawaii to serve ten weeks. He has a B. S. degree in chemistry and a M. S. degree in information science.



ART SHERWOOD, a Junior electrical-ART SHERWOOD, a Junior electrical engineer, was the key on the campus for missions involvement. A native of Tennessee, Art served in southern Louisiand around New Orleans



ESPERS JIM BU F

RODDY INGRAHAM, left, summer mis-

a map posted on the Tech campus sionary in Alaska and Rogers Redding in New York point to their location from Rogers is a chemistry graduate.

RAMBLIN' WRECKS IN SUMMER MISSIONS

Name	Home State		Major	Mission Assignment	
Shelton Brunson Bob Elils Hill Hammock Jimmy Hendricks Roddy Ingraham Billy Kesner Jim Loomis Doug McCurry Bill Norman Robert Pirtle Rogers Redding Art Sherwood Ciff Stovall Henry Tyson	*	Ga. Miss. Ga. Fis. Tenn. Tenn. Ga. Tenn. Ga. Tenn. Ga. Tenn. Ga. Ga.	Civil Engineering Information Science Mathematics Chamical Engineering Mathematics Mathematics Mathematics Civil Engineering Industrial Management Psychology Chemistry Biology Aerospace Engineering Biology Aerospace Engineering	Ohio Hawaii Tennesse Cairfornis Alaska Chile Florida Tennenis Georgie Illinois New York Louislana New Mexico Vizgina	

summer missionary sponsored by the Baptist students of the state of Georgia. This year he served in southern Louisiana with the Home Mission Board.

Art says, "I decided last fall to go as a summer mission-ary, I was thinking of promoting summer missions with the other fellows and saw no reason why I shouldn't go again. I felt I could get into the work more than what I did last summer: perhaps I could have more contact and common experiences with the people in this country than I had over seas. Also, this experience would be another step in finding

God's will for my life."

Art Sherwood went to work..."I made a list of names and contacted everybody who expressed any interest at all in Baptist Student Union, and put the opportunity of summer missions before them: I let them think about it for two weeks, and came back and asked about it again. I put it up to them, each one individually," Thirteen others responded!

Bob I:llis is from Mississippi. He has a B.S. degree in chemistry and a M.S. in information science. He was asked to report for work with IBM in June but was given permis sion to come in September. He gave his summer in helping

meet the mission challenge in the state of Hawaii.

"I thought I should give this summer to Christ, after leaving out BSU and the church during most of my college life," explained Shelton Brunson. He is a graduate in civil engineering and reported "late" for his new job with N. W. Kellogg Construction Company of New York. Shelton was

Students at Tech aren't "mission volunteers" or aspirants for the ministry or other church vocations. Art Sherwood

said that two main problems faced those he approached about summer missions. One was that they needed to work to get money to go to school, it is estimated that the fourteen "lost" at least \$15,000 in summer wages by going into summer missions. The other problem was that they felt they didn't have the capabilities to do the work. However, they responded when confronted individually with the challenge of mission involvement!

The campus at Tech is already experiencing a great inpact from the lives of the summer missionaries. Warren Woolf, Tech's BSU director, says, "Summer missions brings a new awareness of missions to the campus, this experience affects the work students do on the campus which they now have really found to be a mission field since they have seen missions at work "

Art Sherwood is convinced that Student Summer Missions has resulted in an increased interest in BSU, the church, in missions, and has helped tremendously in the student program on the campus. He said, "The summer missionaries' lives have been changed: they are more mature, dedicated, and are ready to go to work here on the campus and in the local church."

Billy Kesner, mathematics major from Tennesee, expressed the truth well when he said, "Missions is the essence of what a Christian should do." This he did last summer on the mission field, he is deng today on his college campus.

and is committed to in the future.
"You should give God a chance to work a miracle in your life" and on your campus. Student Summer Missions may he your miracle opportunity.

STUDENT SUMMER



MRS. CHARLES MAGRUDER, wife of Charles Magruder, superintendent of missions for the Frantier Baptist Association in Tongwanda, N. Y., shares and prepares student summer missionaries, Ross and Martha West, Shelton Brunson, and James Griffin (left to right) for Vacation Bible school activities.

Over 100 children were enrolled the first day "under the big top," our tent. Each day attendance increased. On Wednesday some neighborhood boys cut the guidelines and our tent fell. We stretched the tent out on the ground and had Vacation Bible school not under a tent, but on top! We averaged 133 pupils every day.

Joe Bruce Qulin, Mo.

The first Sunday I was on the field I went to Farm-4 to preach. I was already in doubt about preaching for the first time, and as I got off the train, I could not find anyone who looked the least bit helpful. Not knowing where the church was, I started walking down the track and met the one man who

selves, I knew this was going to be a strange yet interesting summer.

Lawrence Corley Sponsored by Alabama BSU Birmingham, Ala.

I have had the privilege of working on the Canoncito Indian Reservation. We slept in the Canoncito Baptist Indian Mission and ate with the Navajo preacher, his wife, and eight children. Navajo couples do work among their own people. At the beginning of camp we had 51 non-Christians and by the last

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the church was, I started walking down the track and met the one man who holds the struggling church together. He asked me if I had a funeral message I could bring. With 30 minutes preparation pulling favorite Scriptures and using the concordance, I built a message. The funeral was different from those in the states and when we went to the graveside and covered the grave our-

stories in Spanish. To many, Christ has been presented for the first time.

Carole Ann Proctor Масол. Ga.

There is a great challenge in this Mormon community. We have 78 enrolled in Vacation Bible school, and only 15

Claudine Philley Oak Grove, I.a.

Statistics of crime and filth of cities were made real to our lives, as we walked the streets of Detroit where such statistics live and grow. It is quite different in person than just hearing about it in a YWA program or in a Training Union discussion.

Carol Ann Byerly Beaumont, Tex.

 $1,\!500$ people live here, mostly Indians. There is no church of any kind. The heartbreaking thing about our suctive precious children. One night as I

Belleville, 111.

We are happy to have played a small part in the beginning of the North Tonawanda Baptist Chapel in this town of 35,000 people Perhaps a "Thank you" ought to be said to the summer workers of 1963 and 1964. Through their efforts, which possibly seemed rather purposeless at the time, this community has an established witness for Jesus Christ.

Ross & Martha West Ross & Martha West

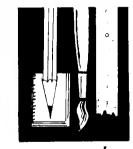
Ruston, La.

It first seemed that the Indian people were just quiet, stonefaced, gentle people, but after a month of trying to reach their hearts and learn their ways, I must admit that they have stolen my heart.

Gail Stewart



ing back to California for VBS. I am a Spanish major struggling to tell Bible school is that there is no one left to follow up stories in Spanish. To many, Christ has been presented in the stories in Spanish and the potential of the stories in Spanish. To many the stories in Spanish in the stories in Spanish in the stories in Spanish. has the opening assembly program





THE POLISH DISTRICT, east side of Buffalo was the area assigned to Student Summer Missionaries James Griffin, center right, and Shelton Brunson, right. In the above picture they receive their instructions from Charles Magruder, superintendent of missions, left, and Michal Odlyzka, center left, past of the Fillmore Baptist Church, formerly the Baptist Church of Our Saviour.

was preparing for hed, they (supposedly asleep) called, "Linda, please come here." Then they said, "Do you say your prayers at night?" I said, "Yes, do your "No, we don't know how. Will you show us?" And what a joy I received being able to tell them how to talk to God. I shall never forget their smilling faces, as I tucked them in. They said, "Now we can go to sleep."

Later they asked me if I had a Bible.

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Later they asked me if I had a Bible. They have none, but said their Mommight buy them one when they grow up. They have no church within 35 miles, and they are starving for the love of Jesus. We had Vacation Bible School in a one-room social building.

Linda Holland Atlanta, Ga.

