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San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge at night

You are cordially invited to

Come to California



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 Woman's Missionary Union
 June 18, 19
 Southern Baptist Convention
 June 20-24
 in San Francisco

Left: Whitcomb Hotel,
 W.M.U. Headquarters

Below: San Francisco Municipal Auditorium



CHANGING the famous words, "Go West, young man, go West," we say "Come West, Southern Baptists, come West." Since the work of Southern Baptists is very young in California, this is our first opportunity to be hostess to the Woman's Missionary Union annual meeting. We the members of W.M.U. of California extend to you a most hearty welcome to the Golden State.

California is the second largest state in the Union. It is some 750 miles long and has an average breadth of 230 miles. Two great mountain ranges, the Sierra Nevada and the Coast Range, traverse the state lengthwise. Between them lies the immense fertile Great Valley formed by the San Joaquin and the Sacramento Rivers. Here millions of dollars of fine vegetables and fruits are raised for you to enjoy the year around.

The highest peak in the U.S.A. is in California, Mount Whitney, 14,495 feet high, and also the lowest land area is in the Death Valley, 280 feet below sea level. There are many historic places and one stands in awe at the spots of scenic beauty.

Last year California celebrated her centennial. In one hundred years we have advanced materially. But we have only touched the "hem of the garment" spiritually. Our mission opportunities are great. Some 4,900,000 foreign-speaking people live in California. In the San Francisco Bay area alone there are said to be some forty different nationalities.

We are proud of our new Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary at Berkeley, just across the Bay from San Francisco. The growth of this much needed institution has been amazing. Beginning with one student in 1916, the student body has now grown to more than 200. Several of these students are volunteers for mission work and are gaining practical experience among our foreign-speaking people.

New churches are being organized almost every week and our young people are becoming leaders at many of these churches. At our state convention this year, 280 churches were reported in this decade of Southern Baptist work in California. Our new state executive secretary, Dr. S. C. Posey, has challenged us to double the number of California churches by 1955.

My pen is inadequate to express our deep desire for you to visit our state. You will have to see with your own eyes the vast opportunities here to serve the Lord. We urge you to come to California this June.

by Mrs. Jack W. Manning

Mrs. Manning of Berkeley, California is chairman of the publicity committee for the Woman's Missionary Union annual meeting



After the Revival—What?

A YOUNG man getting his master's degree in sociology thought about writing his thesis on the results of conversions during revival campaigns. It was his plan to visit the converts several years after their experience and find out if they still held to the decisions made in the revival, and if they had taken their places in their chosen churches.

The results of such a study would be most interesting. There would be marvelous testimonies of changed lives. There would be true stories as amazing as fairy tales of men and women who turned their backs on lives of sin and are serving Christ every day, filling places of responsibility and leadership in their churches. There would be accounts of redeemed young people now witnessing to other young people with some preparing for full-time Christian service. Names of revival converts would be found on the Sunday school and Training Union rolls, in the membership of the missionary organizations, and on the lists of officers and teachers and leaders.

But what about those whose names are on an inactive roll, who never attend church any more, in whose lives can be seen no difference since before the revival experience? How many of these would there be? And who is responsible for them?

The mature Christian has a responsibility toward every convert. The church

by Edith Stokely

provides the means of Christian growth, but it takes a friendly hand to lead the new Christian to know about and take advantage of these opportunities, and to support him in his efforts. Many times he must change habits of a lifetime, and he needs encouragement and help.

The women and young people of Woman's Missionary Union can have a part in conserving the revival results. Together with the pastor, the community missions committee can plan a follow-through program aimed at helping every new Christian to grow in his faith, to form Christian friendships, and to find his place in the life of the church.

It is not enough to urge everyone to welcome the new members. Specific plans must be made if one expects results. It is most effective to assign each new member to a specific person, no one person having the responsibility of more than two or three at a time. This should not be done carelessly. Give consideration to interests, neighborhood, and age-group in making the assignments. A young person just beginning his Christian life needs the friendship of another Christian youth. An adult needs to know other men and women living near him in whose lives Christ and his church are central. A business woman will be attracted to another business woman, and a housewife and mother can be helped best by a consecrated Christian mother.

Yet, to assign names to members of the missionary organizations is not enough. Those who have accepted the names should be instructed in ways of meeting the needs of the new Christian. Genuine interest in the individual is basic to all
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OUR COVER THIS MONTH

Beside Mobile's large Waterman Steamship Co. globe, Mrs. Douglas M. Webb reminds Y.W.A. Leah Platt that young women with a vital Christian experience and witness are wanted desperately to show a maddened world like ours that the way of Christ is the hope and the only hope for life and peace. This is the message of missions and the purpose of W.M.U. missionary education organizations.

Photo by Calvin

OUR W.M.U. HEADQUARTERS BUILDING — A REALITY by Alma Hunt



This building changes from selling life insurance to proclaiming life eternal

IT sounded too good to be true! On a Friday afternoon late in December Miss Ethel Winfield came into my office to tell me she had heard of the sale of a local insurance company, which would perhaps mean that its modern, up-to-date building would be on the market.

Here was a building which has been the pride of Birmingham since its completion four years ago. Located in downtown Birmingham on the main city transportation lines, in proximity to the post office, banks, printing and engraving companies, hotels, railroad and bus stations, it seemed to be a dream come true. It had in it all the space and convenience we had hoped for in drawing up the first sketches of a headquarters building. Inside and out it was a lovelier building than we had anticipated erecting.

The new owner was the Liberty National Life Insurance Company of which Mr. Frank P. Samford is president. He is a deacon in the church to which I belong and a man with a "WMU background." His mother was for several years the beloved president of Alabama

Woman's Missionary Union, having previously served for many years as its recording secretary. Today his sister is the vice-president of the Alabama Union, and his wife is a faithful member of her missionary society.

From my first conference with Mr. Samford I knew the building was worth more than Woman's Missionary Union could pay. But from the beginning his desire for us to have it was apparent. He arranged for me to visit the building. A few days later I saw him at church and he encouraged me by saying, "I hope things can be worked out so Woman's Missionary Union can have that building. I would like to have it myself and would like to see Woman's Missionary Union housed where I would enjoy working."

Fortunately for us the Board of Directors of Liberty National Life Insurance Company is composed of fine Christian men representing several denominations. Had they not been interested in us and in missions they would never have arrived at the offer they made. Not only did they hold the price of the building to what they considered a minimum, but said in the offer that the company would give twenty-five thousand dollars toward its purchase. This gift brought the price within our reach.

Their proposition was one we could not afford to turn down in the face of present building conditions. We were convinced that erecting a headquarters building in these days of cost-plus contracts, advancing costs of labor, and shortage of materials would amount to as much or more than the price of this building. And all the time our work is expanding and the need for adequate housing is growing more acute.

I cannot explain this dream come true except that the hand of the Lord was in it. The building is not ours but it is within our reach. At the time the W.M.U. Executive Committee vote was taken to purchase it for a headquarters instead of going forward with building plans, a motion was made and carried that the State Woman's Missionary Unions work toward raising more funds to pay for the headquarters building.

You have heard or soon will be hearing of the plans of your State W.M.U. through which you can help make our headquarters building truly "ours."

Purposeful Living

by Lucille Stidham

THERE isn't anything a person can do to make up a wasted life unless Christ has become the Master of it. There is a deep regret on my part for the many years I've spent into nothingness. I was twenty-six years old before I accepted Christ as my Saviour. This new discovery of a more radiant, purposeful life, which can only be found in Christ, has given me an enrichment of life and



Left to right, Dr. and Mrs. B. Frank Belvin, general missionaries to Creeks and Seminoles; Florence Schooling, Oklahoma Baptist University graduate, Wyvona McIntosh, volunteer assistants; Lucille Stidham, summer student worker and a junior at O.B.U.; Mrs. T. W. Stevens, W.M.U. field worker for the Indians; Cowena Sue Bruner, also volunteer assistant

a greater understanding of the needs of my Indian race.

It was a great privilege to be one of the Home Mission student workers last summer. How I rejoiced to see boys and girls accept Christ as their personal Saviour; some dedicated their lives for special service in his kingdom. These dedicated lives meant giving years of longer service in his Name, if they will be nurtured with undying interest in them by our Christian leaders.

