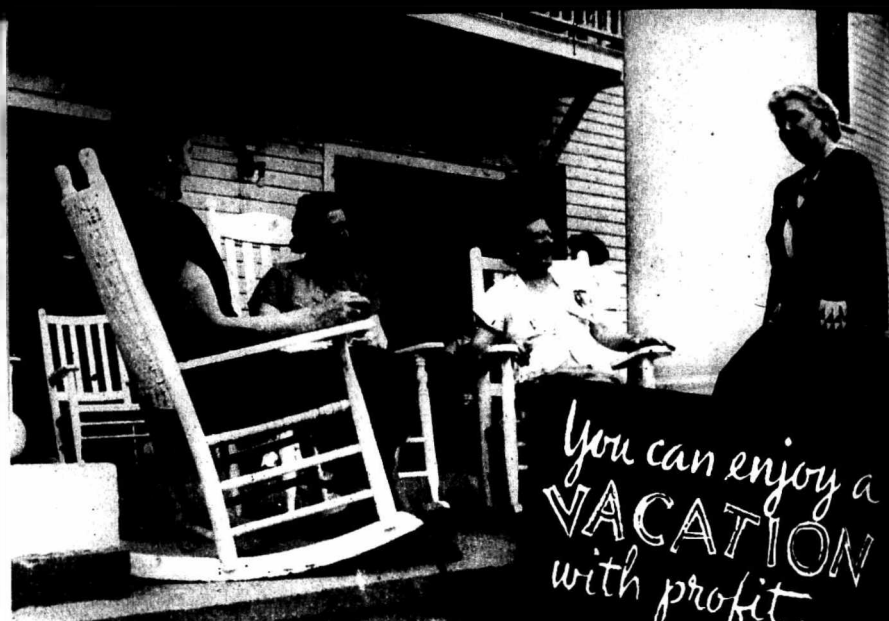


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W.M.U. Conference at Ridgecrest

Some "Margarets" I Have Known

by Mrs. L. W. Alexander

Mrs. Alexander is Margaret Fund chairman for Texas. She lives at Baylor University and "mothers" the Margaret Fund students there especially. A generous steward, she supports several missionaries.

AS I THINK of the "Margarets" I have known, my heart sings a song of thanksgiving for what the women of the South have done in this love task. As the missionaries, as well as their sons and daughters, express their appreciation of the Margaret Fund, we know the worthwhileness of this service through the years.

Would you like to see what some of these "Margarets" are doing? Alice, Helen, and Albert Bagby are all working for the Master in South America. A third generation of this family, Anne Sowell Margrett, is head of the Training School for women in Argentina.

Incidentally Mrs. Margrett has a young daughter who told me a couple of years ago that she would be a fourth generation missionary. What a wonderful record that will be for the Bagby family!

Then look with me at the sons and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. P. Maddox—Paul, chaplain of the European theater of war; Otis, chaplain in the Navy; Sam, the personnel secretary of our Foreign Mission Board; Dan, a Christian doctor; John, a pastor in Mississippi; David, a student in Texas University; and the only daughter, Kathleen, teaching in the public schools of Waco, Texas. All are serving the Master in their chosen careers.

The sons and daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Cheavens serve their Lord well, too. Dave, a representative of the Associated Press in Austin, teaches a Sunday school class of University students. Martha is the author of "Spun by an Angel" and several other best sellers as well as a homemaker. Tom was a successful physician before his death and Frank, for a number of years, was a pastor before going into the teaching

profession. Another faithful family!

We would not fail to mention the Secretary of Latin America, Everett Gill, Jr., who is doing such a splendid work for our Foreign Mission Board.

Lois Hart, daughter of long time missionaries in Argentina and Chile, is following in her parents' footsteps as a missionary in Chile, while her sister is a faithful member of the church in Antofagasta, Chile. The other daughter, Sarah, will do her part in the kingdom as a pastor's wife.

One of the "Margarets" who won the Lowndes scholarship some years ago, Archie McMillan, is teaching in Wayland College until such time as he himself can go back to the foreign field. He has written a very readable mission study book, "For Christ in China."

Gene Newton was secretary to both Dr. Maddy and Dr. Rankin for a number of years. Her name is known by all the missionaries who are grateful to her for the help she gave them in so many ways.

It is surprising how many of the Margaret Fund students are following their parents' calling. Others include Elizabeth Jackson Johnson and Stephen Jackson whose parents lost their lives on the S. S. Vestris; Coleman Clark, Charles Culpepper, Jr., Edwin Dozier, Pearl Dunstan Stapp, John Bryan, Eloise and Lois Glass, Franklin Fowler, Ivan Larson, Jr., Cornelia Leavell, and Mary Lucille Saunders.

Time and space forbid me to mention all the Margaret Fund students and their spheres of service, but the sons and daughters of our home missionaries are giving a good account of themselves as well.

We salute the Margaret Fund students and thank our God upon every remembrance of them.

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A Royal Ambassador Counselor Remembers When...

by Mrs. Peter Kittles

... Loud rejoicing came from R.A. tent or chapter house where play always preceded meetings.

... Summer meant meetings outdoors wherever the boys said go, sometimes the old swimming hole, always watermelon.

... Winter meant crackling fires, toasting marshmallows, roasting weiners and good meetings.

... Focus Week meant Royal Ambassadors were in the spotlight and liked it! A full week of activities and study climaxed with campfire consecration service, a banquet of turkey and "no girls."

... Thanksgiving and Christmas meant Knightly Deeds, taking beautiful needed baskets of good things.

... New Years meant good resolutions — with prayer lists of friends unsaved and joy in answered prayer. Once, every boy on the list was saved before the year was gone.

... Valentine parties ended with carrying Valentines to every old person and every sick person, young or old, in town.

... R.A.'s. planted a Lord's Half Acre and at harvest time the corn shucking in the counselor's back yard—shucks flying, enthusiasm mounting as the corn pile grew, for that meant money in the Lord's treasury.

... Candy pullings were hailed with delight, girls invited because boys liked to get taffy in their hair—the next day spent in trying to appease good old Claudia for "messin' up de whole house"—boys find-

ing it safer to keep just out of her "broom-in-hand" reach.

... Going to state conclave was a habit with Sylvania R.A.'s. The fun began with a "fore-day" take off, boys meeting at counselor's home, packing into the car, singing "Star Spangled Banner" along the way to change positions and get the bottom row on top.

... Sylvania's R.A.'s. were hosts at Camp Lingerlong on Brier Creek to the first conclave held in Middle Association. Morning watch, vesper services, foreign and home mission study courses, handicraft, swimming, canoeing, athletics, games, fun periods, filled every minute of every day.

... R.A.'s. at a banquet, the beautiful table in the shape of a cross aglow from end to end with scores of white candles, place cards in R.A. colors, favors—small globes of the

world with R.A. Commission inside. At the close of the message the boys stood and sang, "In the Cross of Christ I Glory," joining hands to form a chain of comradeship around the lighted cross.

... One prayer meeting night the church had "an appreciation service" for what Royal Ambassadors have done, what they are doing, what they will do for Sylvania and the world.

... A shrub shower and a book shower for R.A. chapter house made "inside and outside" take on new life and enthusiasm.

... Royal Ambassadors entertained by the

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I remember R.A.s. at Brier Creek

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JUNE COVER—The tower of our W.M.U. Training School in Louisville, Kentucky, glistens in the sunlight. Some graduate foreign students come and study under its shadow. They go back to their own people to "Take the Light" of Christ as Saviour. Each student who has ever attended this school is grateful to the Southern Baptist women who made it possible for her to be better trained in the kingdom service to which she feels called of God.

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We Want Another Parent Night

HERE IS A NEW PLAN THAT PROVED IMMEDIATELY SUCCESSFUL

WAS OURS the first Baptist Parent Night? Has your church had one? Maybe First Baptist Church, Birmingham, has had the "one and only." PTA delights in Parent Night and we do, too, now. We borrowed the idea "whole cloth" and it worked up beautifully. That "we" is really like "we killed a bear": for it originated with our pastor's wife, then young people's director, counselors, society, everybody joined in and it was a genuine success. We want another one next year!

We have a number of children and young people in our W.M.U. organizations whose parents do not come regularly to

our church—yet. Our midweek missionary education activities are really big factors in our enlistment program. We wanted these parents to know our church and our leadership so Parent Night was planned with its delicious banquet.

It sounds simple put that way but it wasn't. Anyone knows a banquet with 367 seated guests requires a lot of planning, prayer and actual preparation. The social committee of the Woman's Missionary Society joined with the decorations committee to make the tables lovely. Enough women of the social, decoration and young people's committees served to do it with haste and taste.

Reservations were made through the organizations. Each Sunbeam, Girls' Auxiliary or Young Woman's Auxiliary or Royal Ambassador chapter member invited his or her parents and reported "yes" or "no" on whether they could come or not. Counselors checked their lists to avoid counting a parent with children in different organizations twice. Then when the night came it just poured! Some really could not come but 367 did and the rain did not dampen anybody's spirits.

As people arrived they all went into the assembly room of the young people's department. There the chairs were pushed back in formally. Counselors and the



A few of the family groups who crowded our dining room

young people's representatives from the W.M.S. circles helped introduce everybody to everybody else. Presently there was group singing with the tails of "Three Blind Mice" cut off repeatedly in a merry round, and "My friends are your friends" multiplied again and again.

When all were invited to dinner, parents and children sat together. Usually at our Wednesday supper meetings the young people sit by organizations but not for this gala meal. Our pastor, Dr. John L. Slaughter, asked the blessing and then no more program until after appetites had been a little bit satisfied.

Our young people's director, Mrs. W. B. Rogers, welcomed everyone graciously. Then our W.M.U. president and the chairman of the board of deacons each spoke

about two minutes, telling about their eagerness for all to grow in grace and the knowledge of the Lord Jesus. The counselors were presented, stood and "took a bow." One counselor spoke explaining the purpose of all the counselors in serving the Lord in this particular capacity.

We have so many organizations that to make our work move more smoothly we

have a Girls' Adviser and Boys' Adviser as assistants to our young people's director. These two helped call for the members of the different organizations to stand. We began with Royal Ambassadors feeling they would sort of "break the ice" if any was left by then anywhere. The Richardson R.A. members all stood, then around the room in turn each presented his parents. Then the Ben Oliver R.A's., and so on. Then the G.A's., the Y.W.A's., and last the Sunbeams. It was refreshing to see how proud children and parents were. Sometimes parents stood twice or even three times but each time gladly. One Junior R.A. and one Intermediate G.A. spoke in behalf of all the members telling how these midweek organizations helped them in developing prayer habits, in enlarging

their understanding of what our denomination is doing around the world and its need of our financial support which emphasized the necessity for honest stewardship. One father, representing all the parents, thanked the church for the valuable opportunities for Christian development it was providing for his

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Frank Heberlein led our youth choir as a fine climax

WHAT G. A. MEANS TO A GIRL

by MILDRED MANN, one of the speakers in this Parent Night program. A Queen when in Girls' Auxiliary, she is sword drill director of her church Junior Training Union.

Through Girls' Auxiliary study and work a young girl becomes acquainted with this sin-sick world in which she lives. She learns about the climate and geography of many foreign countries. She learns about the ancient traditions and daily habits of many races. But the most important thing she learns is that lost people are found everywhere. There is not a city, rural community, or village in the world where a lost soul may not be found. These people are lost through eternity unless someone wins them to Christ. The world is in a great spiritual need, and the G.A. realizes that it is her responsibility, as one of the rising generation, to do all in her power to help reach those lost people.

The first rule that the G.A. strives toward is to love her God with all of her mind, all of her body, and all of her soul. So many people think of God as someone so far removed from their hopes and ambitions that if they ever think of losing God, they merely mean that they respect him. But the G.A. marvels at the fact that the God who holds the universe in his hands, gives her such complete and full attention.

The second rule that she strives toward is to consider the person next to her the same as herself. To do this, she must have a love for souls. Once she gets her first rule, the second one will come easily, because she gets this love for souls through earnest prayer to her Father and through the Holy Spirit. She has found out that if you love a person, you want to help him. She has this opportunity through mission offerings. Surely, if Girls' Auxiliary means this much to a girl, the leaders and all the other workers connected with this organization have not worked in vain.