Before I came to "my" place of service this summer, the idea never dawned on me that summer missions would make such an impact—a penetrating impact—

I n Vacation Bible school I taught the second graders. Each day I would pass the tend of activities. The hearts had words written on them; some silly, some meaningful. One day a little Latin American buy looked through all the candy hearts, desperately searching for one certain one. When he finally wound it, he ran to me, his eyes sparkling and a hig smile on his face. He held his hand out bashfully and showed me the words on the heart. It said, "LOVE ME."

Brenda Jennings Albuquerque, N. M.

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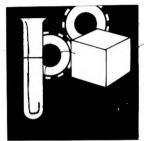




WHERE TO START is the question James Griffin of Fultan, Ark., and Shelton Brunson of Sylypinia, Ga., ask as they begin door-to-door surveys in the Polish district.



SPENDING THEIR SUMMER IN CHI-SPENDING THEIR SUMMER IN CHICAGO was not a relaxing vacation for
linda Hensley from Bryson City, N. C.,
a student at Carson-Newman College,
Jefferson City, Tenn., and Shirley Blumlee of Fort Worth, Tex., a student at
Howard Payne College, Brownwood,
Tex. They were among the 630 students
who volunteered to serve this post summer as student summer missionaries.
Preston Denton, superintendent of missions in Chicago, Ill., prepares them for
the house-to-house surveys and Vacation Bible schools.



THE FLAG BEARERS AND BIBLE BEARER lead the parade of Vacation Bible schoolers. At the front of the line is Alfred Johnston, pastor of the Grand Island Baptist Chapel, N. Y. James Griffin. student summer missionary in background led the song service. The Vacation Bible school and revival led by Charles Magruder, area missionary, were held in a funeral home.

At the Bible school in Utica, N.Y. I bidd a Junior who didn't know the Old Testament from the New, yet she learned the books of the Bible with other Juniors and seemed to appreciate other Juniors and seemed to app the opportunity to memorize Scriptures. but if the church pursues the neverher mother was impressed enough to fill God will surely bless. the promise of a Bible which had belonged to her as a child.

On the night of commencement the lunior's mother approached me to ask, Junior's mother approached me to ask, if I knew of a group or concern which collected or preserved old Bibles. I answered, no, but being somewhat interested myself, I asked how old the Bible may be had Vacation Bible school at Suppose there might be such people as Ronnie in my own hometown, but you don't realize this until you meet it there. We held the Bible school in a Bible and that it was over 115 years old, but that she had so many Bibles around she was "Bible poor" so she didn't really care about the old one if self, as I remembered her Junior girl, Yes. Bible poor' is right."

Roger & Janice Capps children. Louisville, Ky.

At the Baptist exhibit my partner and have had a few chances to witness. A Mexican woman, who was Catholic was employed in the Mexican Pavilion. She was extremely eager to hear the have found contrasts in individuals. sight they were! I felt so strange, for



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was. She replied that it was a family small vacated restaurant which we were to meet it.

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small electric organ, and calculers. The
first day we had no electricity, therefore, no music, lights, or fans. But we
have experienced this week in the Polish did have the most important part-

were brother and sisters.

Gail Anderson Crystal Springs, Miss.

plan of salvation and to have as much At the first mission Vacation Bible the opportunity to memorize Scriptures.

As a matter of fact, she did so well that her mother was impressed enough to fill the control of the "Oh boy, this will be the first time I've Memphis, Tenn. ever been to church." I could hardly believe that he had never in his life heen to church. This was a shock to me

> Juanita Byrd Berea, Ky

have experienced this week in the Polish Baptist Church, Brooklyn, N.Y. The During the week five of the sixteen Juniors came to know Jesus as their personal Saviour. Of these five, three were brother and leave the control of the series of the ser

As I left the church office that evening and stepped into the neighborhood, I saw scores of little children, teen-age boys and girls, all just hanging around the street and open doorways. What a

come? Could they come!

I walked down the street. The dirty

little children stared at me, but soon I was jumping rope with them. (I guess it pays to be small in stature.) I told. Him." Their attitude was one of "When them my name and that we were going to have Bible school on Monday, plus, punch!" "Give me the we'd have lots of cookies and punch. I asked them to bring their games, he-cause we were going to have fun, too!

When Bible school dismissed that

ran down the street and grabbed their little friends and brought them to me. They said, "Oh boy, we'll come!" Meanwhile the older ones came up. Although they looked kind of mean (and I felt like running). I did the them of the street and grabbed their materials. We need teachers. We need materials. We need everything!"

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The pastor and I got them all down-

two teachers do with 50 children? We divided them. The pastor took the younger ones, and I took the ones 10

play rough, but Steve, the leader of the That evening as I was standing out- Pineville, La.

gang, seemed to take pity on the audition made them sit down and listen. I started talking, and they didn't seem to know a thing. They didn't even know "Jesus Loves Me" or "Praise Him, Praise Mortha, was the organist

It was a hard day. I felt as though I

Madison came to our rescue. These were my friends, the ones with whom and asked them to come. Then the little I had the privilege of working with ones left, and the older ones wanted to for four weeks in the Madison Vacaknow who I was. I don't recall how tion Bible school. They knew what to long we talked, but before it was over, do, so we greeted the 54 children in a

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Monday came, and I was late because of heavy traffic. Yet, as I drove up there were scores of children there, waiting by the gate.

Stronger force.

Bible school was going good, but it sure would be nice if we had a stronger teacher for the Intermediate boys. They still were "uncontrollable."

As the Madison group left that evening, and the laborers are few. they promised to come back with "more

with Charles Magruder about their 10-Tongwanda Baptist Chapel and his wife.

side, one of the Catholic mothers came up to me and said that she really appre-ciated what we were doing for the

they have to go back to in those streets—nothing! Why can't we have something for them everyday? Then I remembered that a US-2 worker was com-ing in the fall; but she would be only

by Nella Popow, a native of Gerreinforcements' and materials.

Tuesday was a wonderful day. The girls made shifts, and one of the pastors from another chapel talked to the boys.

hy Nella Popow, a native of Germany, now makes Miamir Fla., her lifts the first sea Baptist radio minister in the Russian language in aers and above.

There was peace and happiness at the Mianti. Nella, who also speaks Russian.

The boys in my group started to Polish church Vacation Bible school. is a student at Louisiana Baptist College.

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- 1. Lowliness—humility.

- 5 Peace—oneness with God and Tichenor's Place

man.
Cooperation cannot grow in an atmosphere of pride, rebellion, impaience, hate, or turmoil. Each church must practice these virtues which foster Christian unity.
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Paul then asserts in 4:7-16 that cooperation matures in the goal of unity.
He has two goals in mind. One is the
goal of reaching the world for Christ.
The other is the goal of strengthening
the body of Christ. God has made
provision for this task and defined the
purpose of the task. Such purpose is
to reach perfection in Christ and become stronger believers in Christ.
Cooperation puts us into the fight
together and keeps us from fighting
of several years. But his ability and
inquisitive mind led him on to further

Cooperation puts us into the light together and keeps us from fighting each other. This is no time for unconcern; it is a time for understanding. This is no time for neglect; it is a time for nearness. This is no time is a time for nearness. This is no time for ill-feeling; it is a time for insight. This is no time for testing; it is a time for testing; it is a time for this is no time for yielding; it is a time for yoling. This is a time for unity through cooperation. Benjamin Franklin may have been cynical but he spoke the truth when he said: "We must all hang together or assuredly we shall all hang separately."

Voluntary cooperation has been the Voluntary cooperation be seen agent for the American Indian

rately."

Voluntary cooperation has been the genius of Baptists for a great number of years. We cannot let this distinctive disappear from the association without serious damage to the cause of Christ. In a day when others are uniting organically, Baptists must lead the way to spiritual unity in the work to be done. The best place to begin is the control of the co

tice of unity. Paul said we are to keep the unity. Cooperation is the act of doing this. We are to practice virtues that keep the unity. Several are listed. Beside them are placed their probable meaning. Lowliness—humility.

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Longsufferings—patience.