Being a fullblood Creek Indian, naturally my interests are centered around my Indian race. First of all, that they all might come to know Christ Jesus more,

and secondly, that they might have Christ-mastered purposes in their lives. To such as these and other factors which influence my people, I have dedicated my life, to be used by God in whatever manner he wishes.

Miss Margaret Hutchison, our state W.M.U. executive secretary, met me soon after my decision at our Indian Falls Creek Assembly, near Davis, Oklahoma, in June of 1948. Through this meeting I discovered about the state W.M.U. scholarship fund for the Indian girls.

The thought of taking the first step toward this new venture, challenged yet frightened me also. Many doubts and fears possessed my mind, but through the faithful prayers of those who were concerned about me, as well as my own prayers, the answer came. I know it was God's will that I should send in my application to the Scholarship Committee. They graciously accepted and approved it and I was able to enroll here at Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, the fall of 1948.

An entirely new life opened up for me though there were many moments of discouragements and confusions. My new-found friends encouraged me; my instructors were kind and considerate; to all of them I shall forever be grateful. I might have abandoned my plans before I began if it had not been for them. Greatest of all, God does not let you go alone wherever it may be. How I've learned to depend upon him more and more! How true

and wonderful are his promises to us!

The difficulties that lie ahead are numberless and I am well aware of them. Traditions, fears and superstitions are but a few of the barriers that we have to overcome. Our great missionary Paul once said "I know whom I have believed. . . ." He is the same one whom I have believed and to whom I have dedicated my life. I cannot comprehend why God did not choose me in earlier years, but I am sure

he must have had a purpose and I no longer question that matter.

Truly then, I can say with all sincerity and faith that some day soon my people will claim completely the "white man's religion," as they have called it, and their hearts will be opened up to a greater understanding of why "God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

Arkansas Was My Field

by Gene Carden

OUR Saviour's life was one of constant prayer. He has taught us to pray. He has taught us to have a vision, a hope, a realization of our own needs . . . of all our needs . . . the need of a closer Father-son (God-man) relationship.

I would like to tell you of some of the wonderful experiences you gave me in this summer Student Mission Program. I'd like to thank all W.M.U. members for helping provide such a program.

Except for regular church activities, Sunday school, Training Union, Royal Ambassadors, Vacation Bible school and summer camps, I had never done any real mission activity. Since my last year of high school I have felt a desire to do some mission work. Too, there was a big question mark as to my vocation. After attending college at Auburn for two years I found that I must not be concerned about what God had for me in my future, I must lose myself in him.

I became acquainted with home missions while working in R.A. camps in New Mexico in 1947 and 1948. The president of our B.S.U. went there under the Home Board

Mr. T. E. Funderbruck of Cotter, Arkansas, did some spiritual coaching while giving this softball team pointers in the game

the following summer and returned very enthusiastic. Immediately I determined to make application in January.

All the time I waited for my acceptance, I felt urgently called to prayer. Many times from January to June I was compelled to call upon God to teach me, to prepare me, to cleanse me, if he was to use me.

On June 9 I left my home in Birmingham for Cotter, Arkansas. While there nearly eleven weeks, I stayed in five communities approximately two weeks each. I was under the supervision of Claude Crigler, missionary of the White River Association. We worked in the two counties, Baxter and Marion. Our time was mainly occupied with V.B.S., revivals and census work in preparation for revivals, study courses, Training Union, visitation, and generally anything the local pastors wished for us to do. If I really told all that we did and saw it would fill several volumes.

I was told when I was accepted that the main objective was evangelism and per-

TRAVEL PLANS FOR EVERYBODY

If you are going west to the W.M.U. annual meeting and Southern Baptist Convention, see the map of mission stations you can visit along the way. It is in April Southern Baptist Home Missions and in pamphlet form also for free distribution to you when you write for it.

If you are not traveling, see our Home Mission fields by movie and film strip. Ask for descriptive catalogue.

For map or catalogue write Home Mission Board, 161 Spring Street, S.W., Atlanta, Georgia.

sonal work. Perhaps my most disheartening and humbling experience was that God kept me from seeing any results of my labor for more than half of my ten-week stay. I wondered about a lot of things, and certainly spent a lot of time praying for an answer. Indeed I was taught to be careful what I pray for. God really answers prayer.

PERHAPS my most enriching experience was with the several dedicated young people I came to know and love while

there. The most wonderful time I knew was while watching the Lord speak to one young man, out of whom came his yes. Then great peace flowed into both of our hearts. Through Christ I found many new brothers and sisters with ties closer than flesh and blood. How wonderful is his family!

I might mention the ever-existing needs of the field, for certainly there are needs all of us can fill. The pastors do an excellent job. Everywhere I went they were overworked for the needs are so great. In official capacity, they are preacher, janitor, secretary, carpenter, besides the responsibility to their home and family. Most of them long to finish college and seminary work but there is no one to take the work temporarily.

The most apparent progress came about as a result of the simultaneous revivals west of the Mississippi River. In urban and rural communities alike, many came to know Jesus as Saviour.

I mentioned the wonderful experiences of working with people but I would not forget the blessings wrought by private prayer. Never before has my vision been so widened or so enriched. How true is the statement that if we ask in faith believing, the Lord supplies beyond our greatest expectations. I know because I prayed and he heard.



Above: Whiteville Baptists enjoy school picnic

Below: Sunday school is about to begin at Bruno, Arkansas



The DP family which was sent to the Pollock farm arrived just a few days before United Nations Day last October. In observance of this event and as a welcome to the Wasylyk family, Mr. and Mrs. Pollock gave a reception in their home. To the left of the United Nations flag are Mr. and Mrs. Wasylyk and to the extreme right of the picture are Mrs. and Mr. Pollock, the sponsors. Others in the photo are international students from nearby Jacksonville State College who stood in the receiving line to welcome the more than 300 persons who came to visit during the reception. The students came from 13 countries.

Welcome for the Wasylyks by Charles R. Gage

MORE than 300 neighbors, including nationals from thirteen countries, called during an afternoon reception held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Pollock to bid welcome to a family of "new Americans," ex-DPs. They had immigrated to this country only a few days before through the Southern Baptist Displaced Persons Office in New Orleans.

Mr. and Mrs. Mychicjlo Wasylyk and their two children, overwhelmed with the excitement, could not find words to express their appreciation to their sponsors and the members of the Woman's Missionary Union of the Parker Memorial Baptist Church for the many gifts of bedding, clothing, and food presented to them as tokens of friendly welcome. How would you feel if you had been rescued from a labor camp in a faraway country, brought

to a new land and set up in a modern home with comfortable furniture after living in a barracks for six years?

Some months ago, Mrs. Pollock read in ROYAL SERVICE of the miserable living conditions of displaced persons in Europe and wanted to help them. She discovered she could bring a family to Anniston, Ala., if she guaranteed our government that she would provide work and housing for them. She talked with her husband, her pastor, Dr. B. Locke Davis, and members of her W.M.U., and decided to write Southern Baptist Displaced Persons Office for proper forms and further information. Soon the Wasylyk family was nominated to her and the long job of processing them began.

While the United States Displaced Persons Commission in Europe was determining the eligibility and fitness for immigra-

tion of Mr. and Mrs. Wasylyk and their children, Anna, age 13, and Manulko, age 2, the Pollocks began building the home that is today so amazing to the newcomers. Equally as important, Mrs. Pollock began preparing her neighbors and friends to receive the "foreigners" in the true Christian spirit. How well she accomplished her task is seen by the enthusiastic reception given the newcomers on their arrival.

Members of the Parker Memorial church, led by the W.M.U., gave dozens of canned foods, supplies of bed and table linen, additional furniture for the home and countless miscellaneous items. One of the first things Mrs. Wasylyk did was fill her new vase with flowers—field daisies from the back yard.