Our Daughter Is a Missionary

by Mrs. Tom M. McCullough

"Jesus wants me for a sunbeam
To shine for him each day . . .
A sunbeam, a sunbeam,
I'll be a sunbeam for him."

Our two youngsters were in their rocking chairs, singing to their dolls; the little brother tried to get his sister, Miriam, to let him do the singing, because of the way she carried (or did not carry) the tune. But she wanted to be a Sunbeam, and was, and is! It was only natural that the chil-



Paul Moor, Mary Chloe and Miriam learned early in life to sing missionary songs of God's love

dren should be members of the Ruhama Baptist Church Sunbeam Band as their daddy and I had been Sunbeams when we were children. Our beloved Miss Willie Kelly who labored so long in China, was the first missionary I remember seeing and hearing; and as a Sunbeam, my interest in China was aroused.

The W. M. U. has played an important part in our home. Monday was dedicated to the various missionary organizations, just as Sunday was to Sunday school. A mother misses much when she does not take part in the missionary activities of her church. And a mother should make it possible for her children to attend Sunbeam Band, Girls' Auxiliary or Royal Ambassadors chapter. She will expect them to see that laborers are needed in the harvest, and gladly help them by actions, words and

thoughts to answer God's call.

As our two children advanced in years they became a Royal Ambassador singing "The King's Business" and a G. A. member singing "We've a Story to Tell to the Nations." It was during these years that the children by attendance and participation learned the Great Commission and its meaning, began the habit of tithing, became acquainted with the lives of our faithful missionaries, and began to pray for them. There are many certificates tucked in their scrapbooks, for attending mission study classes—some from one-day family mission schools, which we all attended together.

Later, there was another daughter in the family, and she was an enthusiastic member, following in Miriam's footsteps, and learning the hymns of the organizations. As Miriam sang the Y. W. A. hymn, "O Zion Haste" there was another objection to Miriam's singing because of her having one of my characteristics, the inability to make music beautifully. Perhaps it was about this time that Miriam first felt she should accept the promise of Matt. 28:20 and go, carry the good news. I did not recognize this for two reasons: Miriam was a frail little girl and had special care for some years; even through high school there were anxious times for her and we were always shielding her from burdens.

The other reason, her talent seemed to be teaching; when the children played school, she was always "teacher." After graduation from college she became a very successful teacher, casting her Christian influence over the boys in the private school in which she taught. She encouraged the boys' presence at Sunday school and church by giving extra points on grades in English on Monday to those who had attended religious services on Sunday.

But we cannot tell how God may answer the prayers we pray. Even when Miriam's daddy and I helped to make it possible for

her to go to "House Beautiful" we did not realize her purpose. We thought she would probably be a student secretary, or a state worker. Then one day a letter came from the Training School telling us that she wanted to volunteer for appointment as a missionary under our Baptist Foreign Mission Board.

In the Music School of the Southern Baptist Seminary, future choir directors are required to bring in candidates for places in a practice choir, and these candidates are recruited from the student body. Miriam was asked to go for a try-out and readily agreed, thinking the girl who had asked her was joking. When the day arrived for the choir lesson, rather than disappoint her friend, Miriam went to the Music School. The teacher asked her what she had chosen to sing. Her reply was "Trust and Obey" for that is one of her favorites. She was very much surprised and delighted at the conclusion of the audition when told by the teacher that she could learn to sing, even be a good supporting member of a choir.

After Miriam's appointment in the Spring of 1948 my phone rang and one of my good friends said, "O, Ruby, I see where they are sending Miriam to Mexico." I laughed and asked, "Where would you have her go?" The reply was, "To Africa with Aunt Grace and Uncle Will!" They are Dr. and Mrs. William H. Carson of Nigeria who make our home, theirs, when they are in Alabama. I explained that Miriam had never thought of going to Africa, although she is very devoted to the Carsons, and all our family have an abiding interest in Nigeria. I told my friend that since Miriam had a summer studying Spanish at the University of Mexico, she had longed to go back to Mexico—as I thought, to finish work on a Master's degree in Spanish. But her longing was more meaningful than that, she wanted to begin work for her Master in showing others how to live for him.



Miriam, Paul Moor and Mary Chloe under the family Christmas tree

Miriam never knew a missionary to Mexico but when she was in Mexico City she saw what Catholicism did to people,—how hopeless they are. Mexican people have music, but in a minor key; they have bright flowers, bright colored clothes, pastel hued houses, but

a dark outlook on life—they are without the Saviour!

At our home when there is a decision to be made two questions are asked—in which will you serve best and which will be the most fun. Frankly, it was not easy to submit to the Lord's will for Miriam to go to a foreign field, but she and I knew Matt. 10:37, and we knew it was right for her to go. She had done state mission work in Alabama and home mission work among the Spanish-speaking peoples in Texas, and had found much joy in the doing, and the Mexicans were eager for her return to Texas. I thought that either place would be a good field for her, but she told me where there were ten who would work at home, there was only one who would go to "faraway places."

Some say Mexico is not a foreign field because it is "just across the border." Some countries clamor for teachers of the "Jesus Way," some offer land and help of various sorts to their teachers. But Mexico is different: their laws prohibit missionaries, as such, entering the country, so some who go must return to the states every six months to renew their immigration papers. Mexicans have a pagan-like religion and need the Saviour so! The Protestants are often persecuted there in the schools and in hospitals. Instead of being welcomed with open arms the missionaries must seek out the people and show them the Saviour. This is particularly true among the wealthy class.

Over and over I am asked, "Aren't you proud of Miriam?" Yes, I am proud of her, all the family are. There will be great rejoicing in heaven over those brought into the fold by her efforts.

European Baptist Women Unite

HIGHLIGHTS FROM MRS. MARTIN'S REPORT ON HER TRIP

LAST SUMMER in London fifteen Baptist women from thirteen countries met and talked together in conference. The women all longed to do more for the Lord. As they reported on what they were doing, each would say something like this: "How wonderful to meet together! If only we could share our experiences more often!"

They represented five different language groups but only one woman from Switzerland did not understand English. So a woman from Berlin interpreted to the one from Switzerland in German which she did understand.

After their several days of conference they wanted a name to show a federation of European Baptist women. They talked

and talked diligently; they worked to find a word. "Fellowship," they said, "is a beautiful word but it will not do." There was no feminine for it in the Italian language. Trying again they found just one word which could be translated in all five languages without any loss of meaning: Union. So they decided on European Baptist Women's Union.

When Mrs. Martin reported to the men who were meeting in another room, Dr. C. Oscar Johnson, president of the Baptist World Alliance, was delighted. "We men have discussed the same possibility for the week and are now going to wait a year before acting but you women have already done it!"

They agreed to start by sending out a call to prayer for a day in November. Thinking about our W.M.U. Week of Prayer a month later, Mrs. Martin asked about their Christmas. "Have you been able to have Christmas as before the war? What do you lack that you used to have?"

Slowly the answer came. "If we could have again rice and raisin pudding." So last Christmas some twenty tons of rice and raisins went to these women to distribute to the homes of Baptist families.

What grateful letters came in reply! "Somebody cares." "Somebody is interested enough to send us rice and raisins." "Our fellowship in Christ is sweet." So they wrote.

Would you like to read the minutes of that historic meeting in London?

August 13, 1948

The woman's meeting during the sessions of the European Conference of the Baptist World Alliance, was called to order by Mrs. Ernest Brown of London who asked Mrs. Norgaard of Denmark to lead in prayer. There were nineteen women present representing Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Finland, Holland, Germany, France, Czechoslovakia, Italy, England, Northern Baptist Convention and Southern Baptist Convention of the U.S.A., and Canada.

The chairman asked for the opinion of the representatives on the five points outlined and discussed at the morning meeting of the conference, i.e., Co-operation, Education, Relief, Religious Liberty, and Evangelism.

Mrs. Martin, president of Woman's Missionary Union of the S.B.C., expressed her desire that some lasting benefit might come to the Baptist women of Europe here assembled. It was the women of the Southern convention's W.M.U. who had made it possible (the Foreign Mission Board supplied the money from Lottie Moon Christmas Offering funds) financially for this group of women to be gathered together. Mrs. Norgaard of Denmark, Mrs. Ruden of Sweden and Mrs. Meister of Germany expressed for the group their gratitude for the thoughtfulness of Southern Baptist women.

Mrs. Moore of Italy offered the following motion: That a European Baptist Women's Union be formed for the purpose of stimulating closer fellowship, greater co-opera-

tion, deeper sympathy for an understanding of mutual problems. Miss Bassi of Italy seconded the motion. After lengthy discussion and expression of opinion by practically all the women representatives, the motion was carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned and Mrs. Martin, acting chairman, asked Mrs. Peterson of Sweden to close with prayer. The women agreed to meet at breakfast at eight the next morning to discuss the next step in actuating the motion regarding the Union.

Respectfully submitted:

Alice Moore, Secretary

August 14, 1948

The second meeting of the Woman's Committee was held around the breakfast table with Mrs. Martin acting as hostess and chairman. A proposed constitution was discussed which would give form to the Union, and an executive committee of five representing five language groups with Mrs. Norgaard of Denmark as chairman and Miss Bassi of Italy as secretary, was elected.

There were eighteen women present. The meeting adjourned to go to the session of the conference.

Respectfully submitted:

Alice Moore, Secretary



From left to right: Miss Bassi, Mrs. Salady, Mrs. Meister, Mrs. Norgaard

A third meeting of the woman's committee was held following the reception tendered the foreign delegates by the English Baptist Woman's League. The proposed constitution was read and discussed article by article and approved.

Plans for the carrying out of the pur-

pose of the Union were discussed and suggestions were made as follows:

That a bulletin of news be sent out by the secretary, periodically, to all representatives;

That a Day of Prayer for European Baptist women be established and that all Baptist women plan to pray either in groups or individually at the same time on that specific day;

That a Christmas project of exchange greetings or gifts be considered and if found practical, projected.

The meeting adjourned with prayer by each delegate in her own language.

Respectfully submitted:

Gina Bassi, Secretary

And you, in your society, will you keep the bonds of fellowship strong? When have you sent a box of clothing to Southern Baptist Relief Center in New Orleans? When have you sent \$5.00 to buy a HOPE (Help Other People Eat) box of food? We must not let the assurance of our interest and our fellowship lag. Gather the clothes and send them; people are still in desperate need in Europe and in the Orient. You can fix a box of packable foods but you can know concentrated foods will be on their way quickly if you gather that \$5.00 and send it to New Orleans. Send a name and address which you can receive from Baptist World Alliance, 1628 16th St. N.W., Washington 9, D.C., or send the \$5.00 and the Relief Committee in New Orleans will supply an address.

In a fellowship like ours in situations of need we cannot imagine, how our Baptist sisters look to us for continued evidence of our love for Christ and for them.

In Paris is a group of Romanians who fled their country since Russian occupation. They are penniless and homeless and work is hard to find. Many are going to the Baptist services in Paris who would never have gone to the little chapels in Romania. We can provide for the Baptist churches in Paris to help these seeking Romanians. Will we?

From our privileged homes we can keep sending money and clothes for relief. The proof of God's care for some newborn soul is hanging in your closet, is hiding in your purse. Get it out quick and send it on its way to the glory of the Lord.

A Royal Ambassador Counselor Remembers . . .

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missionary society* with a father-son picnic supper at Camp Lingerlong. The table in the long dining room built over the creek festive with R.A. colors, autumn leaves, golden fruits, and flowers and turkey with all the trimmings—our speaker talking of the joys of being Christ's Ambassadors for life.

... Royal Ambassadors in response to the pastor's challenge presenting to the church \$100 in gold for a building program—in a cloth-of-gold bag, tied with royal blue.

... This news item in a local paper:

"There is something about a bunch of boys, and fishing poles, and tin cans, and worms and wild wood and springtime that's irresistible and when those boys are R.A.s, they are compelling. Saturday morning a score or more of boys with their counselor, in a truck loaded with more lunch than even boys could get away with, spent the day 'as boys like it,' at Reddick's Blue Springs Camp. They claim to have ushered in the season's sporting and would rather like to live that day again—and many more like it. God bless 'em!"

... Mission study classes under the grapevine, at the chapter house, at Blue Springs, at Lingerlong and other lovely spots meant world-wide visions and lessons never forgotten.