Love—the ability to seek the best for another regardless of what they do—an act of the will

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He resigned his pastorate in 1868 to devote all of his time to material interests. But the death of his wife caused him to return to the pastorate. He took First Church, Memphis, Tenn in 1871

Tichenor resigned this pastorate after one year and returned to Alabama to be president of Alabama A. and M. College. For ten years he served as head of this institution, lay-ing a broad foundation for its future

levelopment.

He studied the agricultural situation, saw possibilities for future in-dustry, and led his people to appre-In June, 1882, he resigned as presi-

dent of the college to take the secre-taryship of the Home Mission Board, the headquarters of which had recent-ly moved to Atlanta, Ga.

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extensive achievements. He is accredited with saving the Southern Baptist ited with saving the Southern Baptist Convention. Strong currents of in-fluence were running to turn Southern Baptists toward the Northern Baptists idea of the society method of work. Tichenor advocated the convention

plan.

He inaugurated far-reaching work west of the Mississippi; developed a cooperative plan of support through regular giving; established a church

1852, he began a 15-year pastorate at First Church, Monigomery, Ala.

While in this pastorate he joined the movement to establish a southwide seminary in Greenville, S. C., and in 1860 preached its first commencement sermon.

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Building department; originated and sustained Sunday school Board took over this work. He began work in Cuba, and enlarged the program for Negro education, as well as initiating educational work in the mountain areas. He dealt with the problems in growing industrial centers, and encouraged work among the women and Indians. He resigned in 1899 and died De-He resigned in 1899 and died De-

Redford Moves To Bolivar, Mo.

Courts Redford of Atlanta, for 11 years executive secretary of the Home Mission Board, has moved to Boli-

var, Mo.
"I will be an unofficial good will ambassador for the Southwest Baptist College," Redford said, "My time will be my own, but I will assist in student recruitment and other areas

Redford retired in January from the mission agency and has been named president emeritus of the college in Bolivar. He was the school's president from

1930 to 1943, a position he left to come to the Home Mission Board. Southwest College recently received accreditation as a four-year, senior

college and will graduate its first class in 1967. Robert Craig is president. Dr. and Mrs. Redford will live at 1014 S. Lillian Street. One of his nine children, Mrs. Roy Teters Jr. (Eliza-beth) also lives in Bolivar.

Joint Efforts Provide For a New Negro Church

Joint efforts of a 50-member Negro congregation and white Southern Rap-tists in Farmersville, Tex., have pro-vided a badly-needed modern church building for the Negro Baptists. Set amid the trees along a main

highway, Mt. Calvary Baptist Church's new sanctuary stands in marked con-trast to the ancient structure where the Negro group had been worshiping.

"The project has focused attention on the missions opportunity at hand and has made it easier to understand missionary responsibility around the world," said a member of First Bapton of Firs missionary responsibility around the world, said a member of First Bap-tist Church, Farmersville, which led

in the building program.
"Our people are really excited about Our people are really excited about it and will probably help outfit the building," he added. Members of Trinity Baptist Church of Farmersville also helped, along

or Farmersville also helped, along with others in the community.

The community effort began as a result of Mt. Calvary Baptists' determination to provide adequate facilities for reaching the people of their area for Christ. Unable to raise the necessary funds, they sought the counsel of B O Baker teacher of a men's Bible class at First Church, Farmers-

Approximately 30 men autenoing Baker's Bible class voted unanimously to assist in the building effort as "a missionary project in their own community." From the missions fund came \$1,100 to help finance censtruc-

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Prospects in the area are ample to fill the new building which seats

Philosophy and Evangelism

By Newman R. McLarry Northwest Baptist Church Oklahoma City, Okla.

Ours is an age enamored and obsessed by intellectualism. We bow down to the god of intellectual achievement. We fiercely fight for higher scholas-

ticism. We are either "in" or "out

according to scholastics. The standard is an intellectual one. All things are measured by this standard. There is a general contempt for any failure in this area.

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It was so in Greece when the Apostle Paul went before the learned philosophers of Athens. A high price was
placed upon a man's genius for philosophy. It was at Athens (for the
only time in his life, as far as we
know) that Paul attempted to reduce Christianity's language to philosophical terms. He tried to meet the philos-phers with their own language, their own terms, and to quote from their Approximately 50 men attending own authorities (Acts 17:22-31). This a church as resulted in his other labors at Ephesus, Philippi, etc. It was following this experience he told the church at Corinth he was determined not to preach in the wisdom and philosophy of the secular learned world, but that he would preach in the wisdom at the wisdom and philosophy of the secular learned world, but that he would preach in the wisdom and preach in the wisdom and preach in the wisdom and preach in the wisdom according to produce the preach and preach in the wisdom according to produce the preach and preach in the wisdom according to the preach and preach in the wisdom according to the preach and pr dom and power of God less the cross of Christ be made of non-effect. He or Christ be made or non-enect. He enters a discourse on the difference in this world's wisdom and a spiritual wisdom which is not understood by this world.

Paul was not castigating the wisdom of this world, but was saying it does not go far enough in itself. It cannot not go far enough in itself. If cannot sit in judgment over spiritual things. It cannot judge spiritual wisdom. It must not supplant spiritual wisdom.

The message of evangelism has never been understood by the world's philosophy. In fact it is most often considered as "foolishness." It was so

then and it is so now.

Spiritual wisdom is distinctive. The philosophy and theology of evangelism simply cannot be measured by world-ly wisdom, and we should not en30 People

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deavor to evangelize in such a way that the philosophy of this world determines its message and methods. Rather, we should continue to preach the fact of Christ and his redemptive power with the spiritual wisdom and power that will in turn influence the philosophy of this world.

The fervent pursuit of wisdom is commanded in the Scripture, but it must not be simply a one-sided worldly wisdom. It must place a priority on spiritual wisdom.

We do not need a new philosophy of evangelism: we need to preach the one God has given us with power and boldness.

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It is possible we could have, in many areas, developed the cultured and refined polish of the Greeks' philosophy without what seems to the world a crude and blunt message of redemptive power which may bring ridicule and laughter in some—but salvation to all who will believe.

in DaNang, Viet Nam. This is the the service.

CHAPLAIN ALLEN B. CRAYEN, left, prays after baptizing Pfc. David when they first arrived. A rifle Snider, Pfc. Manuel Huerta, and Pfc. Edward Donery off Red Beach area to watch for snipers during

HOME MISSIONS

LEADERSHIP

The Rural Church of Tomorrow

By R. P. Thompson
Fincastle, Va.
The rural church of tomorrow depends upon the rural Christians of today.
Many of our rural churches today, within 20 miles of sizable cities, are attracting a host of people who prefer to live in the country and work in town.
There are some reasons, however, why some of our rural churches within in this distance are not growing in numbers.

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One is that many farmers are reluctant to sell off land in lots, or by the acre, to young couples who would desire very much to live in the community. If they are willing to sell, it is at a price that the prospective buyers cannot afford.

A second reason is that some of our rural churches are pretty well satisfied with the number of families they serve, and even though they would never admit that such a thing as segregation existed in their churches, tenants within the area somehow get the message that they may not be too welcome. At revival time someom may call to visit them and again at Christmas, but the tenants feel that they aren't really accepted.

Another reason for lack of growth may be a refusal to prepare adequate Sunday school space for the people.

The rural churches of today can usually acquire well-trained leadership, and the new parsonages on rural fields is an indication of the desire for this leadership.

Not every rural church should be full time, and many small rural churches have found that, in joining with one other church, they can have preaching every Sunday, pay the pas-

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Recently, at a baccalaureate address, the speaker told the graduates, "Know thyself, accept yourself," Might naries. In 1963, 70 per cent of our ural churches. Rural churches must not become discoursed because the number of members remains the same. Quality of character, devotion, stewardship, and worship may all be exercised within the small church and growth in spiritual maturity may know no bounds. Even in our smaller churches, well-trained leadership is available through our many semiavailable through our many semi-naries. In 1963, 70 per cent of our over 33,000 churches had less than 300 members.