"We are simply delighted with them and believe they are happy with us," Mrs. Pollock beams. "The father works hard in the fields and the daughter, Anna, is doing well at school. The neighbors have been just wonderful and the members of our church have made friends of them. We are glad that we were able to get the international students from Jacksonville State College and a number of other foreign-born residents in our county to join us in the reception which was held on the

Mrs. Wasylyk welcomes Mrs. Gage, wife of the Southern Baptist DP resettlement director, to her new home on an inspection visit. Mrs. Pollock looks on with rejoicing



New Americans Anna Wasylyk, Mrs. Tetiano Wasylyk, little Manulko Wasylyk and Mr. Mychieslo Wasylyk were given a wonderful reception by W.M.U. members of the Parker Memorial Baptist Church, Anniston, Ala

eve of United Nations day. It gave the day real meaning in a special way for all of us."

Mr. Pollock pays good wages, but the ex-DP has informed him, "I'd work for you even if no pay. I stay here until I die." While Mr. Wasylyk is showing his appreciation by diligent work, Mrs. Wasylyk is trying to get used to the modern conveniences in the house, so she can be a good housekeeper. "We can make hot, or we can make cold," she said, pointing to the electric stove and electric refrigerator.

Members of our churches have a wonderful mission opportunity in bringing other displaced persons to this country and in seeing that those already here, and those who are coming, are given a genuine Christian welcome to America. Many of the DPs immigrating through other agencies are not Christians and this is a wonderful opportunity to witness for our Lord. It is quite natural that these strangers, taken advantage of for years, victims of totalitarianism for a decade, come to this country hoping for the best, but quite apprehensive of their future. Handicapped by language difficulties, many of them are severely frightened. Our Baptist women can make a contribution to world peace

and understanding by extending a helping hand to these newcomers, for ". . . I was a stranger, and ye took me in. . . . Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, ye have done it unto me," saith the Lord.

For further information on the Displaced Persons Program, including the adopting of DP children, write the Southern Baptist Displaced Persons Office, 2940 Napoleon Avenue, New Orleans 15, Louisiana. Deadline for issuing visas to some types of Displaced Persons is June 30, 1951. Anyone interested in the program should write immediately to the New Orleans office. There are still several thousand Baptist Displaced Persons in Europe who need sponsors.

After the Revival—What?

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action. What can the member with the responsibility for a new Christian do?

For example, a member of the W.M.S. has been given the name of a woman who is not only a new Christian, but also a newcomer to the community. How shall she go about her task? First, she can get acquainted by visiting in the home. She can bring her new friend to church or plan to meet her at the church. She can tell her about the Sunday school class, and Training Union provided for her. More than that, she can take her to the rooms where they meet and introduce her to several members. She can explain the purpose of Woman's Missionary Union and enlist her in the W.M.S. She can share her own Christian experience with the new member, helping her to understand more thoroughly the step which she has taken.

A person who has never been a part of the active life of a church will have many questions to ask during her first months of membership. She will need to know that God's Word can give her help and guidance, and that daily prayer—both alone and with her family—must be a regular part of her life if she is to continue to grow in her Christian faith. A W.M.U. member can share her understanding of church life, and explain the Co-operative Program and the church's plan of giving. She can give her testimony as to the value of Bible study and prayer and

the joy of tithing, and make practical suggestions as to how to get started in these habits.

How much it will mean to the new Christian to be a guest in the home of a consecrated church member. Other friends in the neighborhood can be invited, and after an evening of true fellowship, the new member will feel that she really belongs!

There is one more thing to be done. The new member should be given a place of service. She may not be able to teach a Sunday school class or lead the Junior G.A. but she can do something. Through the community missions program, she can begin to witness for Christ in the community. The friend who has learned her abilities and interests, can help her find this service opportunity.

Someone may say, "Why should the W.M.U. do this? Isn't it someone else's responsibility to look after the new members? Won't we be overlapping the efforts of some other church organization?" Every organization should be at work, of course, and the more who are interested in the new Christian, the better! The plan outlined above calls for more than the casual contact and invitation "to come to my group." It calls for concerned effort, planning, patience, and friendship—not just for one day, one week, or one month, but for three or six months—as long as it takes to help the new Christian to build a firm foundation for his Christian life.

There is no better way to build a Christian community than to win the people of that community to a vital faith in Christ, and then to expend every effort to help those won to be loyal to Christ and his church.

★ APRIL 8

Star it on your calendar. Tune your radio to Dr. C. E. Matthews with Mr. Charles Wellborn as announcer. They will speak at 9 P.M., Eastern Standard Time. This will climax the two weeks of simultaneous revivals.

Hints to Committee Chairmen

Stewardship Chairmen

Our program topic this month, "Yearning Youth," makes it timely for you to emphasize again before your missionary society the stewardship education of young people. Invite the counselors of young people's organizations to help you give your report at the business session. Let them stand with you showing material being used in the stewardship education work. The Sunbeam leader should hold not only a copy of *Stewardship Stories Around the World* but the picture used with the April story. The counselors of Junior G.A. and R.A. should hold their story booklets, one showing the cover, the other open to the April story. Counselors of Intermediate R.A. chapters, Intermediate G.A., and Y.W.A. should hold copies of *Ambassador Life*, *World Comrades*, and *The Window of YWA* open at pages where stewardship material is given. A few words of explanation about this material and how it is used should be given either by counselors or by the stewardship chairman. Be careful not to make the report too long.

By such a demonstration members of the missionary society will learn about the stewardship education plans. Mothers will be led to see that they have a responsibility in this matter. Many young people learn about tithing but are not able to tithe because of the financial plan in their homes.

It is the business of the counselors to create in youth the desire to become faithful stewards of their possessions. Then, the parents should help by a financial arrangement which will make it possible for their children to become tithers, even while they are still under parental support. To do this young people need to have some money they can call their own. To create the yearning for tithing without offering opportunity for practicing it, is not good stewardship teaching.

A small boy in an orphan's home found a penny. Other children gathered around

him asking, "What are you going to buy with it?" The fortunate finder replied, "I am not sure what I will buy, but I know that I am going to tithe it first." All Baptist boys and girls need to be as well educated in the stewardship of possessions. —Mrs. C. D. Creasman

Community Missions Chairmen

What are the young people in your missionary organizations doing for Christ in your community? Have you remembered that it is your responsibility as community missions chairman to help them and their counselors find needs that they can meet? You ask what young people can do?

The Sunbeams in one community made attractive satchels from construction paper, put tracts in them, and then hung them on the door knobs of houses in the neighborhood. One G.A. sees that one of the girls goes every week to the home of a shut-in to read religious magazines to her. Both the woman and the girls who go receive a blessing from it.

In one church the boys nine through sixteen years old sponsored a youth revival. They planned the prayer meetings and visitation. Each night one of the boys had a part in the service, bringing a devotional thought before the pastor preached. Twenty people were saved during the meeting. In one city different groups of young people in the W.M.U. had four picnics during the summer for children in the State School for the Blind.

One Y.W.A. furnishes the teachers for a weekly mission school for the children of the six Indian families in the community. Another alert Y.W.A. directs a youth program for the Negro young people every Sunday afternoon.

Christian young people are eager to do something for Christ. They thrill under the challenge of doing that which is difficult, of sacrificial service, of expressing Christian fellowship to minority groups, of ministering to those in need.

Do not fail to lead your young people to be missionaries where they live.

Are your W.M.S. and Y.W.A. using *To See and to Serve*, the community missions devotional booklet? You can order additional copies from Woman's Missionary Union, 1111 Comer Building, Birmingham 5, Alabama, for ten cents each. For a suggestion as to community missions for this month, study the article on pages 2-11 of this issue.

—Edith Stokely

Mission Study Chairmen

Did you complete a successful mission study class on city missions? Why not follow *Oh, Jerusalem: Our Cities for Christ* with a study of the Negro, or rural missions? Or now a stewardship study? Or a book to stir to prayer? There are so many books so highly valuable, keep mission study classes in progress always.

Order all books from your Baptist Book Store

A Yoruba Name Tradition

by Mary Catherine Adams

ACCORDING to Yoruba tradition, twins are always named Taiwo (tie-woe) and Kehinde (kind-de). The first twin to be born is named Taiwo, "one who has come to taste the world."

Twins at the mission dispensary



What books? *Of One* by T. B. Maston, paper, 50c, is a frank, courageous analysis of Christian principles applied to race based on the Scriptures. It is an excellent basis for Christian thinking.