... A program on Africa at Blue Springs—we embarked in a boat to the other side, landing "in the jungles." The youthful recorder wrote, "We are now on a trip to Africa, if the boat don't sink."

... Enthusiasm ran high each year when reports showed we had reached the Standard of Excellence and gone beyond our financial goals.

... The buddy movement thrilled junior and intermediate ambassadors—juniors chose buddies from the intermediates and intermediates chose buddies from deacons for the year. It worked!

... Ambassadors challenged deacons to a

debate and won.

... At the weeks of prayer and offering for state, home and foreign missions boys turned their pockets inside out as the needs of the people were made so real—the gifts were always dedicated with prayer.

What an utterly good time I had being R.A. counselor for twenty-two years! If I should attempt to characterize the spirit of our R.A. gatherings for play, study or worship, in one word, it would be this: "Together." We had fun together and joy together—with God. With all my heart I believe God gave me my love for Royal Ambassadors, and I rejoice that I am living to see the desire of my heart—his kingdom advancing through them! How wonderful it is to have had part in something immortal!

Being R.A. counselor was a generator of life and energy, and gave me a satisfying place of service in Christ's kingdom that forever forbade my doing secondary things.

Standing at the crest of the years, remembering, I have cause to thank the Lord for R.A.s. of yesterday. They are now leaders in church and community life as Christian business men, legislators, court officials, Sunday school teachers and superintendents, deacons, doctors, preachers, public accountants, farmers and bankers. I believe that the R.A. aims and ideals that helped mould their lives will never be forgotten.

We rejoice in the growth that has come to the R.A. organization with the addition of R.A. secretaries. Under their fine leadership and vision of the importance of Royal Ambassadors in Christ's program, they are alerting our churches to a new and proper appreciation of Royal Ambassadors.

Well do we know that the future of missions depends on the church, and the future of the church depends on the boy.

Mrs. Peter Kittles, a past president of Georgia Woman's Missionary Union, has served the Lord in many other significant places—as R.A. counselor, as teacher and chaperone in state and southwide Y.W.A. camps.



A MARGARET FUND ECHO

by Mrs. Jimmie Hillman

DO YOU LIKE STORIES? Then this one is just for you. It isn't written because I am pretentious enough to consider myself a writer, but simply because this is the only medium through which we mediocre human beings, along with the rare geniuses, find a way of expressing ourselves to friends scattered throughout different areas of the world. This is one of the ways I have chosen to thank a host of women for helping me get what I might have missed otherwise. The story I want to tell you goes like this:

Once there was a little girl who early in life learned how to sing songs about a



Helen Frances Smith Hillman and Jimmie Hillman at University of California in 1948

college—then Baylor College. This was not because the little girl had a beautiful voice, in reality she had a very weak one. It was because her mother, aunts and grandmother all claimed this college as their Alma Mater, and some day she was to do likewise. The little girl looked forward eagerly—wondering what college would be like, dreaming about it.

Growing up takes so long and more than once she doubted "The Day" would ever come. Childhood as a "missionary kid" held just about as much enjoyment, excitement and fun, if not more, as that of any other normal child; so it really wasn't so long until she found herself borne on

the silver wings of an airship, bound toward her dreamed-of-destination—the U.S.A. and Mary Hardin-Baylor College in Belton, Texas. Not even the marvel of flying through space over the beautiful Brazilian eastern coast could divert her mind from the purpose of this trip.

She was a young lady now, old enough to be in college, and she knew that there were friends who were helping her to acquire this valuable education. These friends operated through the name of Margaret Fund. Not only was help for the college education provided, but gifts and surprise boxes came from people she had never even heard of. There is no telling how much joy she received from these in hours of homesickness, not to speak of the direct answers to prayer which came through them.

Amazingly this girl found herself being asked to speak before large groups of people about the Margaret Fund and the mission work of her parents and grandparents. She acquired a small fame not entirely her own, and certainly not of her own making, by being introduced as "This is the granddaughter of the Bagby's of Brazil" or "Dr. Luther's great-granddaughter." Instead of being unduly proud of these titles, she was humbly grateful for her heritage, using it as a steppingstone to present missions and the work of Margaret Fund as vividly and realistically as she could.

This girl's senior year in college was a thoroughly exciting one, not only because she was attaining one of the goals she had set for herself, but because she met her prince charming. He was so handsome, consecrated and fine that in no time at all she was hopelessly in love . . . and much to her surprise, he reciprocated. But there was still one thing—she had to return to Brazil to make sure her Master was not calling her to do his work in the land of her birth, so once again she sailed the seas, leaving half of her heart behind.

After a short-long year of teaching English the Lord led her back to the United

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"Cover to Cover" In Hawaii

from Sue Saito

All the women out here are thrilled with the new ROYAL SERVICE. They look forward to it eagerly. One shut-in reads it from cover to cover and often points out things that some miss in a hurried reading.

We had a circle meeting recently in a home where only the mother is a Christian. A well-used ROYAL SERVICE and several Bibles were in the living room. She has only a third grade education but has grown in grace so wonderfully during the few years she has been a Christian that she is now our first vice-president. She is one of our best "enlisters," constantly on the job inviting people to church and W.M.S. When she first came to us she was so timid we could not imagine her taking the lead in anything. Now we depend on her a great deal. Of course, she is deeply burdened about her lost husband.

As soon as I returned from the States, they elected me president of the local W.M.S. and reelected me Young People's Secretary of the Territorial W.M.U. I hardly feel capable of holding down both jobs and need your prayers.

A June Day In Rome

from Mrs. Dewey Moore

Today everyone is celebrating the great feast of St. John. It is a Roman holiday and every true child of city, and country for that matter, eats the traditional snails. The poor creatures are betrayed by first being put in fresh water at which time they come out of their shells and then being doused with boiling water and quickly dropped into hot fat. Quite a delicacy I'm told but as for me, I would rather have chicken the southern way. Tonight as last night, there will be fireworks and parades. I don't know where the religious aspect of the day works into the picture but I cannot help but wonder what the humble disciple would do or say should he see what takes place in his name. Doubtless he would love them just the same.

Next Sunday, the 29th, we will go through a similar festival for St. Peter. That day all the faithful go to the great basilica and kiss the toe of the saint get-

ting thereby certain indulgences or graces obtainable only on that day and in that manner. There will be hundreds of thousands there that day and the military guards will be on duty to keep the people in order. The bronze statue of the saint will wear the jeweled robe and the great ring of St. Peter. I wonder again what the fisherman would say could he speak to the crowd that day. Somehow I don't believe he would be as patient as his companion, John.

From Cod-liver Oil to Pews

from Kate Ellen Gruver

Ever since Christmas our "relief program" here in Nazareth has steadily increased. Beginning with a soup kitchen for 300 children last September, we increased to 500 in December and then took on the distribution of American Quaker clothing to refugees. Just a few days after that we were asked to be a center for the distribution of UNICEF milk, margarine, etc., to the refugee children and from then on approximately 800 or 850 are served every afternoon at four o'clock. Anna Cowan can tell tales of sometimes pouring cod-liver oil down unwilling throats! That has been her special job.

Then this spring the Red Cross asked us to be a center for the distribution of their stuff—monthly rations of flour, beans, peas, sugar, etc. So that about 350 of the refugee families have been served from our center and about 2500 of the Nazareth people as well.

Now we are looking forward to the arrival of the clothing from our own New Orleans Relief Center. Mr. Brantley wrote that 500 bales would leave New Orleans the middle of March. We were so thrilled and will try to get the Nazareth people and some of the villages taken care of.

It is a strange thing to see the church being used as a "clothing department" one week, a food store the next, a milk depot

every afternoon* and a restaurant every day. Yet somehow, I feel that God is pleased, for on Wednesday evenings and on Sundays, the pews are whisked back into place and Bible study and worship services bring the Bread of Life to hungry hearts, as well, and his blessing is there. And every noontime, as the children sit row on row, back to back, waiting for their food to be served in the little tin bowls they bring, there falls a quiet and a stillness as thanksgiving is offered to God for providing earthly needs. Somehow in the midst of all this the Home for Motherless Babies and the school progress

Faithful in "Mision Espanola"

from Mrs. J. D. Hughey

During the past year the W.M.U.s. in some churches here in Spain began to enlarge their program of missionary education to include the boys and girls. There are now eight Sunbeam Bands, and the G.A. is getting under way. Under the leadership of Mrs. Jennings we are expecting real development in the young people's missionary organizations.

The first week in March the W.M.U. of Spain will observe its Week of Prayer for Home Missions with a program presenting the Baptist churches of Spain and the opportunities confronting us.

I am so eager that the women of Spain have as vital a connection as possible with the Union of Baptist Women of Europe.

Good News From Guatemala

from Angela E. Viera

I heartily appreciate your kindness sending me the magazines of the Woman's Missionary Union by Mrs. W. J. Webb's suggestion. Thank you very much.

Using this opportunity I tell you some things about us. We are for a little more than ten years trying to work among women. Three years ago we adopted the Wom-

an's Missionary Union's methods, which I learned in the Baptist Seminary of El Paso, Texas, two years before. God is blessing our work.

We have seven women's societies and each one of these has various auxiliaries societies. The magazines you send me are to help us in this work. We need our own to promote our work, but our little strength only permits us three mimeographed pages. I hope God shall give us all we need. I covet your prayers for our work.

A Margaret Fund Echo

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States to join the companion he had chosen, in a sweet ceremony at twilight on the campus of Mary Hardin-Baylor. Not all stories have happy endings, but this one has, for no matter what happens to this couple hereafter, God has planned their life together and will see that it is used for his own glory.

And that ends the girl's story which is in reality "Thank you" to you. Since becoming a Mrs. I too have worked in a W.M.S., so now I am a part of what you once were to me. I have tried to take advantage of this, speaking about you whenever the chance has been given me. Last summer at the request of Miss Margaret Hutchison, I went to Oklahoma and spoke to W.M.U. rallies and G.A. or Y.W.A. camps for a period of two weeks. It is in my blood now and I enjoy every moment.

As to our present activities, they are mostly confined to school work in preparation for what we hope will be a life of service. While my husband finishes his graduate work, I am going to try to join him by also enlisting for graduate study (even though I'll not be aspiring to quite as high a degree as he) in the University of California. It is still a big uncertainty and may not materialize, for graduate admission here is difficult. . . . Regardless of our secular occupation, there is always the certainty of our main objective—to live in such a manner as to reflect the personality of him whom we serve.

Thank you for being the instruments through which so many young people can acquire and enjoy some of the knowledge God has given to man.

I Am a Chinese-American Student

by Emily Jean Goon

Oklahoma and China, Class of '50

THERE IS SOMETHING about the W. M. U. Training School that makes me want more than ever to go home. It is not homesickness nor disappointment in the school. I am more than satisfied with the Training School and, in a way, I wish I could always be here in an environment that affords the highest type of Christian fellowship and spiritual nurture. But all that our Training School stands for and the influence



EMILY JEAN GOON

God helped me to change my mind about that!

The following year my parents returned to China with all their Boston-born children, including me. We made our home in Canton. I learned to love the people in China and to identify myself with them. Gradually it dawned upon me that God wanted me to serve him in China. With that conviction and the prayer that he would provide me the preparation I needed, I plowed my way through high school. I passed the final senior exams only by the skin of my teeth and was graduated from Pooni To Baptist Academy in 1937.

The opportunity to attend college did not come immediately, but I was too excited over my new job to be disappointed. I was given the privilege to teach in a mission school in an up-river town. That was the beginning of five years of work with Southern Baptists. In spite of the memory of many mistakes I made, I am thankful for the experience of those years.

My return to the United States and the opportunity for college came unexpectedly and were made possible by Baptists in the South-

land. How I wish these could all know the gratitude I feel toward them for the money they have spent on me, the prayers they have offered for me, and the love they have lavished on me! The thought of it frightens me, yet challenges me to live more worthily.

The Foreign Mission Board paid my way over in 1945 when the missionaries with whom I was working in West China had to evacuate and decided to bring me with them. (Only two weeks before, I had told God, as if he did not know, that I needed to go to college!) Friends at Oklahoma Baptist University and the W.M.U. of Oklahoma, through a joint scholarship, made it possible for me to enjoy several happy years at Oklahoma Baptist University.