Some of our smaller cources may say, "If we only had more space, more money, better leadership, greater potential, then we could become more successful." Others have buckled down to the reality of their calling and sent forth ministers and other leadership potential, then we could become more successful." Others have buckled down to the reality of their calling and sent forth ministers and other leadership for the larger city churches, and have accepted the challenge of their unique situation. Paul spoke these words of assurance to the Corinthian church. "We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed, we are perplexed, but not in despair." and this may best of many small churches. To be thoroughly challenged is a need of many rural churches.

As Gaines Dobbins has said, "A church may be small but it cannot be little and fill its place in a world of lost and needy men whose hope lies in its ministry."

The rural church of tomorrow will find a greater faith in Christ as its greatest asset, and will be led by the same God of today whose grace is sufficient and whose love is constant.

Bishop Sheen Sees

Bishop Sheen Sees Catholics Now More 'Mission-Minded'

In commending the generosity of Protestant churches to the missions, Auxiliary Bishop Fulton J. Sheen of

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churches, schools, and social centers which remind them that they are neglecting the rest of the world. "The laity used to be proud of an

Some of our smaller churches may ornate, two-towered church or school with a gymnasium costing half a mil-lion dollars. Now they are ashamed

of it.
"How many letters come to our

missions."
"One can admire Protestant mis-

sionary spirit and their sense of stew-ardship," Bishop Sheen said in noting that one body had given \$33 per

capita to missions each year.

He also noted the fact that the "per capita amount given to the Holy

the Society for the Propagation of Katheryn Begay, an attractive young

Stop Their Devotion

Like epileptic seisures, northern Arizona dust storms come in varying stages of violence ranging from the mild petit mal to the terrifying convulsions of grand mal. The milder forms are little more than a nuisance; the more violent seem to convulse all nature. Vast quantities of the land-scape literally change location. Large areas become denuded while relocated denumen had left her sheep penned all can be comediated to the convolve and the convention of the convolve and the co

valley floor was ghostly in the haze of moving earth, and the mountains on the other side barely visible. I was on my way to an all day Bible study with some Navajo Christians. I lelt very much inclined to turn around and go back home, for I just knew that none

Father for all the missions throughout the world was 31 cents."

In this announcement, the prelate corrected the impression that American Catholics give only "31 cents per person for foreign missions. This figure covers only the collection in U. S. parishes for the Pope's annual call for mission help. It does not cover donations to such mission orders as the famed Maryknoll Fathers, whose worldwide operations are financed by U. S. Catholics.

Referring to the "31 cent" per capita average, Bishop Sheen said: "That is not all that Catholics gave to the missions, but it is all that was given to the Holy Father's Society for the Propagation of the Faith"

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May Somebow I felt compelled to go no, however, "just in case."

How wrong I was to underestimate these people! A dozen were in hand sharing my arrival at the appointed place. And shortly after my arrival at the appointed place. And shortly after my arrival at the appointed place. And shortly after my arrival was more came—on foot! Katheryn egay and Dorothea Chee, hair distance of five miles to spend the day in the study of the Word! Five miles the propagation of the Faith."

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Winslow, Ariz.

By George b. Hook
Winslow, Ariz. Like epileptic seisures, northern She does it by simply being herself.

areas become denuded while relocated sand and dust accumulate in heavy drifts elsewhere. Nothing seems able fully to resist their relentless onslaught. Even the rocks and the mountains are carved by the merciless wind.

One of the more violent storms was howling its wrath as I topped the low pass that leads into Finger Point Valley. The "finger" rising from the valley floor was ghostly in the haze of moving earth and the mountains on A hand went up. "Yes?"

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Go People

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WHERE TO PLACE THE NEW MIS-SION—one of many problems studied by members of the missions committee of the Columbus Baptist Association. of the Columbus Baptist Association.
Checking a city map are Superintendent
of Missions/ Leslie S. Williams, seated
left, and pastors W. P. S. Moore, Chairman Henry K. Neal, and Carl Peacock.

GROUND IS LEVELED and the missions committee checks progress where one of the new missions will be placed.



Associational Cooperation: A Vanishing Baptist Distinctive?

The 1962 session of the Southern The 1962 session of the Southern Baptist Convention, meeting in San Francisco, Calif., adopted a resolution authorizing a committee to restudy the 1925 Baptist faith and message. One year later the new Baptist faith and message was unanimously adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention, meeting in Kansas City, Mo. One section of this statement deals with Baptist cooperation. It says in part: "Members of New Testament churches should cooperate with one another in

the fellowship and unity of believers. Since the association stands or falls upon this fellowship and unity, it

By C. W. Brockwell, Jr. would be wise to re-examine portions First Baptist Church of the letter in the light of our present-day association.

day association.

The letter is divided into two sections. The first section, chapters 1-3, deals with the formation and blessings of God's new people. The second section, chapters 4-6, exhorts Christians to act as God's new people. The pivotal verse, the verse that unlocks the entire letter, is 4:1. It is at this pivotal point that the doctrine of co-operation is of utmost importance to the work of Christ.

the work of Christ

According to 4:4-6, cooperation originates in the grounds for unity. Cooperation declares to others our belief in this unity. One body—one spirit'—one hope: One Lord—one faith—one baptism; One God and Father of all.

its cooperation. It says in part:
"Members of New Testament churches should cooperate with one another in carrying forward the missionary, educational, and benevolent ministries for the extension of Christ's kingdom. Christian unity in the New Testament sense is spiritual harmony and voluntary cooperation for common ends by various groups of Christ's people."

Contrast this belief with the everpresent struggle for leadership in the association. Churches have a way of becoming so impoled within the loan program that the association is ignored in terms of sharing leadership and planning programs. Token support is sometimeg given through the loan of a building and/or the giving of money. But this is not enough if the purposes for which an association exists are to be fulfilled. Have we so long emphasized the independence of Baptist churches that we are in danger of losing, on an associational level, our great distinctive—cooperation?

Around 62 or 63 A.D., the Apostle Paul wrote a circular letter to the churches in and around Ephesus. One purpose of that letter was to magnify the fellowship and unity of believes. Since the association stands or falls upon this fellowship and unity of believes.

Chapter 4, verses 1-3 point out that

It has doors, windows, and walls.

It has wheels and a trailer hitch.

It has a low, flat roof, and is mobile.

It is parked in a trailer court.

What is it?

Missions to Come-and-Go People



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PHOTOS TAU TEXT IN TENSOR WARRED FRANCE

Trailer house? Not quite, the sign out front says, MISSION SUNDAY SCHOOL, and a peck inside on Sunday morning reveals six busy classes of children and adults studying God's word.

There's another surprise when you see the spaciousness of the panelled, air-conditioned interior, with its flexible space dividers, bathroom, and space for worship or assembly.

This trailer chapel and others like it are the answer of the Columbus Baptist Association in Columbus. Ga., to the difficult-to-minister-to trailer courts which house thousands of the city's population. In fact, more than 15,000 are thought to populate the 15 large trailer courts

Leslie S. Williams of Columbus, superintendent of associational missions, and other Baptist leaders more than six years ago started exploring ways to minister to those who live in the courts. A few families from the trailer communities found their way to the churches, but few of the churches had sustained ministries to these come-and-go people, many of them connected with the large military installation at Fort Benning.

Williams in his deep, carrying voice tells how they explored buying property, but either it was too hard to get, not available, too expensive, or unwise because the trailer courts are not always permanent themselves. They considered using wash houses within the courts, but logistic problems of furniture, and such made this impractical. They tried renting houses, but failed to find adequate space.

"I was impressed to create a trailer that would be large enough to meet the needs and attractive enough not to mar the general layout of the court," he said.

He worked his way through almost half a dozen manufacturers, then finally he and members of the associational missions committee went to a company at Americus, Ga. They worked out every detail—lights, windows, partitions, heating, air conditioning, and the spacious 12-by-60-foot size.