Buried . . . Living by John D. Freeman is the story of achievement built around the life of a young couple dedicated to a rural pastorate. It shows what a rural church can do under good leadership. Paper, 50c.

The relation of stewardship to missions is clearly defined and applied to everyday life in Frank K. Means' book, *Give Ye*, paper, 50c.

Pray Ye by Frances Landrum Tyler, paper, 50c, is a valuable book on prayer, its place, purpose, and practice in the life of the individual.

For others see your W.M.U. *Year Book*, pages 60-62; or catalogue, *The World in Books*, free from your Baptist Book Store.

but Kehinde, "the last to come," is always considered senior to Taiwo in this land where seniority plays such a great part in the life of the people.

The story back of this naming tradition was told me by the father of twins. Before birth Kehinde commanded Taiwo, "You go into the world, see what kind of place it is, if it will be favorable to us, and come back and tell me." So Taiwo went into the world, but he liked it so much he neglected to return and tell Kehinde. Nevertheless, although Kehinde was born last he did not have to sacrifice his position as senior because of Taiwo's negligence. He is considered senior because he sent Taiwo to "taste of the world."

The father telling the story added that he observed in the cases of most twins that Kehinde is usually the first to sit, walk, talk, and in general, because of his greater activity, shows himself senior to Taiwo.

It's Happening Now

BY MARJORIE MOORE ARMSTRONG

There is a quaint old German custom which gives a piece of the family china in saying good-by to a visitor who has endeared himself to the household. So the Chevy Chase, Maryland, Presbyterian Church has received a silver communion plate by special messenger from a church in Darmstadt, Germany. In appreciation of being "adopted" and helped by the American Christians, the German Christians sent a piece from their historic communion set, deliberately breaking the set to express their gratitude. In return, the Chevy Chase church sent a substitute plate—one which does not match, so the Darmstadt people will remember.

In the bitter days of December, fifty wounded Chinese Communist prisoners in North Korea received first aid, food, and water from United States and British Marines. It was a gesture of thanks for similar treatment given United States prisoners two weeks before by the Communists. The Marines placed a Red Cross on the heated house in which they left the prisoners, and asked United Nations pilots not to bomb in that area.

Cheers rose in the House of Commons, London, when it was announced that Marshal Plan aid to Britain would end January 1, 1951. On that date the meat ration was scheduled to be cut again—this time to fourteen cents' worth of meat a week, a sixth of it to be canned corned beef—but many Britishers, like Americans, would rather be on their own than to continue to be dependent. Members of both political parties cheered.

Argentina may have a dictator's wife for vice-president after the next election. Madame Perón, who demands that proper

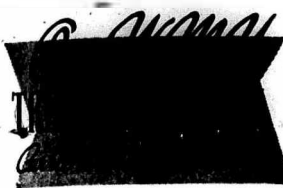
respect be shown her by the use of her entire name, Eva Duarte de Perón, now wants to be called "Señora de Perón" (Mrs. Perón). This seems to be building up to a candidacy for a campaign with her husband under the slogan "Perón and Perón." She is National Minister of Social Welfare now, using a "voluntary" income tax to finance her program.

Communism is so strong in Africa now that the newest branch of the Moscow-directed Communist Information Bureau ("Cominform") will be opened at Dakar or Casablanca sometime this year. It will knit together the many scattered groups on the continent.

Mexico will soon establish its own national institute of atomic physics, but not for bombs. "The manufacture of atomic weapons would endanger the economic future of Mexico," said one of the nation's leading physicists connected with the Mexican army. "Our uranium will be used solely for scientific ends, and when it becomes possible, industrially."

Americans who give to religious, educational, and welfare causes today are not the wealthy, according to the Russell Sage Foundation. They are people of the middle and lower income brackets. In 1948, they gave \$4 billion (as contrasted to \$1.2 billion given twenty years ago), and 90 per cent of it came from "living donors" instead of from the wills of rich people. Those making less than \$5,000 a year gave 82 per cent, and 60 per cent of it came from those earning less than \$3,000.

The best hope of good religious television shows is through the use of motion pictures, Everett Parker, director of the Protestant Radio Commission, told the third workshop on television at Syracuse, New York recently. Religious films, he said, are usually seen only by church people, but on television they will be seen by many who never go to church.



These Go Quickly

In these ominous days we realize more than ever that we must continue to send our missionaries as long as there is an open door.

The latest recruits from our school for active mission service are Ruth Swann (1950), see November ROYAL SERVICE, Mrs. J. T. McRae (1942) and Mary Frances Page (1951). Miss Swann and Dr. and Mrs. McRae sailed in November for Beirut, Lebanon, where they will study Arabic in preparation for their work in Arabia. Miss Page sailed in September for Nigeria. At present she is located in Lagos. In writing about her own decision to become a missionary she says:

Do you remember the lines that go something like this?

Are there any rivers that seem to be uncrossable?

Are there any mountains you cannot tunnel through?

God specializes in things that are impossible.

He knows a thousand ways to make a way for you.

I want to tell you how God made possible my going to Nigeria as a medical missionary. I came from a large family and had very little hope of ever going to college. One summer, while attending a Girls' Auxiliary house party, I felt God calling me to be a missionary. I wondered what God saw in me that he could use, and I knew that I could not expect any financial aid from home. The whole idea seemed impossible, but I did not rule it out of my thinking.

After finishing high school I sought God's will concerning my educational preparation for the mission field. God opened the way for me to go into nurse's training in the Baptist Hospital in New

Orleans. Through my first year in training I loved and looked forward to the day when I could begin my work on the mission field. During my last two years in the hospital I started pushing God out of my life and discontinued my fellowship with him in prayer and Bible study. The first thing I knew I had shut God completely out of my life and started building my happiness around worldly pleasures. This type of living made me miserable and I fell asleep many a night on a tear-stained pillow. The good in me wanted to let God have first place in my life but self seemed to fight and destroy this feeling. I found myself trying to justify my position by saying that God hadn't called me to be a missionary—I had just imagined that he had.

I am grateful that God never grew impatient with me. He guided me to enroll at Georgetown College and on my way to college I met my Master face to face. For the first time in two years I prayed and felt at peace with God. From that night on my plans have been centered around God's will for my life. Last year at the Woman's Missionary Union Training School I made formal application to the Foreign Mission Board. In May I went to Richmond to receive my appointment to Nigeria.

As I see the shore line of America fading away, I will know that the Christ, who led me over the uncrossable rivers and mountains of my life, will lead me safely over the waters and deliver me to Nigeria where I will be able to repay a portion of the love he has bestowed upon me. As a medical missionary in Nigeria I feel that I will have a great opportunity to help heal the bodies and souls of the people who are groping in darkness.

ARE YOU concerned for your Catholic friends? Our Home Mission Board has a series of free leaflets to help you answer their questions. Write to the Board, 161 Spring Street, N.W., Atlanta 3, Georgia, for copies.

Is this your question?

Does a W.M.S. have a right to count the B.W.C. attendance when only a third are really business women? Is it honest to be A-1 counting those who are not in business but are mothers and homemakers?

A Business Women's Circle should be made up of those who are actually business women. If there are mothers who cannot possibly attend day meetings, take up the matter with your state executive secretary.

What is the Literature Committee to do now that individual expiration notices go out to the subscriber instead of a list to the Literature chairman?

The Literature chairman and committee are to be no less busy.

Keep a list of the subscribers with date of expiration. Remind women when it is time to send their renewals so that they do not overlook the expiration notices.

At meetings of society and circles point out values of all our W.M.U. periodicals. You have responsibility for seeing that young people have their own magazines,

too. Encourage individual subscriptions to *World Comrades*, *The Window of YWA* and *Ambassador Life*.

Show the magazines enthusiastically to new members and forward their subscriptions for them.

Literature chairman is responsible for point six on the Standard of Excellence. See pages 28, 46 and 79 in the 1951 W.M.U. Year Book.

How do you make a sunshine box for a hospital?

Sunshine boxes or bags are made for individual patients. Usually there are small gifts to be opened one each day for a week. The gifts are suited to different ages. You might make enough sunshine bags for the children's ward or for the women's ward, and so on.