And now I am at the Training School on an Oklahoma W. M. U. scholarship! I have been happy here, but again—something there is about the Training School that makes me want to go home to China, that makes that desire more pressing the longer I stay here. For that reason I love the Training School and all who have anything to do with it.

Wondering About The Mediator?

Several have asked whether *The Mediator* will continue to be published since Dr. Gartenhaus is no longer with our Home Mission Board.

Yes, keep right on sending twenty-five cents to subscribe for every Jewish person you know, or send the twenty-five cents and Dr. Gartenhaus will supply the name. Address: Dr. Gartenhaus, 3210 Paces Ferry Place, N.E., Atlanta, Ga. This magazine and his work in behalf of the lost people, Israel, will go right on. Continue to pray and give that Israel may be saved.



MARJORIE ALLEN

The counselors of our young people's organizations seem to become discouraged with their work and resign after a few months. What can we do to overcome this?

No doubt your counselors need more help and encouragement from the W.M.S. Do you let the counselors know you are backing them up? Do you have a young people's director whose duty it is to help find and train leaders? Do the counselors have enough helpers? Does your society furnish the counselors with the material needed for making the meetings and other activities of

IS THIS YOUR QUESTION?

by Marjorie Allen, Maryland

the young people's organizations interesting and attractive? Do the mission study stewardship and community missions chairmen and committees do all they can for young people organizations also? Does the young people's committee assist in arranging for Focus Weeks, promotion services, etc? Do you help the young people attend associational, state and southwide conclaves, rallies, summer camps? Do you pray for the W.M.U. young people's work?

Our church membership is scattered and it is difficult for us to get our children of Sunbeam age together for a meeting. Can we have our Sunbeam Band meeting on Sunday morning at the Sunday school hour in the Primary Department?

Woman's Missionary Union provides weekday missionary education and activities for our young people. The Sunbeam meetings, important as they are, should not infringe on Sunday school time. If the pas-

tor approves, the Sunbeam Band might meet during the preaching service provided no other time for the meeting can be found. The younger Sunbeams who are not in school might come with their mothers and have their meeting at the time of the W.M.S. meeting. Let the counselor, the young people's director and the W.M.S. president work together to find a meeting time for the Sunbeam Band that will be best for everyone concerned.



Is every resident woman member of a church considered a member of the Woman's Missionary Society?

No, only those women who join the W.M.S. are members.



Scripture Reading: John 1:40-47; Daniel 12:3; Proverbs 11:30

Songs to sing: Rescue the perishing, Bringing in the sheaves, Must I go and empty handed?

With revival fires burning through summer days, this program speaks to each

The Power of Personal Witnessing

Christian of her responsibility for lost souls.

In *The Commission*, June, "Christians Must Tell" is the challenge of the leading editorial. Bring a digest of this to your circle meeting "Who Will Educate Nigeria?" in the same magazine shows needed witnessing in Africa.

"We Live In Hiroshima Now" is a splendid article to refer to in *The Window of YWA*, June.

In June *World Comrades* Joy Enete, daughter of our missionaries, tells about her life for Jesus in Brazil.

"The King's Business in Abilene" brings news of Royal Ambassador efforts, see June *Ambassador Life*.

In June *Southern Baptist Home Missions*, "Power of Personal Witnessing" by C. E. Matthews and "With God's Help . . . I Will" by B. Frank Belvin emphasize our theme for this month.

Today Is Ours to Make Tomorrow His by Margaret Bruce

THE THEME FOR A W.M.U. annual meeting was very thought provoking, "Today is ours, to make tomorrow his."

Quite naturally, I felt the urgency for missionary education of young people in every message and presentation. I was reminded of this poem:

*I saw tomorrow passing by
On little children's feet,
And in their forms and faces
I read prophesy complete.*



*I saw tomorrow look at me
Through little children's
eyes,
And thought how carefully
We'd teach if we were wise.*

Yes, tomorrow speaks to us through little children and if we are wise we will carefully teach them God's plan, for those of every race and color to have an opportunity to accept Christ as their personal Saviour.

Did you ever hear Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune tell her story? The mission teacher who went across the tracks, into the cotton field to find the little colored girl and bring her into the mission school was wise. She realized that she must work with little children if the tomorrows were to be God's. That little Mary was inspired to be the best that it was possible for her to be and to try to help others

become their best selves too. Forty-four years ago Mary McLeod Bethune started a school for colored young people. Today it is the only four-year accredited college for Negroes begun by a black woman anywhere in the world.

If tomorrow is to be Christ's, we must be faithful in the missionary education of our young people. Early in the year I had the privilege of attending a meeting of the appointment committee of the Foreign Mission Board in Richmond, Virginia. As I listened to the young people who were appointed, telling of their conversion and their desire to go to Nigeria, Brazil, Japan, and to Spanish-speaking people, I thanked God for those people and those experiences which influenced these young people to give their lives to foreign mission work. I wished that every Sunbeam Band leader, Girls' Auxiliary, Young Woman's Auxiliary, and Royal Ambassador counselor and young people's director could have been with me to see those young people appointed. To see their dedication to the task of missions would surely have caused each leader to be more dedicated to the task of missionary education. We remember that our Foreign Mission Board hopes to have over a thousand new missionaries on our fields by 1950. We must do our part in helping them to hear God's call.

June is not only the month of brides but it is a month of special missionary education emphases. There will be Ridgerrest Y.W.A. Camp, June 16-22, state G.A., Y.W.A., and R.A.

camp, mission study classes and many other opportunities for enlisting young people in missionary activities.

The vacation months are excellent for work on Forward Steps and Ranking System. Take advantage of these days for additional study of steps and ranks and also of the Stewardship Education plans.

At a very lovely coronation the girls were all dressed in white, street-length dresses and the simplicity of the service was most effective. I was impressed by the splendid way in which every girl responded to the questions asked. The memory work was quoted beautifully and the information was given with understanding. The girls had learned well all the requirements for each step, their reviewing councils had helped them to do their best in learning their work. I believe they must have realized that "Today is ours to make tomorrow his." I hope you do too!

Summer Study

Follow up your program with a study of "The Way of Missionary Education" by Mather price 60 cents.

Every W.M.U. member will understand from it the distinctive purpose of W.M.U. young people's missionary education organizations.

Select one of the wonderful books like ships to take you on vacation trips.

"Hand Clasp of the Americas" by Carpenter, price 50 cents, a journey to Panama and the Canal Zone.

"Torchbearers in Homan" by Sallee, price 80 cents, visits with missionaries in Interior China.

"The Changing Scene in China" by Baker, price \$1.00, helps you understand China's turmoil and tenacity.

"Which Way Japan?" by Shacklock, price 60 cents, basic study of Christianity in Japan.

Understanding Children's Growth Patterns by Ruth LaTuille Matthews

SPRING AND SUMMER ARE times when life is "bursting out all over," but growth in a child does not wait for any special season of the year. It comes in "fits and starts."

It is a mistake to assume that all children grow in the same way or at the same time. That there are broad and general similarities in growth common to all children of the same age does not mean that all children will follow identical lines or speeds of growth.

Many parents are disturbed when their child's physical development seems to be behind the schedule on the physician's chart. Such charts are arranged on the basis of an average rate of growth, allowing some divergence at both ends of the scale. A parent may think that the child should have started using two word sentences weeks previously, when the youngster is still quite happy with one word at a time!

Worrying about such things is foolish enough, but when parents attempt to force the child, trouble starts. A child's way of growing is as individualistic as his thumbprint. One who shows little interest in talking, may be concentrating on physical skills, like walking, handling his mobile toy, or coordinating his strangely unmanageable arms and fingers. Later without parental insistence, talking will occupy his attention.

Occasionally a child who has been growing nicely suddenly seems to be actually going backwards! A child who has gained in weight and height for some months may suddenly slow down for several months. Then,

just as quickly, he will speed up again! Mental and psychological growth is just as jerky!

One child, who for a while might eagerly attempt to bathe and dress himself, will suddenly become as helpless as a babe-in-arms. Another will master "bed wetting" at a year and a half, and a few weeks later, to the dismay of the parents, lapse. These children have not stopped growing. They are merely concentrating on other phases of their development.

Adults have "good days" and "bad days." One morning everything goes perfectly at home, and the next day "all our fingers are thumbs," and nothing works well. Experience has taught us that tomorrow will probably be better, so we do not worry about such lapses. Neither should parents make too much of fluctuations in their children's growth.

Parents should expect the best of their off-spring, but to be too obvious with "great expectations" will intimidate many children. When this occurs, the child may become discouraged and will often lose any desire to learn new things.

Although forcing a child is unwise, guiding him is the highest wisdom. The child who is slow to form words can be helped if the parent will kindly repeat the word several times, being careful to use the lips prominently so that the child can see how the word is phrased. When a child suddenly becomes dependent, as about his bathing, the wise parent will help him, realizing such a lapse is only temporary. Standing

as he does between helplessness and independence, the four-year-old will slip into one and then the other extreme, until he is sure of his own self-reliance.

Words of praise, patient understanding and a refusal to push the child into unnatural rates of development will go far toward easing inner tensions. Parents who misunderstand the pattern of their child's development become as great a problem to the child as



he does for the parents. As long as he sleeps normally, eats sufficiently, and maintains happy attitudes, parents are wise not to insist that their child be "a record breaker," lest they "break" his spirit and his desire to develop normally and naturally.

For the Sand-Pile Set

FROM HALF OF AN ENGLISH walnut shell make a *toy sailboat* that will really float in a puddle or pan of water. First, fill the shell with melted paraffin, color with wax crayon. Place a toothpick upright in the paraffin before it hardens. Cut out the paper sail and flag and glue them to the toothpick mast. Various color combinations of foreign flags may be used along with stories and nursery rhymes from other countries.

Proud Glory or Abiding Love?

Hebrews 11:24-27; 1 John 2:13-17

THERE IS NO MORE intensely dramatic story in history than that of the Hebrew bondsman, Moses. By his mother's strategy he was saved from death and adopted into the royal family of those who were his enslavers. The Bible gives only a brief account of this fascinating part of the life of Moses, the young man, but we know that he was instructed in all the wisdom of the Egyptians. High position and honor were his while he lived in the splendor of the royal court. As the adopted son of the royal

not have seen the advantage of casting his lot with God's children.

To know Christ, to be vitally identified with him brings a consciousness of new life. It is a powerful, uplifting experience. It is the way of strength to the young as well as the old. Christ gives a new vision of life, then gives strength to follow through in action. Strength comes from joyous union with the Lord.

Satan holds all in darkness and bondage until they come into the knowledge and light and liberty of Christ. At this point Satan is conquered, but not slain. Satan's temptations are often severely left, but he is no longer owner and master.

Young men and young women can continue to be victorious over Satan by living always in the consciousness of the acceptance of Christ.

John in this Scripture passage warns young people against worldliness. Although it is foreign to their new life it may tempt them. They are still surrounded with evil. They have been forgiven but are not too far away from danger of sin. "The freeing of the soul from guilt and its elevation into the plane of God's light does not annihilate the



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sinful nature." The worldliness John speaks of includes the absorption of self in acquiring wealth, seeking honor from men, seeking pleasure from society, business and family, loving self rather than God. Loving the world causes young people to decide what they will achieve, what they will enjoy, without seeking God's direction in the course of life. All these things are foreign to the Father who is the source of light, life, blessing and salvation.

Clear vision and strength for youthful hearts in the army of Christ come from a personal knowledge of God. The knowledge of God is drawn from the Word of God. Parents, teachers and counselors must make the young strong in the Word of God. There is no more blessed work than this. Young people will then be able with the eye of faith to see God's plan for their lives, to conquer and remain conquerors of the devil and his allurements.

Christ gives clear vision to questing youth. He gives them strength to conquer even as he did Moses. "For by faith Moses endured as seeing him who is invisible."

"THE BAPTIST HOUR"
Dr. J. D. Grey of New Orleans speaks each Sunday morning in June at 7:30 C.S.T. Tune in your radio and worship with others across our Southern Baptist Convention territory.

Planning Your Program in W.M.S. and B.W.C.

Put up the posters as previously, the center one *Christ the Answer*, with each month's topic on a separate poster grouped around this affirmation.

Sing the hymns of your young people's organizations in this meeting.

After the devotional, page 18, the leader for today will introduce the subject and ask the three questions.