The plan was to have churches sponsor the missions, purchase the trailers, and staff them. But there had to be some convincing that the idea would work.

So the association took \$1,000 for the down payment and expenses on the first \$3,100 trailer chapel, and the Kindrick Memorial Baptist Church agreed to sponsor the mission. A member of the church, L. M. Cater who had been reared in the Georgia Baptist Children Home, owned a trailer court and agreed for the chapel to be placed within his court.

The first service was on a cold, rainy Sunday in Febru-

THE LONG, LONG TRAILER CHAPEL, a spacious 12 by 60 foot unit, is gingerly inched into place with helphi directions by the concerned missions committee

ary, but 50 turned up for Sunday school. One man stuck his head in the door and abruptly asked, "Who's doing this Sunday school business?"

Someone answered back, "Baptists."

"Thank you," he said, nodding his head favorably "That's all I wanted to know. I'll see you." And see them later he did, coming right back with his three children.

The chapels are excellent examples of taking the

church and the gospel to the people. Entire classes of Juniors and Intermediates were formed without a professing Christian. The adults are not disposed to go to church, for the most part, and without bringing the chapels to the people, the children would never have the opportunity of formal religious instruction and worship experiences.

"We let the people and the court owners know we are not starting a church. We do not ever expect these to be churches. They are solely for teaching God's Word and teaching the plan of salvation," Williams says.

In fact, little emphasis is given to the Baptist sponsor-

ship in signs or publicity. Court owners, many of them not Baptists, are sensitive to the many denominations represented within their community.

Williams said the biggest surprise they had came in the first two trailer courts, with about 225 units in them. They did not find a person of young people's age—the unmarried group, 17-24.

He credits this to the lack of privacy and the youth-





IF TRAILER COURTS HAVE ANYTHING, IT'S CHILDREN. The majority are members of non-church gaing families, and it is primarily to these children, such as the ones to whom Superintendent Williams is talking, that the trailer chapels will minister.

THE SIGN TELLS THE STORY. The trailer THE SIGN TELLS THE STORK. The trailer chapels are missions all the way, and they are meeting a need among the more than 15,000 people in the bustling trailer courts of Columbus. Here the missions committee discusses placement of the sign.

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Primary and Nursery classes, the parti-tion was drawn for photographing (see top center of picture). A Junior and Intermediate class has been combined in the other photograph.

Churches undertaking the ministry, realize it is missions all the way. Offerings, because most of those who come are children, average about \$10 a week. After the down payment, churches spend between \$50 and \$100 a month. Most of the land use is donated. All staffing is by

News of the use of these trailer chapels has spread quickly, and Williams has received mail from ten states wanting to know how it is done.

"We also see this as a world opportunity," he said. "Because these are military families, many of them will soon be going to the remote sections of the world. We want them to carry a witness of faith in Christ."

A few days after making this statement, the U.S. Army sent a paratroop division from Fort Benning to Viet Nam.

Williams hopes soon to have 15 trailers serving the estimated 5,000 families living in these courts in Columbus. They now have three.

"People living in trailer courts reflect a detachment from the mainstream of life in the city. There is much loneliness. Even thoughsthe people are living only a few feet apart, they can be a long way apart in their thinking and in their activities and in their mutual interests. They have little community activity, and they need the love which Christ extends to them," Williams said.

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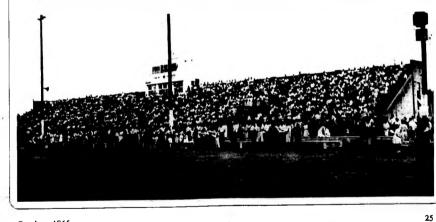
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The area revival is a cooperative effort in which the churches of a given area join hands and hearts to see revival during the summer months. This is one of the special efforts of the Division of Evangelism of the Home Mission Board to recapture the summers for evangelism. It is our hope that all of sion Board to recapture the summers for evangelism. It is our hope that all of the more than 1,100 associations will participate in this type of revival effort during the summertime every four or five years.

The purpose of mass evangelism is to promote cooperation and teamwork among pastors and churches as well as to deepen the spiritual life of the in-

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More than 5,000 people overflowed the stadium out on to the field the last Sunday evening of the campaign to con stitute one of the largest gatherings and most glorious religious services ever held in Paris. Scores of people came to make public decisions for Christ when the invitation was given. This characterized almost every service of the Paris cam-paign. There were a number of decisions every night but the three Sunday nights brought the greatest response.

James Semple was chairman of the revival campaign, and he was ably assisted by a group of pastors and a strong steering committee.

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The Paris campaign is just one of the many different women in the Bole. The problems and templations that problems and templations that this past summer. A large number of open-air revivals were held in stadiums. open-air revivals were held in stadiums hecause tents and buildings were too genamy the definy skethes the surgivary lives of women from the New Testament and the Old — Eve Sarah, Mary, Marths and many others. She analyzes their strengths—and weaknesses—in direct relation to yours. Using their stories as a wedge, the opens your mind to new awareness of the message tooly Scripture has for you. You come away humbled, enlightened and encouraged, with renewed insight into God's timeless purpose. 600 decisions for Christ. It was only a the Spirit of God blowing across our ten-day meeting, but was one of the land? Reports reaching the offices of The second state of the se that area.

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> ducted successfully in associations, not only by members of the Division of epistle to the Romans. Evangelism, but by other groups as well. George A. Hern of Dellwood Bap-tist Church, Memphis, Tenn., reports a remarkable area crusade in that city. This revival was conducted by Bob Harrington under a large tent. It was Harrington under a large tent. It was possible also for them to seat people outside the tent, and Hern reported as many as 6,000 people attended at least one or two of the nights. There was a great outpouring of the spirit of God in great outpouring of the spirit of God in

It is the prayer of those connected with evangelism that these area revivals will multiply and that all of our associations will put forth a special effort to ossible and as often as is necessary.

Revival

By JOHN F HAVLIK ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR EVANGELISM DIVISION

One of the most important factors in the three great waves of revival that have swept our nation in the past was revival reports that encouraged and blessed others. Is there a fresh breeze of to indicate that this is true.

A church revival that began in Janu-Lawson, associate director of the Division of Evangelism, was held in Crystal the Eastwood Baptist Church in Hous-City, Mo. The attendance and results of ton, Tex. This church is in the "inner this meeting were as magnificent as city and its work has been very diffi-those of the meetings previously menrevival began with a prayer hand of These area revivals are being conabout 20 who studied intensively the

Revival came on January 31 in answer to prayer, when there was an unusual moving of the Holy Spirit. The pews were vacated as Christians came rededicating their lives, and men and women came to Christ. Deacons were

ing five adults.

The work of the church that had been at a standstill because of its location has been revived. There have been 61 additions and 41 of these are adults. do this type of evangelism as soon as Sunday school and Training Union attendance have increased greatly and

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for revival!

Hawaii! Twenty-six laymen under the leadership of Lucien E. Colemen of nated in the evangelistic services.

where C. E. Autrey, director of the Evangelism Division, was the evangelist, Mrs. Lou Hester writes, "My 38-year-ment, the auditorium was filled. The old husband was saved the last night of sermon was brief, but as the invitation the crusade. I know you remember when my pastor, Billy Barnett, started shouting when he saw my husband and me coming forward. I have had a touch of seekers waiting to talk to the pastor of just how wonderful heaven can be at times reached to the back doors since the night of June 20. My nine- Even after the invitation was closed, year-old daughter surrendered her life some 20 people joined those waiting in as a missionary during our crusade. She has been a Christian for two years and people had made professions of faith. really does witness for her Lord. Thank God for men like you for bringing crusades to towns like ours. It really turned enced one of the greatest revivals in its Paris upside down. Christians are history. On the last Sunday, 32 people warmer: churches are warmer."