In all bags put cheering Scripture verses in capsules or on cards or leaflets, toilet articles, a magazine, toy, crossword or jigsaw puzzle, according to age. If you know the patient, you may discover real needs or desires of course.

Wrap each day's package or envelope attractively.

Sometimes an hour for opening is indicated on packages also. Sunshine boxes are fun to make as well as to receive.

Alabama

"Through the Years" was the theme of the banquet celebrating the twentieth anniversary of the Birmingham BWC Federation at the First Baptist Church.

North Carolina

Miss Alma Hunt, executive secretary for Woman's Missionary Union, was the speaker at the annual BWC state Federation banquet at Charlotte in March. The Federation meeting was in conjunction with the annual meeting of the North Carolina Woman's Missionary Union.

Among other missionary speakers, the BWCers were able to hear Mrs. George Wilson, missionary to the Indians in New Mexico, and Dr. Everett Gill, Jr., Foreign Mission Board secretary for Latin America.

Miss Inabelle Goleman will be the guest speaker for the May meeting of the Raleigh Federation. Miss Coleman, now home from China, has been a member of the faculty of the University of Shanghai.

Arkansas

In its sixth year as a state organization, the Arkansas BWC Federation has approximately 170 BWCs on its mailing list with six associational Federations.

Arkansas BWCers took as their project for 1950 the purchase of a station wagon for Miss Evelyn Stanford, a native of Arkansas now Home Mission Board missionary in South Louisiana.

Big plans are being made for the annual state BWC Federation meeting with Arkansas Woman's Missionary Union this month at Little Rock.

Missouri

Kansas City will be the scene this month of the Diamond Jubilee of Woman's Missionary Union work in Missouri.

Students from William Jewell College, will present a pageant on Friday night, showing the history of 75 years of missionary activities in the "show me" state.

Only about two years old, the Business Women's Circle Federation is the newest work of the Missouri W.M.U. The ten associational Federations already organized are busy making plans for organizing into Federations the many other BWCs throughout the state. Goals for the Jubilee Year include five new Federations with 330 new members in BWCs.

The St. Joseph Federation is already making plans for its retreat Labor Day week end at Grand Oaks Assembly Camp for Northwest Missouri. Miss Faye Prine, member of the St. Joseph Federation, is state BWC Federation president for Missouri.

Your Circle Program

"Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest," is the theme of your circle program for April.

Spend much time in prayer for the mission volunteers in your church, and consider your part in their preparation. Your circle program this month works in well with the April topic of "Yearning Youth." All four W.M.U. publications are rich in stories and articles about the young people

"Pray Ye Therefore"

of today who are answering the call of mission work, their needs and our obligations in supporting them.

Read in *The Commission*, George W. Schroeder's challenging article, "Wanted Me, Lord?" *Southern Baptist Home Missions* has a fine contribution, "Recruits," by Dr. Courts Redford.

Martha Knox tells of her missionary call, training and arrival on her field

work in "Take One Step At a Time," in *World Comrades*.

The Window of YWA introduces us to young people in Africa and Mexico in stories, "Africa's Youth — Yearning" by Ethel Harmon, and "The Story Is Just Beginning," by Miriam McCullough.

"Mountain Climbing in Alaska" by Dick Miller in *Ambassador Life* and "Purpose Living" by Lucille Stidham in this issue of *ROYAL SERVICE* will also be helpful.

Prayer not only changes things, it changes people. "Pray ye."

Do you wear your W.M.U. pin with B.W.C. Guard?

W.M.U. Pin (see illustration) is made in two sizes

LARGE, about 3/4 by 1 1/4 inches

10K Gold \$8.25

Gold filled 5.25

SMALL, about 1/2 by 3/8 inch

14K Gold \$5.25

10K Gold 4.25

Gold filled 1.75

ALL HAVE SAFETY CATCH

B.W.C. Guard with chain, rolled gold \$1.50

To be worn by B.W.C. member with W.M.U. pin

Why, Mommy?

Warped? by Mrs. Douglas Harris

Recently I heard a Christian mother say a strange thing. She believes that young people of high school and college age who feel God has called them to a definite work were warped in development during the early years of their lives. To warp means to pervert or to lead astray. In view of her statement and the definition I want to tell the following case stories.

The girl behind the candy counter heard a pecking on the glass and then a voice saying, "I wanna buy two pennies of this red candy." She peeped over the counter and saw a boy of about four with dirty face and clothes, uncombed hair, two most beautiful brown eyes and grimy hands holding the precious pennies. Walter became a regular customer, sometimes spending three pennies for candy.

The girl and others in the store "adopted" Walter when they found that his mother, an immoral person, had abandoned him and his grandmother. They bought clothes he needed, played Santa Claus at Christmas, and helped the grandmother care for the child. They took him to Sunday school and church, where his happy disposition and big brown eyes won everybody's heart. Others in town became interested in the boy. In short, Walter was given an opportunity to grow up as a normal boy should.

He became a Christian during his junior years. In junior and senior high school he worked extra in a store and then was employed most of each summer. In his senior year he decided to go into the ministry. He worked his way through college and seminary, always knowing that he had the backing of his friends at home.

Another boy about Walter's age, with a similar background, grew up. There were none who saw him as other than a dirty little illegitimate child. He had no guidance except that of the streets, no love except the spasmodic affection of his mother. He left school as soon as he could. No high school for him! He has a police record now, and is becoming an experienced criminal.

There were two other boys in this same city, Bill and Dick. To the casual observer their homes were similar. Both families were active in the church and in civic affairs. But there was a difference.

Dick's mother wanted her children "to recognize the place of the church." She meant put the church alongside every other good organization to which she owed loyalty. She wanted her sons and daughters to mix with the "right" people. She was a social climber in behalf of her offspring. It was of prime importance that the children have perfect manners. Their many clothes had to be of excellent quality and workmanship. When one daughter showed too much interest in "religion" mother attempted to squelch her. When Dick came home from the senior dance at the country club with liquor on his breath he was just manifesting the high spirit of youth.

These children grew up. One daughter was the counterpart of her mother. The other daughter had too much spirit to be hushed-up and took up Christian social work in another city. The son, a weak unhappy boy, became an alcoholic.

To Bill's parents Christ was the center of all their living. They had good times as a family, nor did they lack for friends. The house itself seemed to give out a welcome to the friends of Bill and his brother and sister. At every opportunity visiting missionaries and speakers were invited into the home. As the children grew up, they went to Christian schools. One boy is on the mission field. Another is a successful Christian business man whose first desire is to live according to the teachings of Christ. The daughter is a mother of four and bears a striking resemblance to her own mother.

What do you think about this "warping"?

Our Young People

It is the *I will* spirit that succeeds and makes the dream come true. Kingsley said, "Do noble things, not dream them all day long."

Do your April reports show progress made in each of the young people's organizations during the past quarter? Do they show your determination for and not just your dream of A-1 auxiliaries?

"We are now 100% subscribers and rather proud of ourselves," writes a Y.W.A. counselor in Kentucky. In the letter she tells of their first meeting after every member began receiving *The Window of YWA*. It was the best meeting they had ever had. Previously they had passed around the copies used for the program material, but they were so mutilated they were most unattractive. This was the first time that most of the members had seen a whole copy of *The Window of YWA*.

For the Sand Pile Set

April is a time of sunshine and showers, so the poets say and so we know. Children will revel in hours spent outside after the real winter weather we have had in many places. Why not suggest that they watch for the first flowers, the first insects, the first of any growing or living things that tell spring is coming? On the rainy days they can try to color or draw these different things from memory on sheets of wrapping paper.

Missionary Melodies

The loveliest songbook for our children! *Missionary Melodies*, price \$2, is a most attractive collection for your home and your Sunbeam Band. Large notes will make it easy for beginners to play the tunes themselves. Order from your Baptist Book Store.

"I Will"

BY MARGARET BRUCE

before the meeting. It made a difference in the interest expressed during the program.

"Seeing what just one issue meant to our Auxiliary makes me realize that many other Y.W.A.'s. could work more effectively if each member could have her own magazine," the counselor concluded.