1. What do you consider the most valuable possession of your church today?

2. What do you consider the most important thing in the life of youth today?

3. Do we live and act as if youth is our most valued possession and Christ the most important factor in the life of youth?

(Have the three women who are to make these talks be ready to rise in turn and answer the questions without usual announcement of name; let it be as if they were just answering the questions with their own thoughts.)

"Even a child is known by his doings"—In this talk print the results of the Poll, page 22, on the blackboard or on a large poster so all

can see it as it is read. In presenting the criticisms of the church today, let 4 women present the favorable comments, and 9 present the unfavorable ones. Do this one right after the other in "popcorn" fashion without hesitation.

"A good tree bringeth forth good fruit."—Ask a YWA member or a younger woman to represent youth in the quiz which makes up this discussion. Conduct this like a quiz program, adding radio touch with pretend microphone. Or do it behind a screen using a loud speaker as if it were a quiz program on the air. Use young people of your own organizations as indicated in the quiz or if you do not have all the organizations use girls and boys of the organization age.

"The unfeigned faith that was first in your grandmother."—The sixth answer, page 26, should be made by a woman recognized as a successful Christian mother.

Make mimeographed or carbon copies of the test "How Can We Blame Our Youth?", page 28. Allow about 6 minutes for each woman to grade herself on a

basis of 10 points to each question. No one will see anyone else's grades but the quiet considering will be valuable to each woman. Follow immediately with the meditation as suggested, page 28.

Sing in unison—"Faith of Our Mothers"

Closing prayer that mothers and fathers may lead youth to find Christ sufficient for every question and problem, and that our churches may give all the leadership young people need.

If you prefer, you could plan a program using the missionary education young people's organizations in



your church. Let each present some distinctive phase of its work. For example, Sunbeams may quote the three rays of their watchword and give the rally cry; GAs may show the G.A. initiation or the pantomime of the G.A. hymn. YWAs might talk on the value of Y.W.A. camp, might give an original skit about their magazine *The Window of Y.W.A.*, or if the G.A.s did not pantomime their hymn Y.W.A.s could present the pantomime pageant of "O Zion, Haste." Royal Ambassadors could quote their Commission and Declaration. Selected young people could tell the testimonies of Miss Landrum, Mrs. Turlington, and others as given in the program material, pages 25 to 26.



Do You Have a Projector?

Publish Glad Tidings, 16 mm sound color, rental for a showing \$3.00; history of women in missions and Y.W.A. activities.

In *The Land of the Sky*, 16 mm silent color, Y.W.A. Camp at Ridgerrest, N. C. Order from Elizabeth York, 1111 Comer Building, Birmingham 3, Alabama. Send first and second choice of dates. Notice one is a silent and one a sound picture, sound movie cannot be shown on silent projector.

Christ the Answer for Questing Youth

FROM THE DAY A CHILD FIRST LEARNS TO speak until he reaches that pinnacle of "knowing all the answers" his curious, eager mind is searching for the truth. From the first "Where did I come from, Mother?" to the inevitable "Why?" that follows all instruction, his mental and spiritual development follows a chain of questions and answers. So it is fitting that this program should be presented in a series of questions—test questions, a quiz, if you like.

"OF SUCH IS THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN"

Our opening question is: *What do you consider the most valuable possession of your church today?* As your mind searches for an answer your eyes may wander from



be a beautiful stained glass window to a magnificent organ, to a lovely baptism, a new carpet, or a historic pulpit stand. The question may bring before you the faces of a faithful pastor, a remarkable Sunday school teacher, a devoted counselor, or a gifted choir. But we find ourselves thinking even as proud parents do—"We wouldn't take anything for our young people."

Again, as we consider these material and physical assets we become conscious of the fact that Spiritual Power is the most valued possession of any church, but Spiritual Power is dependent upon human instrument. The organ, windows, baptism and pulpit will wear out; the pastor, teacher, counselor and choir can witness but for a day. The labor of our church would be in vain were it not for the promise and prospect that lies in children. Our youth is our most valuable possession.

"THAT THEY MIGHT HAVE LIFE, AND THAT THEY MIGHT HAVE IT MORE ABUNDANTLY."

Our second question arises logically from

the first: *What do you consider the most important thing in the life of youth today?*

As we listen to our boys and girls talking together in the drugstore, on the school ground or elsewhere there's little doubt about what seems important to them. A group of about 250 boys and girls answered this question with interesting results. Four percent said "dates," four percent said "clothes," thirty-eight percent named "school" (which undoubtedly must include athletics), twenty-one percent chose "a good time," twenty-two percent "church," and eleven percent said other things. This may be fairly accurate today but the choices may be something else tomorrow. When football season comes along, football wins the poll. When our country commands youth to "save democracy" that becomes important and they march off to war.

Thousands of young people have given their lives to causes and movements that have brought the world nothing but unrest and misery. Thousands of others have wasted their lives because they did not find a mission or purpose that challenged them. But we thank God for the thousands who through the years have given themselves to the cause of Christ. From the first small group of eleven faithful disciples down to the most recent convert to step out and surrender to Christ's will, from the first Christian martyr who died with face aglow down to the latest young person ridiculed for his convictions, the followers of Christ have found that he is sufficient and he alone is "the way, the truth and the life."

In every church there are young people who can bear testimony to this fact. As Christ is made real to young people by our Christian leaders through organizations, summer camps and assemblies, in church, at Ridgecrest and elsewhere, hundreds more join the ranks of those who have found Christ the all-sufficient answer. Typical of their testimonies is this from a young American basketball star, Jack Robinson, one of the 1948 Olympic Game contestants. In *Ambassador Life* he says: "The hour has struck! comes the proclamation of the Lord of the Games. The sky became almost blackened as seven thou-

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sand pigeons began to wing their way to the major cities of the world saying that peace would reign in the world for the next two weeks—and the fourteenth Olympiad was in progress!

"As the twelve hundred voice choir sang 'The Hallelujah Chorus,' I fully realized the privilege it was to represent my country and my Christ as a member of the United States basketball team at the Olympics . . . In the Olympic camp where nerves were on edge constantly, five thousand athletes from all over the world lived together in peace. They were in competition. Yes, but competitors and not enemies.

"More than ever this past summer I realized just what America stands for and must stand for—it is the hope of the down-trodden peoples of the world. As each player won an Olympic event, he came to the rostrum in the middle of Wembley Stadium to receive his medal, and the flag of his country was raised as his national anthem was played by the band . . .

"I was proud to be an American, but I was also proud to be a Christian and a Baptist. . . .

"Perhaps I'm just common and can't do much for Christ, but the most I can do is the least I'm going to try for him. For in the Olympics I found my Christ adequate. He was my strength when tired, my companion when lonesome, and my inspiration always. More than anything else after participating in the Olympics, I know

that Christ is the only answer to the world's needs."

Where can you find a group which knows more genuine joy or which has greater promise of continued happiness than those who seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness. The most important thing is the thing for which Christ came to earth "that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly."

"FOUND FAITHFUL"

Out of these questions comes another, a more personal question: *Do we in our church live and act as if youth is our most valued possession and Christ the most important thing in the life of youth?* We may say we believe these things and in our hearts sincerely feel that we do, but the real test is in our actions. How many of us have turned down an opportunity to lead children or young people in Sunday school, Training Union or W.M.U. young people's organizations? How often have we failed to open our homes or provide a car for groups to have the right kind of social activities because it didn't seem convenient? How readily do we agree to "adopt" Y.W.A.'s in neighboring hospitals and colleges? How many young people have we sent to Ridgecrest, to state G.A. and R.A. Camps? How long has it been since we talked to a child about accepting Christ as his Savior? Or to a young person about surrendering

Our New Director of Stewardship

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION rejoices in the privilege of presenting as our Union's Director of Stewardship activities, Mrs. C. D. Creasman, of Donelson, Tennessee. Mrs. Creasman is no stranger to our Woman's Missionary Union constituency. Editor of missionary programs in ROYAL SERVICE for seventeen years, President of the Tennessee Woman's Missionary Union and Vice-President of the Southern Union for eight years, author and director of historical pageants for both the Southern and State Unions, Mrs. Creasman has touched every section of our Southern Baptist Convention.

We are sure that her wide experience and her proven missionary passion will bring a valuable contribution to the development of stewardship plans, policies and literature and to their promotion.

—Mrs. George R. Martin



MRS. C. D. CREASMAN

his life completely to God's will?

All of us stand guilty before such searching questions. We may have been sincere in trying to stem the tide of juvenile delinquency and unrest with Community Centers, educational efforts, social welfare programs and many other good things—but we have often by-passed the best thing. Some of social and community efforts succeed and some fail, but the influences most highly and frequently acclaimed by judges, F.B.I. men, psychiatrists and welfare workers alike are the influences of the church.

The church, the Christ ordained instrument for the evangelization of the world, is the proper organ for mobilizing youth for Christ. Youth is eager for sense of security; some permanent anchor in this world, some definite challenge of high purpose, some worth-while avenue of service, some source of Christian fellowship. The denomination must provide these, must make youth an integral part of the church program, or else lose its youth to rival movements. In this respect, the program of Baptist young people has a distinctive contribution to make to the progress of the kingdom of God. May our contribution meet the need! May we be "found faithful."

"EVEN A CHILD IS KNOWN BY HIS DOINGS"

Forums, question sessions, seminars and discussion groups are very popular these days with young people. One youth leader of wide experience has made the interesting observation that while American young people are asking "Is it wrong to study on Sunday?" "Is it right to dance?" etc., Japanese young people are asking "Does capitalism control Christianity or Christianity control capitalism?" "Can you be a Christian under the present economic system?" And "What does this or that passage of Scripture mean?"

We must try to know what young people are thinking and what they are doing before we can expect to help them much. Newspapers and commentators report crime and vandalism increasing. Stories and statistics from high schools and colleges indicate a large percentage of students are smoking, dancing, drinking, cheating and gambling their way through life. A test of the "Spiritual Quotient" of the student body of an average high school

in the South proves enlightening. The results are especially meaningful to us since over half these students were members of Baptist churches. The poll should be fairly accurate as it was presented seriously and no names were signed.

POLL IN SOUTHERN HIGH SCHOOL

1. Are you a church member? Yes—95%
No—5%
2. Do you attend Sunday school? Never—8%
Occasionally—40%
Regularly—52%
3. Do you go to League, B.T.U. or other young people's groups? Never—24%
Occasionally—41%
Regularly—35%
4. Are you a Christian? Yes—85%
No—15%
5. Do you go to so-called "night clubs or beer joints"? Never—75%
Occasionally—23 1/4%
(about 9% of girls)
Regularly—1 1/2%
6. Do you drink any alcoholic beverages? Never—85%
Occasionally—12%
(including only one girl)
Regularly—beer—one student
Liquor—3%
7. Do you smoke? Never—60%
Occasionally—26%
(only 16% of girls)
Regularly—14%
(including two girls)
8. Do you ever cheat (use someone else's work) in school? Never—16%
On homework only—30%
Occasionally—54%
Regularly—0
9. Please state your chief criticism (good or bad) of the church and its organizations as you know them today.

In answer to this 18% made some favorable comment: "I think the church and its organizations are doing all they can for the benefit of all." "I think our church is a wonderful organization and I think it is an absolute necessity for a happy and normal life." "The church helps young people know what the world is about and makes them better citizens." "The church and its organizations are very helpful and uplifting. Higher ideals, honesty and clean activities are found in the church."

Thirty percent offered some unfavorable criticism of some part of the church program: "The church is forgetting the basic things and is giving way to much show and ornamental things." "The preacher preaches to suit the congregation instead of preaching truth from the Bible that would 'step on someone's toes'." "Not enough youth activities." "Not enough jobs for young people." "Not enough good wholesome entertainment for young people." "Same thing over and over—no variety." "Outside of the preacher and our ad-

visers the adults aren't interested in us." "Too much emphasis on organizations and not enough on being a Christian." And one who was not a member of any church made this observation: "I think the preachers preach more to please the people, not God. Some of the churches let the young people use the church at social times for a dance hall. Do you think God would do that? It should be a house of prayer."