Redford, former executive secretary-treasurer of the Home Mission Board, church revivals, and area revivals all to win others to Christ. At a revival in the Calvary Baptist Church in Colorado Springs, they made 700 visits in two days resulting in 40 professions of faith, two additions by letter and two for special service. Ten of the young people the provision of Evangelism, Home they had never had a real conversion the Lord say so."

offerings are at a new high. Praise God experience, and they were saved during the revival. Seven others of the tour Witnessing laymen bring revival to members surrendered for special service.

Autrey reports unusual blessings on a Monday night service in revival at the the Brotherhood Commission made 655
personal soul-winning visits in Hawaii
lowing the first Sunday services he says. resulting in 224 decisions in the "The pastor, William Shamburger, had churches, including 37 professions of led the people in a thorough program faith and 29 moving their church membership. Almost 10,000 people particiated in the evangelistic services.

From an area crusade in Paris, Tex.

Before 1 left the hotel, 1 had all but written the service completely off. When ment, the auditorium was filled. The began all of us were aware that something exceptional was in the making

Revival blessings continued through out the meeting, and this church experi united with the church. Among these Youth revivals report blessings! A letter from Jim Bob Griffin to Courts her husband and two children.

Youth revivals, layman revivals, tells of a missions tour of 42 young people from the First Baptist Church of evivals are not dead, thank God! This Lake Jackson, Tex. to Colorado
Springs. Before they left Texas, they
studied with their seven sponsors how
Great Awakening to bring people to Springs. Bettle they let reads, they studied with their seven sponsors how Great Awakening to bring people to to win others to Christ. At a revival in Christ and Christians to renewal and

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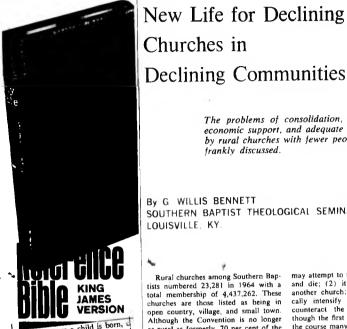
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Churches in **Declining Communities**

The problems of consolidation, trained ministers, economic support, and adequate programs faced by rural churches with fewer people is here

By G WILLIS BENNETT SOUTHERN BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY LOUISVILLE, KY.

churches are those listed as being in

work, and we must keep searching for answers to many of the problems our

rural churches face.

Most people who attempt to diagnose

that four basic problems account for

the fact of declining churches in de-

One problem is the slow adjustment

Technological developments usually

outdistance the institutional develop-ments in a community, and technology

tends to accelerate change and is for-

ward looking. Institutions, on the other

hand, resist change and tend to be back-

mmunity which no longer exists due

to the social changes brought about by

technology.

Carl Clark in his provocative article

clining communities.

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Rural churches among Southern Baptists numbered 23,281 in 1964 with a may attempt to maintain the status quo and die; (2) it may consolidate with and die; (2) it may consolidate with another church; or (3) it may drastitotal membership of 4,437,262. These cally intensify its program so as to open country, village, and small town.

Although the Convention is no longer counteract the changing needs. Although the first two alternatives will be the course many churches will take, the as rural as formerly, 70 per cent of the churches and 43 per cent of the memlast one is the alternative most rural bership continues to be found in rural churches should pursue. Herein rests the new opportunities for churches in America. As a Convention, therefore, declining communities. we must maintain our interest in rural

If churches will not be too slow to

adjust to change, they well might turn many problems into opportunities. The Most people who attempt to diagnose the problems of the rural church agree the problems of the rural church agree ture and has brought such industrializa tion into small towns. As a result much hard manual labor has been reduced and more leisure time has been made available for personal involvemen to change made by most rural churches. church and community affairs. While farm population has declined as a result of these technological changes, the nonfarm population has been growing.
If newcomers are assimilated into the full life of rural communities this blending of folkways and values may produce ward looking. We are left with weak an increased progressivenes in many institutions designed to serve a type of

This social revolution has been ac companied with economic change. Rural poverty and farm incomes much too low still prevail, but at the same time the financial base of many families has been ing Community," reminds us that such a church faces three alternatives: (1) it expanded and strengthened. As a result,

The problem we face is that rural churches have been slow to accept social change as a challenge. The oppor-tunity present is the other side of the

isters will be needed to provide a minis-

to improved work in numerous areas.

can about it. Fatalistic pessimism, howwhere the facts show that the economic base can and ought to be strengthened. may lie one of our finest new opportuniof two ways.

On the one hand every numerically with another church or churches. James M. Carr documents the urgent need for the consideration of church consolidation. He writes:

"Our tragic heritage of overchurched communities results in many hundreds of underchurched people. Too many churches with too few people, all rural pastors should use every oppor-struggling with an inadequate program. all merely trying to keep alive. . . In numerous places there are too many workshops designed to improve pastoral weak, struggling churches, almost apologetic for their existence...."

Carr cites illustrations from many

places in the South, like the one in Florida of a small village with 280 white people and four white Protestant churches, two of them Baptist. He concludes, "Such is the picture in literally hundreds of local scenes."

If consolidated schools have proved

many churches which are numerically why have churches not chosen to con smaller than they were a decade ago are financially stronger. This provides a new stewardship challenge. When the potential is realized, many churches will level. Baptists quite rightly should go on e able to become better equipped than insisting on the authority of the local they have ever been and this may lead to improved work in numerous areas. With other changes, those occurring in education should be noted. The educational level as it is measured by recognized standards has been rising in rural a challenge gift toward the relocation America. Illiteracy, still a problem, is and erection of a building for consolidiminishing. More students are finish- dated congregations; or provide supple ing high school and a higher percentage ment in pastoral salary so as to enable are attending college. These facts suggest that rural churches will be enjoying hetter trained lay people with higher he attempted and the progress of a few leadership notential. Better trained min- years could be studied to determine the advisability of a more far-reaching try of greater depth and wider in appeal. program

Another idea at least worthy of exploring might be a "Good Neighbor Policy" for churches. Instead of starting new churches, many financially coin. If our churches adjust to social strong churches should be encouraged changes and design their work to use them, these changes will prove to be as to prevent their death. Our rural hlessings. churches provide a steady stream of members for urban churches. Surely churches find they must struggle along with inadequate financial support. Rural many of these urban churches would do well to make financial investments in with inadequate financial support. Rural poverty does exist and the churches rural churches which are struggling to ust be concerned and do what they survive Through associational or other convention channels, policy guidance ever, should not victimize those churches could be given and participating

spirit of cooperation between churches.

A third problem facing rural churches ties. Perhaps it might be used in either is that of an inadequate supply of capable, well-trained ministers. Literally thousands of Southern Baptist churches and financially weak church should study the possibility of consolidating pastors. This is both our problem and our opportunity.

This fact provides a challenge first to pastors—a challenge to recognize that a call to preach is a call to prepare. Every effort should be made to further understanding and increase ability. If tunity to engage in In-Service Training workshops designed to improve pastoral skills, and to participate in self-improve-ment through home study and correspondence courses.

Rural churches should begin insist-

ing on the finest trained pastors available, and should try to provide the kind of cooperation and support to secure them. Through whatever means possi-ble, the denomination should undertake the provision of additional support so effective in many rural communities, that better trained ministers may

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able to serve where they are needed ally leads to a dying church."

By way of illustration, if a church

The final problem facing rural churches which it will be possible to treat in this study is related to the previous and may be identified as inade-quate programs. One study (in Missouri) 1930-50 showed that there were two primary reasons, namely, the serious absence of effective programs, and the serious absence of capable pastoral leadership. Perhaps the problem of in-adequate programs will not be solved until better leadership is available.