Are the members of your Sunbeam Band, Girls' Auxiliary, Young Woman's Auxiliary, and Royal Ambassador Chapter 100 per cent subscribers? April is an



With as much interest as for a bridal shower, invert a gay parasol to receive your downpour of subscriptions

excellent month for you to shower the Birmingham headquarters with names of subscribers and one dollar bills. Let's make it subscription month.

May 6-12 is Girls' Auxiliary Focus Week. Check the church calendar and see that beginning plans are being made by the counselor and young people's director for the G.A.'s. to observe this important week. Talk over the plans with your pastor, he will be able to offer many good suggestions for making the week effective. The May issues of the magazines will give ideas for Focus Week activities.

To have the urge toward success is valuable. If you desire to make the W.M.U. young people's organizations successful in your church, you can. We are what we will to be. Big things can happen when you say, "I will."

Letter-ettes

CARE Boxes Full of Love

from Mrs. Masa Yokomizo

I'm very glad to be able to write to you now, and so I thank my God for it. I thank you for the CARE boxes which are filled with your love and your true heart. We are so delighted to get them. These boxes which are filled with many kinds of good things were opened with gratitude.

Our Hiratsuka Baptist Church is less than two years yet since it was opened, and we have no building of worship. But it was decided that our church shall be built soon. It is said that "the prayer changes things" and I can't help believing the great power of God's love. I thank you very much for your prayer and your assistance which have meant so much to us in Japan.

We are very happy to be able to associate with you because of Christians who join hands through love of Jesus. We pray that you and your members may be blessed by God.

Swabbing Throats and Prescribing Glasses

from Mrs. R. Elton Johnson

For over a month, there has been raging an epidemic of measles, whooping cough and scarlet fever. Since we do not have a nurse, I must do the best I can which is mostly keeping up morale for we were caught without necessary vaccines, toxin and anti-toxin. Most people can't remember when the last epidemic occurred a generation ago. When we first arrived a student also arrived with alastrim saying it was chicken pox and before we knew it, alastrim was sweeping through the boys' dorm. Thankful we were for the

arrival of the cheerful and devoted nurse who took over May 1. Since then, exactly two years ago, we have had no more epidemics except flu. This is endemic. The poverty, lack of milk and vegetables in diet, lack of warm clothing and of cover for the cold nights, shelters that don't keep out the rain or dust or drafts are all contributing factors.

I'm thankful that the majority of students have come to trust me and are fairly co-operative, eating fruit and letting me paint throats. One girl was here this evening who literally wore me down year before last if her throat needed swabbing or if she needed a shot. She comes cheerfully asking for and accepting this now. In fact, Ettie Jeanne said the other day I could make my living if I just hung out my shingle. But I would so much rather let someone else handle this and let me work with the women and children and music to which end I was prepared!

Had you heard that I prescribe glasses? In this kind of missionary service in interior Brazil, you can't ever tell what you're apt to be taught by necessity.

In January, 1948, I had to go to the coast to change glasses. The oculist, of Dutch descent, marveled when he heard what we were attempting and where. He asked what the people out here did and we told him they just suffered and were "laid on the shelf" because of defective eyesight. He said, "Knowing what I do about the preparation required for a missionary and judging by my acquaintance of a few minutes, I believe you have the capacity to learn in a few lessons enough to accurately prescribe for near-sightedness and farsightedness. If you are willing to try, I will give you lectures at the lunch hour and take you to the eye clinic where you can get acquainted with various disorders and their remedy and learn to prescribe glasses for these two types."

Miss Polly went with me to the clinic. The nuns didn't seem pleased, but I rejoice to have been able to brighten the outlook for many students, brethren, employees, my husband and son and for many who come for a distance. I wish I could hope to see someone here to remove cataracts, prescribe for astigmatism and all the rest.

Your Program

Yearning Youth

by Edna Frances Dawkins

Assistant secretary of the department of missionary personnel for our Foreign Mission Board, Miss Dawkins knows today's young people

Program Outline

Topic: Yearning Youth

Hymn: "Are Ye Able?"

Prayer for those who are listed on the Prayer Calendar for today

Devotional Thoughts: "What Lack I Yet?"

Hymn: "It Pays to Serve Jesus" as duet

Glimpses of Youth Around the World

China

Japan

Germany

Italy

Nigeria

Latin America

Southern Baptist Young People

Hymn: "Arise, O Youth of God"

Among Our New Appointees

Youth Still Waiting

Our Responsibility Toward Youth

Prayer: Pianist softly plays "Jesus Shall Reign" during prayer that more young people may be trained for service

Hymn: "Jesus Shall Reign"

Program Suggestions

Why not let six young adult members dress in costume when speaking in behalf of youth around the world? Would it be well to invite a Y.W.A. member to present the discussion on Southern Baptist young people?

Referring to recent issues of *The Commission*, you can find pictures of the new appointees mentioned.

The W.M.U. young people's director may be asked to talk on "Our Responsibility Toward Youth," adding definite information about young people's work in your own church, leading your W.M.S. to more enthusiastic and adequate fostering.

It would be well for the program leader to learn about the activities and interests of youth in her church. The following information would make the program more interesting:

How many missionaries, home and foreign, have gone from your church? Where are they?

How many ministers and other full-time Christian workers?

How many young people of your church have dedicated their lives to special Christian service? Give their names. What is being done to encourage them and to assist them in getting the necessary educational preparations?

How many are enrolled in the W.M.U. young people's organizations? Do these organizations have enough counselors?

Is there any special project in which the young people of your church are interested? If so, how can Woman's Missionary Union be of assistance?

DEVOTIONAL THOUGHTS

What Lack I Yet?

by Pen Lile Pittard

Call to worship (to be quoted by the leader):

Let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us: yea, the work of our hands establish thou it. That our sons may be as plants grown up in their youth; that our daughters may be as corner stones, polished after the similitude of a palace. Psalms 90:17; 144:12.

Hymn: "Jesus Is All the World to Me"

Scripture reading: Matthew 19:16-22

Comment: While Jesus talked with this

rich young ruler, did his disciples think, "There is a person who has everything!"? He had security, even luxury, social position, youth, genuine refinement and culture, and evidently an attractive personality. It is likely that the disciples were astonished that their Master did not try to persuade such a notable person to join them.

Something was taking place in the young man's mind, as he saw the disciples. Looking at these humble men, unmistakably not in his class socially, yet, with personal magnetism and spiritual power, he thought, "What do they have that I haven't got?"

To the Master he said, "What lack I yet?"

In his reply Jesus did not mean that all who would have eternal life must give away all their wealth. No one who heard him thought he meant that. His meaning was clear: "You must love me so much that everything else is unimportant in comparison. You must be so devoted to the kingdom of God that no sacrifice is too great to make for it."

Jesus said the same thing in different terms in John 12:24-25. (Read.)

Glimpses of Youth Around the World

"Take all of my life, Lord, take perfect control," sang thirteen hundred Y.W.A.'s at Young Woman's Auxiliary Camp at Ridgecrest last June.

As they sang, one felt the sincerity of their words, which many later expressed in dedication to special Christian service or dedication of vocations. This desire of young people around the world today who are seeking a better way of life is being expressed in many ways.

The hordes of young people being led to devote their lives to communism are seeking something just as earnestly and sincerely as our Christian young people. The masses of the people in the world who are economically and politically depressed have a deep hunger for something. But they have come to feel that the Communists, rather than the Christians, offer the solution to their needs as individuals

Though the young man was concerned about his spiritual welfare, his main concern was money. (What is yours?) He was willing enough to be faithful in church attendance, to be rigid in keeping the law, to reverence the Lord even to the extent of kneeling to him. But was his financial status to be affected? He did not consider eternal life or fellowship with Christ worth that!

Is this the great lack of today's youth? They, too, apparently have everything—material comforts and social opportunities, education and adventure. But a spirit of restlessness and instability is upon them. What do they lack?

Could it be that they have learned from us to make money-making and financial security the ultimate end in life? Is it possible that even the youth in our Christian homes have not learned to build their lives on the all-consuming love of God in devotion to the eternal enterprises of his kingdom? If we will ask, as did the rich young ruler, "What lack I yet?" we may find the answer to the problems of our children.