No doubt young people are pretty much the same throughout the Southland. They have their mental doubts and disturbances; they have their physical needs and material desires; they have their social aspirations and spiritual longings. To a certain extent some of these may be satisfied by sports, some by school activities, social activities or the pursuit of science, music, art and the like. Yet sooner or later, there comes a time when these are not enough. It may be a moment of loneliness, of boredom, of disappointment, of despair, of trial or testing. Youth must be prepared. The only dependable preparation is faith in Christ—a faith built on knowledge of his Word, fellowship with him in prayer, and spiritual growth in his church. If a young person has not found this kind of faith, too often he seeks a way of escape in avenues of worldliness and crime.

"A GOOD TREE BRINGETH FORTH GOOD FRUIT"

Now that youth has answered our questions we will let youth question W.M.U.

YOUTH: What is W.M.U. doing to help meet the needs of youth?

W.M.U.: Time does not permit us to tell you everything but we shall mention some of the things we do. We have four young people's organizations (introduces a Sunbeam, G.A., Y.W.A. and R.A. who wear emblems, armbands, or carry pennants). We have attractive literature (display samples of *World Comrades*, *Ambassador Life*, *The Window of Y.W.A.*). We conduct conclaves, camps, houseparties and the like in each state and at Ridgcrest every summer (a member who attended might make a statement here). We have southwide and state young people's leaders and workers (name and show pictures, if possible). And we have our W.M.U. Training School in Louisville, Ky.

YOUTH: Do you think these things are proving successful?

W.M.U.: Since "a tree is known by its fruit" I will let you hear from some of those who have been influenced by our organizations. On my right, in front, we have a Sunbeam.

SUNBEAM: Thank you, W.M.U., I have a lady.

W.M.U.: Good, and what is her name?

SUNBEAM: Miss Minnie Landrum

W.M.U.: Who is she and where does she live?

SUNBEAM: She is a Southern Baptist missionary to Brazil. She is the secretary for the Brazilian W.M.U., Y.W.A. counselor, a field worker, teacher in our Baptist school system, chairman of the building committee for the girls' training school in Rio.

W.M.U.: Fine! Will Miss Landrum tell us what the Sunbeam organization has meant in her life?

SUNBEAM: She says: "It was in a Sunbeam Band that I received the first impression that I would like to be a missionary. I well remember the little band organized by Miss Lucille Yarbrough in Central Church near Pickens, Mississippi. We met on Saturday afternoons. My sister, my brother and I were among the charter members. We heard many interesting stories of missionaries. When we were given a nice box to put our mission money in my sister and I made lamp-lighters and sold them to the neighbors to help fill our boxes.

"One day some years later our pastor preached a missionary sermon and asked if any parent present would be willing for a child of his to go as a missionary. Father stood—not knowing there was one in his family who wanted to go. Then the pastor asked if any present were willing to go and I stood in answer to the call.

"I'm grateful for a Christian home with family altar, a Christian education in Baptist colleges and the W.M.U. Training School, but I'm also grateful for a Sunbeam Band and its faithful, consecrated leader."

W.M.U.: Thank you, Miss Landrum. Now on my left, in front, is a G.A.

G.A.: Thank you, W.M.U., I have a lady.

W.M.U.: And who is she?

G.A.: She is Mrs. Henry E. (or Helen Nobles) Turlington of Baguio City, Philippine Islands, a missionary to China.

W.M.U.: Why is she from the Philippine Islands if she is a missionary to China?

G.A.: She was studying in the College of Chinese Studies in Peiping, China, when the political situation made it necessary for them to leave. Four of the teachers from the language school went with them to the Philippines where twenty-four of our missionaries with their eighteen children are continuing language study in the hope that they can soon return to China.

W.M.U.: These are remarkable people who with small children, language study and many inconveniences can still find time to say a word for our W.M.U. organizations. Can Mrs. Turlington tell us anything of their influence on her life?

G.A.: Indeed she can. She says: "The Girls' Auxiliary of which I was a member and the G.A. Camp which I attended for several summers exerted a tremendous influence on my life. I am always happy to pay a special tribute to G.A. Camp. Those days were filled with fun, real, genuine fun, but for me they were filled with much more than that. The friendships that were begun then and continue until now and the deep and lasting interest in missions which came to me during those days have changed the course of my whole life. It was there that I gained my entirely new conception of the world and the people who inhabit it. And that conception was sufficient to cause me to plan then for a life given to missions. The greatest feature of any camp was always the personalities that were there. The state young people's secretary as camp director, vesper and devotional leaders such as Mrs. Willard Tyler, missionaries and other members of the camp staff served as a constant help and inspiration to all of us who attended. We loved every minute we were there."

W.M.U.: Thank you, Mrs. Turlington! On my right, in back, is a Royal Ambassador.

R.A.: Thank you, W.M.U. I have a gentleman.

W.M.U.: Who is he, please?

R.A.: He is George W. Williams of, Dunn, N.C., an ex-G.I., a former regional

Training Union director and now superintendent of the young people's Sunday school department in his church.

W.M.U.: Very good. Can he please tell us the value of the R.A. organization as he sees it?

R.A.: He says: "The value of the Royal Ambassador organization is so great that I am frank to admit I hardly know where to begin to sound its merits. I shall endeavor to list a few of them as they were and still are of importance to me.

"It was my privilege, as an Intermediate boy some years ago, to be a charter member of the David Livingstone Chapter of the R.A.'s of the First Baptist Church of Dunn, N.C. I still regard this service with many pleasant memories.

"In my opinion, the R.A. organization tends to build character and to promote Christian friendship and fellowship. An example of its fellowship and friendship was recalled as I stood by the grave of a former R.A., buried at the base of Mt. Surabachi on the isle of Iwo Jima, on a cool November morning in 1944. As I stood there in the early morning I could see very clearly my friend of R.A. days standing before our chapter at one of our meetings giving his part on the program. I thought of him then as an Intermediate boy rather than as a man bearing arms for his country. Yes, I think the R.A. organization builds friendships that are forever enshrined within our hearts.

"As an R.A., I first knew of the real importance of missions. Our Counselor—and he was (still is) a fine one—taught us to become more mission conscious. I remember the little pasteboard boxes that we had to put our offering in for missions. Our Counselor was quick to see that we had interesting books for our mission study courses, and we had seasons of prayer for our missionaries.

"By having sentence prayers at our meetings we were led to see the value of prayer and were taught really how to pray—not for ourselves alone—but for others. As boys we were a bit timid when it came to the idea of praying in public; but thoughtful understanding and practice helped us to overcome our blunders, and who knows but from that group of boys have come some forceful prayers?

"Then too, the value of the R.A.'s could not be fully measured without including soul winning as one of its functions. I know of several of my friends who were led to Christ through our R.A. chapter—one member of that chapter is now preaching for our Master—being an R.A. surely helped him to reach this decision.

"Do I value the R.A. organization? Yes, I consider it one of the finest in our Baptist churches. I value it to the extent that in a few years I want my own boys to be able to repeat these lines from our Royal Ambassador allegiance:

"I will 'Live pure,
Speak truth,
Right wrong,
Follow Christ the King—
Else wherefore born?"

W.M.U.: Thank you, Royal Ambassador! On my left, in back, is a member of Young Woman's Auxiliary.

Y.W.A.: Thank you, W.M.U. I have a lady.

W.M.U.: And who is she, please?

Y.W.A.: Miss Georgia Mae Ogburn of Santiago, Chile, former teacher in our Baptist Training School there, but since January, 1949, executive secretary and treasurer of all the W.M.U. work of Chile.

W.M.U.: What is the nature of her work now?

Y.W.A.: Well, frankly, she says it was quite a problem to make up her mind to leave the school, but the Lord led her to feel that she could have a wider influence over the finest young people of Chile as she traveled from one end of the country to the other. She speaks, teaches study courses, plans week of prayer programs and the like.

W.M.U.: And what does she have to say about Young Woman's Auxiliary?

Y.W.A.: She says: "As one begins to grow older and has responsibility for young people, it is natural to look back over your own youth and recall those experiences that were a source of great pleasure and joy, but especially those which had a definite influence on the course of your life.

"Among the many experiences that I had as a young person there are several that stand out very clearly in my memory because they had such a definite influence on the plans which I already had made for

my life's work. One of the foremost of these was that of being in the Business Girls' Circle of the Y.W.A. immediately after my conversion. There I received my first real missionary impressions. In 1934 at the Y.W.A. Camp at Ridgecrest, where I had gone as the representative of my circle, I had the really mountain-top experience of my life. Day after day as we followed the program, studied the different books on missions, heard speakers on the Bible, attended morning watch, and participated in the vesper services, the Lord was speaking to my heart. He was leading in a very definite direction, that of a life completely surrendered to him and his service. The closing night, an appeal was made for full dedication of life to Christ's plan. That will always be very vivid in my mind and heart. My struggle was great, but my decision was made. The years following were dedicated to preparation. The years of service since have made them the happiest years of my life. What a blessed experience that could help me find God's plan for my life rather than following my own!

"As I recall those years and those experiences, there are two very deep impressions on my heart and mind. The first is that of gratitude to our Baptist women of the South for making possible to our young people the opportunity of having such experiences of inspiration and consecra-

Additional Program Material

W.M.U. Yearbook, pages 70-85

The Manuals of our young people's organizations—G.A. and R.A. are ten cents each. Sunbeam and Y.W.A., fifteen cents (from W.M.U. Literature Department, 1111 Comer Building, Birmingham 5, Alabama).

Promotional leaflets about each organization (free from state W.M.U. headquarters).

ORDER THESE BOOKS FROM YOUR BAPTIST BOOK STORE:

The Way of Missionary Education by Mather, price 60c.

Manual of Woman's Missionary Union (especially chapter 4) by Mallory and Christian, price \$1.00.

Following in His Train (especially Unit four) by Cox, price \$1.00.

tion, and to a smaller group of women in my own church who were interested in young people, who love the Lord and were constant in prayer. The other expresses itself in an intense desire and yearning that our young people of Chile may also have the opportunities that will help them to get a better knowledge of God and his kingdom. They must have a more intimate fellowship with Christ and experiences that will inspire them to give of their best to the Master."

W.M.U.: Thank you, Young Woman's Auxiliary. And now in the center in front is a W.M.U. Training School representative.

TRAINING SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVE: Thank you, W.M.U. I have a lady.

W.M.U.: And who is she, please?

TRAINING SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVE: I am a Training School graduate, wife of a businessman and an active member of my church. From my earliest youth Christ has been very real to me. My father died a month before I was born and as a child I remember feeling a great lack in my life when my friends spoke of their fathers and what they meant and did for them. Over and over I prayed that the Heavenly Father might take the place of an earthly and heavenly father to me. That prayer was truly answered. Through high school and college days he was a close personal friend. But not until I went to the Woman's Missionary Union Training School did I realize as fully that to follow Christ meant personal sacrifice, a life of complete dedication and consecration to the bringing in of the kingdom.

"Through the professors and their wonderful teaching of church history and missions I saw that the progress of Christianity was dependent upon Christians today and our witness.

"I realized that from the first chapter of Genesis to the latest mission study book off the press or even the last person won to Christ is a continued story and that I, and others like me must continue that story. Through associations and friendships with other students who had the same purpose in life; through the actual mission work done while in school, and through a devoted, consecrated prayer partner, Christ became completely adequate,

the sufficient answer to every problem of life.

"During the years that have followed I have watched my classmates and other graduates of our Training School on mission fields, as church secretaries, educational directors, Good Will Center workers, pastors' wives, wives of business men, yes, in every walk of life and I know that they, too, have found Christ adequate in every need. They have shared him with pupils, patients, husbands, children, social acquaintances, street urchins, peoples of other races and other tongues because they know from personal experience that Christ is the answer."

W.M.U.: Thanks to everyone of you! If the test of the tree is the fruit, our W.M.U. tree has certainly done well through her junior organizations, camps and institutions.

"THE UNFEIGNED FAITH . . . FIRST IN THY GRANDMOTHER . . ."

Our last questions are address to parents. We ask first, *What is the greatest gift a mother can give her children today?*

Mother love is supposed to be the most unselfish and sacrificial of all earthly love. Even in animals we see it illustrated when a mother cat faces a dog in defense of her kittens or a mother bear denies herself honey in order that her twin cubs may have it all. There is nothing that a normal mother would not do for the happiness and good of her children. But too often we are blinded or misled about what spells true happiness and good even for ourselves.