Rural churches need the challenge of long-range planning. Careful surveys will reveal both needs and resources. The Church Development Ministry of the Home Mission Board will provide the necessary tool. Church and com-munity interaction and the coordination of efforts will build better communities and better churches. In many a small town the church needs to turn its attention to week-day ministries in the area of social work, juvenile rehabilitation, day care for small children, and other comparatively new types of Christian witnessing and service. More varied and adequate programs; in addition to the tried and proved methods of education, worship, and evangelism, will help claim the countryside the hamlets, and small

Referring to the four problems discussed above, Everett Rogers, outstanding rural sociologist, declares:

"If the rural church is to survive and perform its function adequately, then these problems must be solved, and the important point is that all of these problems seem to be associated. They often act in a vicious circle that eventu

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lacks adequate financial support it may have to be content with a poorly trained minister. An untrained minister may re sult in inadequate church programs of 20 churches which closed between ship and participation. This latter results then in less financial support and the cycle begins over again.

What can be done to break the prob iem cycle? Some denominations have used what may be called "seed ministers." By placing highly trained and skilled ministers in churches burdened with problems, and through financial support from outside making it possible for the ministers to remain at such churches, the vicious cycle was broken and the churches began to make progress again.

Through such methods, or other appropriate ways, the problem cycle must be intercepted at some point so as to break the downward trend. This cannot be done in every situation because the degree of decline in some rural communities has progressed to the point that it cannot be reversed. Wherever potential still remains, however, constructive forces need to join hands to initiate new life.

There are other opportunities that

should not be ignored. Many unchurched rural areas remain to be claimed, especially in parts of the nation where Southern Baptists have moved most re-cently. Evangelistic opportunities await n both old and new territory. The desirability of church-community interaction has not been explored to the extent possible if the fullest Christian witness is to be realized. Some rural towns may need to consolidate churches, but other towns exist where another church needs to be added. Rural redevelopment programs may bring new life to comm ties and to churches and deserve our en couragement and support. Ethical concerns surrounding poverty, racial ten-sion, migratory labor, and similar issues should claim our attention. Population mobility challenges rural churches to prepare out-migrants for the communi-ties and churches where these migrants

To complete the inventory of new To complete the inventory of the opportunities would demand that every rural church in every rural community engage in a comprehable church-community survey. Only then would the needs and resources become known and matched. I venture to guess that if that were done we would find that in the majority of communities there would be enough opportunity to consume the rest of the life of anyone of us!

While we express our indignation in

sters and young adults—let us also take the time to read the hidden articles on the inside pages about the "unbeat of life. generation."

served a community center building constructed with the brains, brawn, and muscle of dedicated Earlham College students who were willing to drive nails with numbed hands in the dead of winter in order to give the kids on the other side of the tracks a place to play and learn. Housewives would carry these students to the homes of potential school dropouts to tutor them for two hours a week. Other students were carring for the children of large indigent families

Yes, these are the high school youngtion of freedom, compassionately con-cerned about the underprivileged and a burned out church in Mississippi and the disfranchized around the world, and who are also washing cars and doing devoted to the achievement of peace odd jobs to raise funds to restore other houses of worship. Similar activities are going on in cities

headlines about the violent crimes on public vehicles and in home elevators and our sal the kinds of youth who have doorways—mainly committed by young--learn about responsibility and freedom-the essence of our American way We hear so much about school drop-

Who are these young people who dare to make a positive contribution to life?

In Richmond, Ind., I recently obfor American youth is a must, and as for American youth is a must, and as President Johnson has said, it is an economic reality. But while we deplore that over the past seven or eight years we have experienced in the schools the most important developments since the establishment of public education.

executive secretary of the National Education Association, which numbers 30,000 secondary school principals there is no society in all of history

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Our title is a sign the undergraduates in Chicago placed in an old liquor store they leased to convert into a study center for underprivileged children.

"Horizons Unlimited" is an operation 170 Vassar students have undertaken in tutoring potential school dropouts in the public schools of Poughkeepsie. Our teen-agers today challenge

us with their keen perception and insight. How can we best serve them?

By WALTER R DELAMARTER LOUISVILLE, KY

Let's give a heartfelt ovation to a while the deserted or widowed mother great generation of youngsters who for the most part are extremely intelligent, gery of her depressing smothered life. dedicated to the great American tradi-

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John opens his first letter - the NEB uses the term "letter" rather than "epistle"- in these words:

"It was there from the begin ning; we have heard it; we have seen it with our own eyes; we looked upon it, and felt it with our own hands; and it is of this we tell. Our theme is the word

New insight is brought to a profound Parable when leans admonishes:

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where more teen-agers have gone to school and stayed there through such advanced ages. In 1900, 13 per cent of disorganized and negative youth. U. S. children of the ages 15 through 17 were students. By the time I was in high school in 1940, the ratio had risen to the voice of the Nego: to 75 per cent. Today, enrollment is close to 95 per cent of the high school age population, and more than half the graduates will enter college.

their age is an indisputed fact, for a the other guy around." recent NEA publication notes that the big educational question is not so much big educational question is not so much big educational question is not so much judgement of right and wrong.

The increasing prevalence of the sokind everywhere.

In Miami last January, the famous fore, in spite of the reluctance of many Educator James B. Connant, happily to face up to the fact. confessed that "writing about American already out of date."

"new math which seems are let's have a So, in this atomic age let's have a specimens of The statistics of illegitimacy are only the statistics of illegitimacy are onl their intelligence and comprehension and in spite of all their problems and usually in spite of parents, turn out May 13, 1962) to be the kind of citizens of which we All of the facts about youthful crime

making my world and the world of my children a better place in which to live."

of today literally mirror the values,

But then there is at the other end of

An article in Life magazine describes how some of these youngsters feel. Listen

"This is a world of madness, absurd stunid. Nothing's solid. There are no values to depend upon.
"You're a fool if you think you can

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Ass. You say you've got something inthere is no question that today's teenager coming to one of the major colwrong . . . Boy, I wish I had that Thing! ager coming to one of the major col-leges is better educated and more seriously motivated than ever before." That you'll see that there's no interest in our children know more than we did at decency, only in power and in pushing

"Negoism" is a term that the boys at recent INEA publication notes that the first doubling of knowledge occurred in 1750, the second in 1900, the third in form of pessimism. A "nego" is a young 1/20, the second in 1900, the third in 1950 and fourth only ten years later. The fifth and sixth, if the plot line holds its course, are close at hone.

rather "what" will we teach them. If called "social delinquencies" would we humans knew half as much about seem to indicate that the framework of communicating between ourselves as we values in our society is undergoing communicating between ourselves as we know about communicating between the earth and the moon, what a different unwittingly be playing important roles the earth and the moon, was a different world you and I would live in. What would our world be like if we were willing to spend one fraction of the portion we spend on war and space on willing to spend one fraction of the por-tion we spend on war and space on understanding the social, spiritual, and psychological forces which blight man-perimentation appears to be more prevalent among our youth than ever be

Here in the U.S. the number of illegieducation is almost as breathtaking as timate births per 1,000 live births has writing about international politics. Be- increased every single year in the past fore a book is in print, parts of it are decade. In 1950 there were 39.8 illegitimate births per 1,000 live births in this Have any of you tried working the country. By 1960 that figure had new math' which deals with principles jumped to 54 per 1,000 with a large

good word for these specimens of youthful platonic energy who vacillate hetween childhood and adulthood—who this the rather startling statistic that of puzzle us with their bravado—who shock us with their daring—embarrass marry, at least 40 per cent are pregnant us with their shyness-amaze us with brides-the prevalence of illicit sex

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seem to cast ominous clouds over the youth. I have felt all along that we future of American youth. But this need needed to give these young people a pat on the back and say, "Thanks for dilemma is society's dilemma. Yes, it's

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Bill Phillips of Boyce, La., a graduate of Northwestern State College, Natchitoches, La., will serve two years at Ellensburg, Wash., as associate pastor, youth director, and student worker. He will serve the Chestnut Street Baptist Church at Ellensburg and work with students at the Central Washington State

College in the city.

Phillips, who has a degree in accounting, served 10 weeks in both 1963 and 1964 as a student summer missionary in the state of Washington.

MARY POE TO LEXINGTON

Mary Ellen Poe of Evansville, Ind., a graduate of Evansville College, will serve for two years at the Baptist Community Center in Lexington, Ky.