Quartet: "All on the Altar"

and as nations. Unaware that they will suffer far greater exploitation and oppression than they have ever known, they are lured by the promises of a new world.

China

The young people of China are fast becoming indoctrinated with the teachings of the Communists because they have been made to feel that the Communists are "for" them. One of the reasons that the Communist army overran China was that young peasant farmers formed a youth corps which went in advance of the army and persuaded the farmers in the rural areas to join the Communists. They promised that the Communists would wrest the land from the rich landowners and redistribute it. Some of these same young people went into the fighting in Korea.

These earnest young people desiring to join a Baptist church in China are standing for examination. The church members, as they wish, will ask questions about their conversion and their beliefs

Photo by Mary Lucile Saunders

On the other hand, missionaries coming out of China, tell of young Baptists who are remaining steadfast in their beliefs, refusing to accept the false teachings of the Communists. They are daring to continue to attend worship services in the Baptist churches, even though it means being subjected to ridicule and even to persecution, in many instances. Li Ming Sing, the son of well-to-do non-Christian parents became a Christian just before entering the University of Shanghai. During his junior year there he started a Bible class and upon graduation, he was employed by the church on the campus to remain and work with the students. He is now a science teacher at the University, but he has continued to teach the Bible class after school hours. This class numbered over one hundred in the fall of 1950, having grown continuously in spite of the fact that the Communists had been in control of the University for more than a year. Such courage in the face of danger on the part of a new Christian is inspiring.

But how few are the number in China who actually have knowledge of the Saviour we know! Might not the picture in Korea today be different if Christianity, instead of communism, had commanded the loyalty of the majority of Chinese youth?

Japan

The picture in Japan is much brighter, for even though the young people there have known bombings of fire and have suffered from all the ravages which war brings to a country, they are eager to forget the past and to learn of the new

way of life made possible through Christianity. When visiting Baptists led in four weeks of evangelistic meetings last fall over 8,000 signified their acceptance of Christ. The majority of these new converts are estimated as between the ages of ten and forty years of age. The visitors felt that this great response was made possible through the effective groundwork of our missionaries there. How we rejoice that many of our finest young people responded to the urgent requests from Japan for new missionaries, so that our missionary staff there grew to a total of seventy-three by the end of 1950.

The twenty-seven new missionaries who sailed for Japan in August, 1950, write enthusiastically of their wonderful opportunities today. Even though they have not mastered the Japanese language, they are helping to reach the Japanese young people for Christ by teaching English to large groups of students, by working in delinquent homes, and by fostering W.M.U. organizations. Soon after the group reached Tokyo, one of the Christian boys in the university announced that an English Bible class would be started by a new missionary and that fifteen students would be accepted. When 150 students responded, five Bible classes were started. These classes meet at night and some of the students who live as far away as Yokohama attend. This seems to show the keen desire of the Japanese young people today.

We are grateful for the response which has been made and at the same time we are keenly aware of the numbers who will never hear the Christian message unless many more missionaries are sent.

Germany

The freedom which exists in Japan today is not found to a great extent in the countries of Europe which suffered so greatly from World War II, and the young people of those countries are suffering as a result. Johannes Arndt, leader of Baptist youth work in Germany, reports that in the western zone large numbers of German young people are being reached through the camps sponsored by the Baptists. But those in the eastern zone can show no outward interest in Christianity without being watched suspiciously by the Russians and their spies.

Gunter Wagner is a young German studying at our Baptist Seminary at Zurich, Switzerland. Two of his companions were seized and never again heard from while he was completing high school in his native town in the Russian zone. He had been a member of the Hitler youth group and at fifteen had served two years in the German army as an anti-aircraft gunner when he returned to his home and became a Christian. Upon completing high school, he escaped under great difficulties to the western zone, studied theology in Hamburg, and now is preparing to return to preach to his people, if there is any way in which he can do so.

Other students at our Zurich seminary also tell of lives bound by fear, of false teachings and prejudices of every sort which were drilled into their minds as youngsters. These young people are old for their years, yet they have the courageous spirit of youth and they are willing to prepare to risk their lives to take the gospel message to their people behind the Iron Curtain.

Italy

Anna Veneziano, a young Italian studying at Southwestern Baptist Seminary, has a keen desire to return to her country to work with the young people there. She says that the youth of Italy have an attitude of hopelessness that is heartbreaking, yet understandable, when one realizes that college graduates cannot earn a living. Bound by poverty and fear, dominated by a religion that does not give them the joy

of a personal Saviour, they see no hope for the future. Even in Italy where Catholicism reigns, twelve young women are now preparing for Christian service in the new Armstrong Memorial Training School in Rome, and twenty-six young men are studying at the Bible school at Rivoli.

Nigeria

Traveling on around the world, we find that the youth of Africa, too, are yearning for a new way of life. They, too, have been among the so-called "have-not" peoples of the world. Seeking freedom from their primitive fears and customs, as well as from the old colonial type of government, the young people feel that their hope lies in education. They are eager to secure the training which will enable them to utilize their natural resources and to become a self-governing nation. Our 300 Baptist schools in Nigeria, with their 31,000 students, are playing a large part in meeting the needs of the youth of that land. There is in these schools a wonderful opportunity of reaching for Christ the future leaders of a land which is even now being infiltrated by the Communists and which lies in danger of following the fate of China. We as Christians should seize our opportunities there while we can.

Latin America

From Catholic-dominated Latin America come reports of young people who give up family and friends for their faith in Christ and their zeal as evangelists. Young Baptists in Mexico are pleading for entrance to our seminary or to the student homes in which they may live while attending school. In some instances, young Brazilians who attended our seminaries or training schools last year traveled one thousand miles, to take advantage of the opportunity of preparing themselves for Christian service.

Southern Baptist Young People

Returning to our own country, let us look at Southern Baptist young people. As a whole they are eager to be of service in any way possible to make Christ known



Olive Murrell, summer Home Board missionary, is busy in a Bible school at Shrimp Alley, Houston, Texas

in their own country and around the world. This is shown in many ways wherever young people have been reached and challenged.

Each summer the Home Mission Board uses several hundred young people in an effective mission program largely through funds received from the Annie Armstrong Offering. These students from colleges and seminaries are sent to work under the direction of home missionaries with the Spanish in Texas, New Mexico, and Arizona; with Indians in Oklahoma, Arizona, Mississippi, New Mexico, Alabama, and North Carolina; with the French in Louisiana, the Japanese in California, the Chinese in Texas, Arizona, and Georgia. They also serve in city mission work, in Good Will Centers, in rural and mountain areas. Dr. Courts Redford, assistant executive secretary of the Home Mission Board, states that 600 young people made application for this work in the summer of 1950, but the Home Mission Board was able to employ only 271.

Some state boards carry on similar programs, employing young people for Vacation Bible school, Sunday school, Training Union, and Woman's Missionary Union work in rural areas or cities, or mountain mission work. A typical day for a young person engaged in such activity is teaching classes in a Vacation Bible school during the morning hours, visiting parents or taking a religious census in the afternoon, and teaching a study

course to adults or young people in the evening. It is significant that such a large number of young people are eager to participate in these summer student mission programs rather than to spend their summer vacations in recreation or more gainful financial employment.

There are numerous other instances which show the eagerness of our young people to take their responsibility in making the cause of Christ known throughout the world. One is deeply impressed with the spirit found among those who are active in the Baptist organizations on college campuses and in the professional schools as they work in Good Will Centers and missions. Underprivileged children who might otherwise add to the juvenile delinquency group are being reached through such Y.W.A. community missions.

Students in our Southern Baptist seminaries and training schools are doing such work to an even greater degree. They are teaching Sunday school classes and doing personal work among those in prisons; they are conducting street services in Catholic-dominated areas where people will listen behind closed doors; they are spending hours providing recreation and Bible study for children in homes for delinquents and in orphanages, and while some have well-paid student pastorates many are serving as pastors of small churches which can afford to pay very little.