The worldly desires and social ambitions of parents and children alike are carrying many of our homes to financial, moral, and spiritual bankruptcy.

The sacrifices parents make to get in "the right circles" and to give their children "advantages" are amazing. How can we fool ourselves into believing that the world of "mammon" will not betray this generation even as it has betrayed all its followers? Some who have reached the top in the social world appear in our current picture publications as best dressed or most prominent. They stand bedecked in jewels, holding cigarettes or cocktails in their hands but they give little evidence of having found happiness or satisfaction. Among

those most completely dedicated to Christ and his principles whether foreign missionary or humble mother at home we find the lowest rate of crime and divorce and the greatest evidences of happiness. Only Christ can give that inner radiance, that inner strength that guards the home and promises its children a happiness not dependent on social popularity and material circumstance.

No one can tell you just how to rear your children, but there are some helpful principles of child guidance and training that have come to us in God's Word and that have been tested by Christian parents through the years. We will find it helpful to think on some of the principles that have produced our finest Christian leaders from the time of Timothy down to the student of today who takes his place in our church programs.

We must give our children a faith that will keep them from hysteria, a sense of values that will keep them from despair and suicide, and a standard of living that will save them from delinquency and crimes. Only the Christian way of life can do this. We cannot build fortresses or even fences about them. We cannot force them to serve the principles we believe in. Our only hope is to plant within their minds and hearts as early as possible, as often as possible, and as deeply as possible the truth, the right as we know it in Christ. Then we must trust them to serve that truth and fulfill Christ's purpose.

But how? The question keeps returning to us who every day face experiences with our children that make us wonder whether we are succeeding or failing completely. May I mention four things?

First, *"commit them unto the Lord."* That does not mean that you must literally take each child and give him to God as Hannah did Samuel or pray that all your children will be preachers or missionaries. But it does mean that from birth and even before we should dedicate each child to God. We must not only be willing that God should use that child but should pray earnestly that God will use him. In a world so full of dangers and temptations parents who have not discovered that the will of God is best, parents who do not believe in and depend on prayer, must live in constant fear and anxiety for their fami-

lies. God has promised us, "Commit thy way unto the Lord: trust also in him: and he shall bring it to pass." Then we can say, ". . . I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day."

Next, we must *"walk in His ways"* before our children. We cannot ask of them a life better than the one we live. We cannot expect from them a character finer than the example we set. The idea is well expressed in *"A Little Fellow Follows Me."* We women may change the pronouns and think of the little girls who follow us.

It is not enough for us to pray for them and set the right example. We must *"Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it."* The wisdom of Solomon has not changed. "The rod and reproof still give wisdom: but a child left to himself bringeth his mother to shame." "For whom the Lord loveth he correcteth: even as a father the son in whom he delighteth." These verses and many more from Proverbs, the book of wisdom, have been preserved for our benefit.

THE BEAUTIFUL GIFT

BY GRACE NOLL CROWELL

*What can a mother give her children
Greater today than this one great thing—
Faith in an old, sweet, beautiful story,
A star, a stable, a newborn king?*

*What can a mother give her children
More than a faith that will not dim?
Take it, my dear ones—hold it forever:
A lamp for a lifetime—faith in him.*

Training, of course, involves more than discipline. Another injunction is: *Give them the extra, the plus in spiritual opportunities.* Certainly take them to church, Sunday school, and the meetings of Training Union. Bring them up through all the missionary education organizations, but do more. Send them to Christian assemblies, camps, conclaves, houseparties, summer encampments. Make occasion for them to be with associates who have Christian ideals. Gather them together daily in a period dedicated to worship and devotional thinking. It is difficult, especially if you did not start your family altar the day you started

your home, but it is well worth the price even if it costs earlier rising.

How can we blame our youth when we are willing to do so little? Are you willing to test yourself as a Christian parent? Will you answer honestly these ten simple questions and let them lead you to some worth while resolutions? Estimating a perfect score of ten points on each question can you pass? (Check the test below.)

CLOSING MEDITATION: ("Fairer Lord Jesus" played softly)

"Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it" (Proverbs 22:6).

"The rod and reproof give wisdom: but a child left to himself bringeth his mother to shame" (Proverbs 29:15).

"And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord" (Ephesians 6:4).

If we would have our youth know Christ we must see that prayer is not just form and ritual but the steady lifeline of intimate communion with God. The Bible must not be just an ornament but the constant source of strength and guidance. God's holy day must be not just another

holiday, but the weekly opportunity to worship, rest, and serve God. Christ's church and its organizations must have our full support. We must be sure that Christ, alive and real, dwells within the heart of every child.

We Want Another Parent Night

two daughters. (Continued from page 5)

Then those who belong to our four different age group choirs hurried out to dress in their choir robes. Mr. Frank Heberlein, our minister of music, and those who lead these choirs under his direction presented a worthy musical program with one number from each choir and one in which all sang together as climax.

To complete the program our pastor told of the pleasure of the church in entertaining so many guests and his joy in meeting so many parents. After a brief uplifting message he expressed the hope that he would see them frequently in all our services. Upon dismissal the children took their parents to their regular meeting rooms for a few moments, displaying handcraft of Forward Steps and Ranking System and mission study, being sure they had all met the counselors. Pastor and

committees lingered to say goodnight and were repaid for all their effort by the grateful words and assurances of "such a good time!"

The Sunday school and Training Union attendance both showed marked increase the following Sunday. Midweek organization attendance and choir practice are more regular now that parents know what it is all about. And some of the parents who came first into our church building for Parent Night have already come into church membership. How worth while it was!

"SEND THE POWER"

"Will thou not revive us again; that thy people may rejoice in thee?" Psalm 85:6

A Revival Is Needed

God's people are "hent to backsliding." Since the earliest days of Israel's history, his children have drifted away from God. Cold and indifferent, losing interest in his cause, reading our Bibles little and praying less, we need to cry out with the psalmist, "Restore unto me the joy of my salvation."

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1
Jeremiah 8:5-10

THURSDAY, JUNE 2
Psalm 85:1-8

FRIDAY, JUNE 3
Jeremiah 14:17-22

SATURDAY, JUNE 4
Jeremiah 5:3-6

SUNDAY, JUNE 5
Hosea 14:1-9

MONDAY, JUNE 6
Habakkuk 3:1-6

TUESDAY, JUNE 7
Hosea 11:1-7

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8
Jeremiah 3:12-15

THURSDAY, JUNE 9
Galatians 5:13-18

FRIDAY, JUNE 10
Revelation 2:1-7

SATURDAY, JUNE 11
Revelation 3:14-22

*Dr. and Mrs. C. H. Westbrook, *F. Catharine Bryan, Shanghai, *Doris Knight, Tsingtao, *Dr. and Mrs. H. M. Harris, Kaifeng, China, educational evangelism, Carol and Mary L. Westbrook, Margaret Fund students

Pray for Vacation Bible schools, Ridgecrest, state assemblies, camps and all Christian education throughout the summer months

Rev. and Mrs. Lee Roebuck, Bernalillo, New Mexico, Rev. and Mrs. C. F. Frazier, Coolidge, Rev. and Mrs. H. E. Baer, Flagstaff, Arizona, Indian evangelism

Pray that the closing month of The Baptist Hour conducted by the Radio Commission will be very successful: Rev. and Mrs. A. Pucciarelli, Bell, California, Rev. and Mrs. T. H. York, West Tampa, Florida, Italian evangelism

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Kirk, Rio de Janeiro, *Rev. and Mrs. A. E. Hayes, Mrs. A. J. Terry, Recife, Brazil, educational evangelism, John W., Thomas Hayes, Margaret Fund students

Rev. and Mrs. Jim Pickup, Tahlequah, Rev. and Mrs. Thomas Wade, Farris, Rev. Samuel F. Morris, Shawnee, Oklahoma, Indian evangelism

*Lois Glass, Tsingtao, *Dr. and Mrs. H. H. McMillan, Soochow, Rev. and Mrs. J. A. Herring, Shanghai, China, evangelism, Campbell McMillan, Margaret Fund student

Dr. T. L. Holcomb, executive secretary of the Sunday School Board and the secretaries working with him; Rev. J. Perry Carter, Atlanta, Georgia, field secretary for city missions and juvenile work for Home Mission Board

Vivian Langley, Shaki, Dr. and Mrs. C. W. Knight, Zaria, *Rev. and Mrs. Ray P. Ingram, Abokuta, Mary Ellen Yancey, Agbor, Nigeria, educational evangelism

Rev. and Mrs. Lucien C. Smith, Pineville, Louisiana, French evangelism, Mary Nelle Lync, Berkeley, California, Mary Etheridge, El Paso, Texas, evangelism among Chinese

Rev. R. Mendoza, San Jose, Costa Rica, Rev. Luciano Marquez, Regla, Rev. and Mrs. Andres Rodriguez, Vuelhas, Cuba, evangelism

The Preached Word Essential To a Revival

Great revivals come when God's people read his Word and heed its commands. To bring people under the influence of the preaching of the gospel is a good way to start a revival. The sharp Word of God brings conviction of sin. The gospel is the power of God unto salvation.

SUNDAY, JUNE 12
Nehemiah 8:1-3,
5-8

Rev. and Mrs. A. G. Aguilera, Candelaria, Rev. and Mrs. Luis M. Aguero, Marti, Cuba, evangelism

HOW CAN WE BLAME OUR YOUTH?

(A TEST FOR PARENTS)

1. What evidence do your children have that Christ, prayer and the Bible are important in your life? Do you have to tell them or can they see it?
2. How much time, thought and money do you give to the spiritual growth of your children as compared to that given their physical, mental, and social growth?
3. What definite provisions are made in the daily schedule of your home for prayer, Bible study, missions discussions and the like?
4. What definite provisions are made for your family to attend Sunday school, worship services, young people's meetings, Christian gatherings, assemblies and camps?
5. What inspirational, Christian and missionary literature do you provide for your children?
6. How often do you invite missionaries, Christian youth leaders, ministers, and consecrated young people into your home?
7. What types of recreation, amusements, and character building hobbies do you recommend, organize, and supervise in your home?
8. Do you always know where your children are and what they are doing? Do they always know where you are and what you are doing?
9. Do you demand from your children respect for authority, consideration of others and prompt discharge of duty?
10. Have you personally introduced your child to Christ?



*Missionaries now in this country

- MONDAY, June 13**
Acts 3:12-17
Ruby Hines, Maceio, Rev. and Mrs. Burton deWolfe Davis, Fortaleza, Brazil, educational evangelism
- TUESDAY, June 14**
Acts 8:1-8
Helen Lambert, Granite City, Ruby McGehee, Christopher, Rev. and Mrs. H. J. Mikhachuk, East St. Louis, Illinois, evangelism among many nationalities
- WEDNESDAY, June 15**
Acts 17:1-8
*Rev. and Mrs. Clem D. Hardy, Manaos, medical evangelism, Dr. T. B. Stover, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, publication evangelism, Thomas B. Stover, Jr., Margaret Fund student
- THURSDAY, June 16**
Acts 19:8-20
Y. W. A. Camp, June 16-22: Mrs. Gertrude Phillips, Mrs. Anamae Matthews, Morgan City, Louisiana, educational evangelism among their own Negro race
- FRIDAY, June 17**
John 4:35-42
Mrs. T. J. League, Mrs. J. W. Lowe, Mollie McMinn, Anna B. Hartwell, China, emeritus
- SATURDAY, June 18**
2 Timothy 4:1-5
Rev. and *Mrs. C. P. Cowherd, Tsingtao, *Helen McCullough, Gladys Hopewell, Shanghai, China, educational evangelism

Prayer Is Essential To a Revival

There will be no revival apart from prayer. We must realize that all power is from God. We must meet the conditions and claim his promises if we desire a refreshing from on high and a harvest of souls.