She served as a staffer at Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly for two

years, and in 1964 worked as a summer missionary in Colorado.

TOM POOLE TO PANAMA Tommy Poole of Roswell, N. M., a graduate of Eastern New

Mexico University at Portales with a music education degree.
will serve two years as a missionary in the Republic of Panama.
He will he manager and program director of the Cresta del
Mar Baptist Encampment at Santa Clara, a year-round assembly for Panama Baptists.

Poole served as music director at the University Baptist

Church in Portales.

He was president of the campus and state Baptist Student Union groups in New Mexico, and served as student summer missionary in Florida in 1963 and in Illinois in 1964.

FREING PRICES TO SAVANNAH

Mr and Mrs. Sterling Price, natives of Henderson and Beau-mont. Tex., will serve for two years at the Savannah Baptist Center in Savannah, Ga.

Center in Savannah, Ga.

The couple (not related to Sterling Price of St. Louis) are graduates of Baylor University in Waco, Tex. They served as student summer missionaries at the Savannah Center in 1965.

IBBY ROBERTS TO NEW YORK CITY

Flizabeth Ann Roberts of Lakeland, Fla., a graduate of

Elizabeth Ann Roberts of Lakeland, Fla. a graduate of Shorter College in Rome, Ga., will work with the Polish Baptist Church in New York City as youth director.

A graduate in music education, Miss Roberts served as music director for the Belmont Baptist Church at Calhoun. Ga.

She served as a student summer missionary in Illinois in 1963.

She is one of the first appointed by the HMB for work with the

Polish-speaking people of America.

RAYMOND SIKES TO HAWA! Mr. and Mrs. Raymond L. Sikes, natives of Picher, Okla., and

Tyler, Tex., will serve two years in Hawaii as missionaries in the village of Kaapa, on the island of Kauai.

The mission volunteers both served as student summer misionaries in Hawaii in 1963. Raymond, who attended Northeastern Oklahoma A & M Col-

lege in Miami, graduated from Kansas State College at Pittsburg. He has served as youth director of Trinity Baptist Church of

Pittsburg

Mrs. Sikes, the former Linda Joyce Pool of Tyler, graduated from Lindale High School near Tyler. Tyler Junior College, and Baylor University at Waco, Tex.

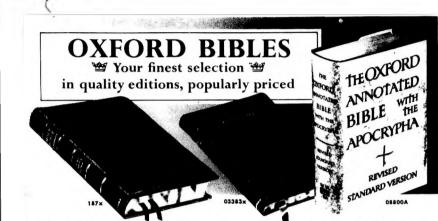
They first met while serving as staffers at Glorieta Baptist Assembly in 1963.

DIANA SMITH TO OMAHA

Diana Smith of Miami, Fla., a graduate of Chipola Junior College at Marianna, Fla., and Blue Mountain College in Blue Mountain, Miss., was appointed for two years' service at Omaha.

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ideals, hopes, fears, and anxieties of their elders and their peers-and all of us can do something about this.

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90 per cent of the businesses over-charged patrons; where \$5 billion in nent tax revenue is lost annually because of dishonesty; where money as a success mania has produced a "money morality"?

where pornographic material is mailed to a million school children each year: \$1 million a year; where 75 per cent of where hard-core pornography has doubled since 1955, where filth peddlers

fraudulent, where in one urban area, rake in about \$700 million a year with a 200 per cent mark-up on merchandise?

Who makes possible criminal abor-tions for a million women each year jeopordizing human life with illegal medical practice and psychological homicide? Who nushes their children to Who makes possible the flood of filth premature social and sexual experience with excessive over-indulgence and over

Who produces television shows which in one week's time in a Los Angeles survey chalked up 161 murders, 60 "justifiable" killings, 2 agonized suicides, 192 attempted murders, 83 robberies, 15 kidnappings, 24 murder conspiracies, 21 jailbreaks, 7 attempted lynchings, 6 hombings, 11 extortions, 2 cases of arson, and 2 cases of barbaric torture.

Who makes possible teen-age gam

bling dens and liquor parties in private residences of the so-called sophisticates of the upper and middle income society? Readers. I submit to you that these are not just the products of a cool generation of teen-agers who exist in icono-clastic isolation from the world at large These are the symptoms of a sick society of which you and I are inextricably a part. Perhaps ours are not so much sins of commission, but you and I are citizens with a vote and with inevitable individual and corporate responsibility for the cesspools of vice and crime which breed the moral diseases of our day. Our sins are those of "omission" and constitute unconscious and un witting involvement which directly and indirectly are closely related to the social and emotional disease which you

and I are seeking to treat.

As adult members of an explosive American culture, we need to constantly keep in mind the role that each of us plays, as individuals and as members of groups, in sometimes contributing un wittingly and inadvertently to social practices which foster favorable definitions of unethical and destructive social practices. This applies to all of us in our business, family, church, school, and social relationships Clark Vincent has made a significant contribution to our understanding of this problem when he sums up his research on illicit sex

by stating: sources of favorable definitions of illicit coition are not only those individuals or groups who favor and engage in such behavior. Rather, favorate definitions of illicit sexual intercourse de rive from a number of social practices and ideas which may be supported an promulgated as much by individuals who do not engage in illicit sexual intercouse as by those who do. These defi

of the commercialization of sex to pro-mote box office, magazine, and news-paper sales; of the publication of re-search data on sexual behavior; of the emphasis on premarital relationships in applying personal ideology for achieve-ment of production quotas; and of the philosophy of fun morality in conven-tional areas like education and child

rearing."

When one examines these indirect can be seen, seemingly inherent in our naterialistic system, whereby we simultaneously encourage sexual promiscuity and censure the results—illicit preg-

This is just part of the frustrating dilemma which society poses for con-fused, searching youth in their quest for a valid values system in this missile age, and which challenges society for solution. Time does not permit further exploration, but suffice it to say that the dilemma is compounded and multiplied in numerous areas of familial, ecologi cal, social, psychological, and theological disorientation. The devastation of these disorientating influences almost causes us to conclude that youth is, as Shakespeare said, "more sinned against

than sinning."

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First, let us not do like Henny-Penny in the fairy tale, and immobilize our selves with frantic speculation about im pending doom. We may end up losing our heads like her entourage. It should he remembered that there are disturbing aspects in any realm of human be-havior, and that youth is not drifting willy-nilly through their problems with values and goals. With and without the help of adults, many young people are developing at least partial solutions to a new way of life.

Secondly, let us do everything within our power to strengthen the fundamental foundations of family life, where sound values can be thoroughly interna-lized, not just verbalized. Let us build a society where families are not blighted by poverty, ill-health and family conflict: a world where youth can develop a positive self-identity and self-certainty through all of life's maturing processes

Thirdly, let us not be carried away by the insidious attacks of forces which would cast doubt on some of the great traditional values of a democratic society where the Judeo-Christian value

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has been the norm. Social and economic conditions surrounding man go through cataclysmic change, but goodness, love, charity, mercy, truth, humility, brotherliness, and human dignity need never be obsolete. Let us refrain from participation in cunningly resourceful propa-ganda which in the words of Galdston

makes the homely virtues and the religious persuasions and faiths of our fathers appear like a compound of neurotic anxiety, infantile delusion, politi-cal-economic naivete and mean escap-

Lastly, let us seek to illuminate the values crisis with thoughtful consideration and analysis-holding our judgments in abeyance until all of the facts are in, and continually seeking new ways for an effective reconciliation of the abiding needs of man with the new

any premature crystallization of cen-sure of current patterns; and it will require a climate of mutual trust between youth and adults where adolescents will pare with Thanksgiving.

feel secure in exploring, at least theo-retically, new modifications of behavior, without threat of retaliation for ideas which they themselves may later reject.

In this way the ultimate patterns of social relationships will be a healthy growth from previous patterns, rather than an impulsive irrational growth or denial of worth of the previous patterns.

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