- SUNDAY, June 19**
2 Chronicles 7:1-4, 9-14
Rev. and Mrs. H. H. Peesey, Jeanerette, Evelyn Stanford, Agnes Sutherland, Montegut, Louisiana, French evangelism
- MONDAY, June 20**
Jeremiah 33:1-9
Annual meeting of the Woman's Missionary Union in Brazil: *Rev. and Mrs. J. A. Tumblin, Natal, Brazil, educational evangelism, John, Jr., Ann Tumblin, Margaret Fund students
- TUESDAY, June 21**
Psalms 126
Annual meeting of the Woman's Missionary Union of the Mexican Baptist Convention in Texas. Edelmir Robinson, Havana, Cuba, secretarial evangelism
- WEDNESDAY, June 22**
Luke 24:36-49
Rev. and Mrs. A. I. Gillespie, Kokura, *Rev. and Mrs. M. F. Moorhead, Tokyo, educational evangelism, Dr. E. O. Mills, Japan, emeritus
- THURSDAY, June 23**
Acts 4:24-33
Rev. and Mrs. Z. J. Deal, Jr., Cartagena, Colombia, *Estelle Councilman, Asuncion, Paraguay, *Ofeta Snell, Santiago, Chile, educational evangelism
- FRIDAY, June 24**
Romans 10:1-11
Mrs. Pascal Arpaio, Fannie Taylor, Ollie Lewellyn, Home Board, emeritus, Charlotte Arpaio, Margaret Fund student
- SATURDAY, June 25**
Mark 11:22-26
Rev. W. M., educational evangelism, and Dr. Martha J. Gililand, medical evangelism, Ogbomoshu, *Rev. and Mrs. John S. McGee, Iwo, Nigeria, *Rev. and Mrs. H. R. Littleton, Gold Coast, educational evangelism, Mary Littleton, Margaret Fund student

Our Part In a Revival

Besides our praying and the use of the Word of God, our hearts must be right with God with nothing to break our communion with him. We must become burdened for the lost. In unity of spirit we must set our hearts to soul winning and we must hear personal testimony.

- SUNDAY, June 26**
Psalms 51:1-13
Pray for the success of the United Nations on this fourth anniversary of the signing of the United Nations charter; Rev. and Mrs. M. Lopez, Santa Fe, New Mexico, Rev. and Mrs. L. L. Lowry, Beaumont, Rev. and Mrs. Arnulfo Lopez, Carrizo Springs, Texas, Mexican evangelism
- MONDAY, June 27**
Romans 9:1-8
*Dr. and Mrs. W. J. Kilgore, Itzaingo, Mrs. Anne Margrett, Rosario, Argentina, Rev. and Mrs. H. C. McConnell, Santiago, Chile, educational evangelism

TUESDAY, June 28
Acts 2:1-8

WEDNESDAY, June 29
John 1:35-49

THURSDAY, June 30
Acts 8:26-37

Sophia Nichols, Rev. and Mrs. J. J. Cowser, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, educational evangelism, George Cowser, Margaret Fund student

Rev. and Mrs. Eduardo Gomez, Jr., Trinidad, Esther Becerra, Caibarien, Cuba, Rev. and Mrs. Paul C. Bell, Balboa, Canal Zone, evangelism, Paul C., Jr., Carolyn Bell, Margaret Fund students

Mrs. C. A. Hayes, Rev. J. R. Saunders, Mrs. S. E. Stephens, China, emeritus, James W. Taylor, Paul B. Smith, Margaret Fund students

LOUISIANA STEPPING FORWARD

The B.W.C. Federation of Washington Parish Association in Louisiana had its second quarterly meeting at Calvary Church, Bogalusa. Five churches were represented in the attendance which totalled sixty-three. Calvary had the most if you count visitors, but First Church the most counting members only.

Decorations carried out a lavender color scheme with bows of Spring flowers and strips of crepe paper. Delicious supper menu of ham, salad, hot vegetables and dessert suited "poor working gals" to a "T".

After officer and committee reports Dr. Howard L. Coniney, pastor of the host church spoke on missions. Next meeting will be at Franklinton and everyone is looking forward to it.

GROWING FAST IN TEXAS

When the Business Woman's Federation, Houston, Texas, was organized in 1916, there were six churches represented with a total of fifty-seven present.

The Federation has shown consistent growth and much interest is being manifested by the various Business Woman's Circles. At the first quarterly meeting in 1949 there were nineteen churches represented with 185 present. The total enrollment is 460 members in twenty-nine circles.

The Federation meets



Please send us a picture and/or a news item about your B.W.C.

B.W.C. at Ridgecrest

Save August 4 to 10 for our Conference at Ridgecrest, North Carolina. Edwina Robinson, executive secretary of Mississippi W.M.U., will be in charge of our special B.W.C. plans. For a wonderful week of inspiration and restful fun, you can join hundreds of other Baptist business women "In the Land of the Sky." Write to Mr. Robert Guy, Ridgecrest, N. C., for detailed information.

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quarterly, rotating by churches as to place of meeting. A Business Woman's Circle from a church other than the host church is responsible for the program.

The Houston organization has made extra offerings to the Baptist Mexican Goodwill Center, Japanese medical missions in Yokohama, Japan, and many community missions activities. The 1948 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering from sixteen circles was \$4,464.00. One circle with only eight members gave more than \$1100.00 to that offering. There are 221 tithers in the Federation.

This organization is planning to send Della Gosnell,

president, to Ridgecrest W.M.U. conference this year to bring back ideas and inspiration for the benefit of the entire group. The Federation is also working toward raising a fund to support a missionary on a foreign field.

OVERFLOW IN SOUTH CAROLINA

The semi-annual meeting of the South Carolina Federation of Business Woman's Circles was held early in the year at the First Baptist Church, Columbia. It started out to be a banquet, but early in the week reservations came in so fast it became known everybody could not get into the social hall of the church. What to do with those who wanted to come was the problem. It was finally decided to make arrangements with a nearby restaurant to take the overflow. One group ate in the church as originally planned and the other at the restaurant.

Because of necessity the program was given in the church auditorium, and the lower floor was filled. By actual count there were 414 people present for the program. More than that were at supper. Dr. Margaret Sampson Richardson from Nigeria was the inspirational speaker, following the reports and the business session. A decision as to what to do next year is now being faced.

IT'S HAPPENING NOW!

by Mattie Lelia Watts

FRED SCHATZ, sent to Munich by the Baptist World Alliance to help relocate Baptists of the D.P. camps of Germany, writes: "These 5000 desperate D.P.s. are pushing me. They are almost frantic lest they not get away before the Russians come! The memory of the past is too fresh and realistic for them to be normal people. They congregate before my door long before the opening hour and when we close at 5:30 p.m. some are turned away. This situation becomes more complicated every day. Nevertheless, we are making marvelous progress. In two months we have over 500 in process of immigration. You cannot imagine the amount of red tape necessary to move one person. . . . A trip through the camp would break your heart and I am finding it more and more difficult to bear. We must speed this program or it may be too late."

"Since being here, I am convinced that there must be some radical change in our missionary program. We have too long stood aloof from the realities of life. We

need a Luther, a Wesley or a Calvin to shake the world back to its senses. . . . I am more than ever convinced that preaching the Word of God is our only hope!"

Many Baptists of both the Northern and Southern Conventions heard with great satisfaction the announcement that Henry Lin, president of the University of Shanghai, has been named as a member of the Peace Mission to negotiate with the Chinese Communist leaders. We cannot measure the service which

such Christian leaders are contributing to China in these days of turmoil. President Lin wrote: "As president of this Christian institution,

I have no choice but to be calm, to stay at my post and carry on the responsibilities committed to me. I am prepared to meet the worst and to bear my cross when I am called upon to do so." Such words mark him as a worthy successor of the martyred Dr. Herman Lin. Are we praying enough for China, her leaders and her Christians so sorely tried?

"The challenge of Communism will be met when Christians are more radical than Communists, but for better reasons."

—PROFESSOR KERMIT EBY

Does Your Church Have Homes and Jobs to Offer DPs?

JUST TRY TO IMAGINE YOURSELF IN THEIR PLIGHT—THEN ACT!

THIS DISPLACED PERSONS FAMILY has just received the good news that they have been approved for entry into the United States under the sponsorship of Mr. F. F. Harvey, a Baptist farmer in Jackson, Louisiana. The Gorelinkovs, left to right, Fanasy, Aksenya, Anna, Nina, Tamara, Valentina, Michael, will be welcome additions to the St. Francisville (La.) Baptist Church. Presently, they are living in the Polish D.P. Camp at Hannover, Germany. You can assist our Baptist Displaced Persons in Europe by offering them homes and jobs in this country. Write to the Southern Baptist Displaced Persons Representative, 601 South Olympia Street, New Orleans 19, La., for details.



OUR WORLD IN BOOKS

by Una Roberts Lawrence

The radio these days frequently offers a fitting, haunting melody that voices the longing everyone feels at some time to see "those faraway places with strange-sounding names." The singer tunefully explains that she means "those faraway places I've been reading about in a book that I took from a shelf." Well, there are books that bring those faraway places right into our living rooms, if we give them a chance.

POPCORN ON THE CINZA

by Crockett
Sloan Publishers, \$3.50

Here is the Japan of the American Occupation with its paradoxes and problems. The writer is a wise and understanding Red Cross worker, Virginia born, reared in U.S. Army posts of fifteen countries on four continents. She is well equipped to tell us what is happening to and through our American families in Japan, from the upper levels of authority, to the little people, Japanese as well as Americans.

She writes with sympathy, wit and discernment of the difficult adjustments of American wives and families; of the reactions of the Japanese to the varieties and contradictions of American democracy as taught and practiced in their midst; and of the dangerous dilemmas we face in dealing with the forces at work in Japanese life.

Often we must wonder if Americans are ready for the terrible responsibilities we have undertaken as remakers of a world that will surely read what we do much more attentively than give heed to what we say. Anyone having even a passing interest in Japan, in our American Occupation personnel, or our Baptist missionary force, will find this an absorbing and illuminating book.



Illustration by Akemi Okubo from *The Seven Stars*

THE SEVEN STARS
Friendship Press
paper \$1.00, cloth, \$2.50

The young, gifted writer of *A BROTHER IS A STRANGER* and *BEYOND PREJUDICE* has given us another understanding and appealing picture of Japanese life, this time just preceding and during the war. Drawing upon his boyhood friendships, he tells the story of seven boys from different levels of life, possessed by different ideals, but bound together by a typically Japanese bond of brotherhood. The story moves vigorously through excitement, drama, tragedy and sacrifice in a revealing account of what war did to these young men, their families and their country.

Without preaching, the author makes it clear that he believes Christianity must hurry, lest the religion of communism capture the empty heart of Japan. That he is sincere is proven by the fact that he goes soon to teach in one of the Christian schools of Japan.

CHINA: THE LAND AND PEOPLE

by Winfield
Sloan Publishers, \$5.00

Don't say "This costs too much!" Ignorance of China in high places is costing us plenty. China's millions, communized and armed, can cost us millions more in taxes and thousands of lives if we do not wake up to the facts. This book would be "dirt cheap," if it would stir enough of us little people to demand intelligent action before it is too late.

This is a book that has the answers, by a biologist remarkably equipped to provide them. He went to China in 1932 to survey health conditions. He found his task was all tied up with everything else in China, so he set himself to study that "everything else."

For thirteen years he lived intimately and intelligently inside Chinese life, working at her problems with the combined insight of a trained scientist and sincere Christian. The result is this accurate, scientifically sound treatise that clarifies the most intricate problems for the average person, and reads like a novel.

In two sections he presents first the people and the land, then the task of rebuilding China, both its war ravaged areas, and its encrusted ancient patterns of life. The chapter on the Chinese language and its influence on progress is worth the price of the book.

Without direct word, the author voices a mighty appeal for Christian missionaries equipped to minister through many avenues. The book closes with a heart-breaking story you will not soon forget. Here is accurate, usable information to fill in all our teaching of missions in China for a long time to come.

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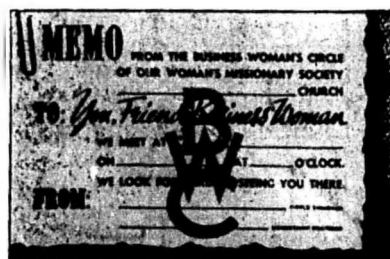
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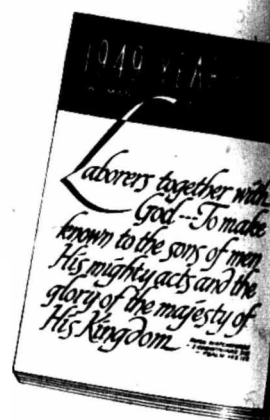
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