Youth revivals, which have captured the interest of Southern Baptist young people in recent years, are another evidence of evangelistic zeal. Hours of planning, prayer, and visitation go into such an undertaking. As dynamic young Christians conduct a youth revival, the impact is usually felt throughout the community in the changed lives of young people who have found Christ or who have reached a deeper understanding of Christianity. In the city of Nashville in the spring of 1950, over 350 decisions were made during one week of youth revival services. And a total of over 1,000 decisions were made throughout the spring as the influence of this revival was felt all through the city.

How thrilling it is to think of Southern Baptist young people who are outstanding in their particular fields and who are seek-

ing to use all that they have to reach others for Christ—a successful young businessman who leaves his business a number of weeks each year to lead youth revivals; a brilliant young doctor who uses his money to help educate struggling medical students who are volunteers for foreign mission service and whose time is often devoted to the healing of those who cannot pay for his services; a young lawyer who never loses an opportunity to try to prevent divorce among his clients by showing them the Christian way of settling differences and forming a home; a young scientist who is striving to bring peace to the world through his knowledge of atomic energy and who seizes every chance to proclaim that Christ is the answer to the world's need.

The fact that our Southern Baptist theological seminaries have been overcrowded in the years since World War II is another sign of youth's desire to help to change the world situation. More than 3,000 students were enrolled in our seminaries in New Orleans, Fort Worth, and Louisville, and in the W.M.U. Training School, during the past year. The Southern Baptist Convention in 1950 voted to establish two new seminaries, one in the east to be located at Wake Forest, North Carolina, and one in the west to be the Golden Gate Seminary at San Francisco. One who has opportunity of close association with these students is thrilled with the vision and action taking place among them. At the seminary at Fort Worth 1,500 students and faculty gave a total of \$10,200 to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. The whole student body joined in the week promoted by the Ann Hasseltine Y.W.A. through participating in a campus-wide chain of prayer, a mission study course, a play based on the life of Lottie Moon. Professors opened each class with prayer for world missions. At the close of this week twenty young men and women dedicated their lives to foreign mission service.

Among Our New Appointees

In 1950 the Foreign Mission Board appointed 111 new missionaries, the largest number ever appointed in one year. In

that group are experienced ministers; well-trained young women who will serve as teachers, nurses, and homemakers; excellent physicians, and several specialists, such as an aviation mechanic and two agriculturists.

While this group can look forward to only a limited financial security, several of the ministers gave up pastorates paying well above the average in salary. Undoubtedly all of the doctors who were appointed would have made money by remaining in this country. Yet these 111, as attractive, capable, and intelligent as any group of representative young Americans, felt a yearning to make Christ known around the world. Not one has expressed a regret over the decision to leave family and friends and the conveniences and luxuries to be found only in the United States.

Charles Compton, a former football star at the University of Alabama, receiver of the Purple Heart and clusters, is with his attractive and well-qualified wife, in the primitive areas of South Brazil. Dr. J. T. McRae, who served with the Air Force and then furthered his study of medicine several years beyond the M.D. degree, and his wife, Jane Carroll, who wrote the "Manual for Sunbeam Band Leaders" and many Sunbeam Band programs, have begun language study in preparation for Southern Baptist medical work in the Near East. Another physician, Dr. George Kollmar, a surgeon recently appointed to Colombia, served as an Army physician on boats which evacuated the wounded. Many of the men appointed, including four bomber pilots, served during World War II in the armed forces and became deeply impressed with the fact that the hope for peace lies in world missions. One young Naval officer, Morris Wright, returned to a successful position in electrical engineering, but could not forget the expression of hunger on the face of a little Chinese girl who stood begging as his ship pulled out of the harbor at Tsingtao. After completing seminary training, he sought appointment and now is helping to satisfy the spiritual hunger of the Japanese young people. Another young Naval officer saw the needs of Japan while serving as a chaplain there

and found that the realization of a life-long dream in a pastorate in a North Carolina town could not take away his memory of the spiritually needy millions of Japan.

David Mayhall, who served with an ambulance unit under the American Field Service in India and Burma during World War II, saw the results of mission work in those countries, and came home to finish college and seminary training. Now he and his wife are serving in Nigeria.

Over and over such stories could be told, of young people who are eager to use all that they have in the way of education, training, talents, attractive personality, to serve God wherever the need is greatest.

WHERE THEY WENT OVER

by Charles A. Wells



Where religion is an element in home life, children instinctively and readily find the path to useful, upright citizenship.

Yet the majority of American homes provide little or no religious influence. The widespread heartbreak of juvenile delinquency which brings tragedy to so many homes is the wreckage at the bottom of the hill.

Youth Still Waiting

In contrast we think of the young people around the world and in our own country who have not been led to put Christ first in their lives and who are still seeking—some seeking adventure, some seeking security, others seeking ever-increasing financial gain, and some even seeking a cause for which to live and for which they are willing to die.

We mention again the young people of China to whom the Communists have made such a great appeal, and we are well aware of the overpowering influence which Communist ideology has had on the young people of Europe. The fact that youth are ready and willing to die

PEOPLE are very anxious that their children have good clothes, good food, a good school, and even a television set—but they so often leave out the one thing that the students of child life have found most essential. Religion in the home is the basic factor in the development of character in the growing child. This was emphasized at the 1951 Mid-Century White House Conference on Children and Youth. It was attended by 5,000 of the country's leading educators, probation officers, physicians, psychologists, clergymen and just plain parents.

Where religion is not a force in the home, resistance to character-destroying influences is low.



Are your boys growing up with high purposes in enthusiastic Royal Ambassador Chapters?

for a cause was illustrated repeatedly during World War II, in the Japanese "suicide" pilots, in the German army youth who fanatically risked their lives for their Fuehrer, in our own young people who gave their lives for the cause of freedom.

We think of the groups of juvenile delinquents here in our own country who are using all their energy and cleverness to plot and carry out acts of violence. A recent investigation shows that many of our juvenile delinquents are among the most intelligent and the healthiest young people in the country. Many do come from broken homes or unhappy homes, and have an unusual desire for adventure and activity.

Young people around the world might have their energy and talents used for the greatest cause in the world if only they could be reached and challenged to follow Christ, the greatest leader mankind has ever known. In Christian service they will find the adventure they are seeking, the stimulation of a great and difficult task which will use all their talents and energies, and the satisfaction and happiness which come from the knowledge that one's life is not being lived selfishly. Following Christ to the utmost they will be

as happy as Mary Catherine Adams, a young teacher in Africa. She served effectively as a WAVE officer, as chemist in a war plant, and as an employee of the Civil Aeronautics Administration, but she says that she would not want to be in any other place than Africa at this time.

Our Responsibility Toward Youth

What are we as Southern Baptists doing to challenge our young people to find the joys of Christian service or vocations dedicated to the furtherance of Christ's kingdom? And what more can we do?

Through our W.M.U. young people's organizations we have one of the greatest opportunities for reaching them. The personnel department of the Foreign Mission Board finds from many a mission volunteer that the first interest in missions developed during Sunbeam days, as the six-year-old child first heard stories of "the little yellow-skinned, slanting-eyed child who lives across the ocean in a land called China." J. T. McRae out in the Near East dedicated his life to mission service at the age of fourteen while attending a Royal Ambassador study course. Mrs. Marlin Hicks, formerly Dorothy Russell, now a missionary in Latin America, became Queen Regent in Girls' Auxiliary at the age of fifteen and felt a call to foreign mission service at seventeen while attending Young Woman's Auxiliary camp at Ridgcrest. A study of the autobiographies written by candidates for foreign mission service reveals that these organizations and their counselors have played a significant part in life decisions. Surely it behooves us to have these organizations and to secure our most attractive and consecrated women and men as leaders.

Other organizations of the local church, the summer camps in the states as well as the conferences at Ridgcrest, are decisive influences in the lives of these young people. Many a young person relates that an interested Sunday school teacher or pastor has been his source of encouragement to enter and prepare for Christian service. Christian mothers and fathers willing to see their sons and daughters serve wherever God leads inspire life dedi-

cation to Christian service.

How sad it is to meet the young person seeking appointment to a foreign field whose parents have done all within their power to keep him in this country. And again how grateful we become when we see young people receiving appointment who have had every discouragement—poverty, immorality or alcoholism in the home, or some other source of unhappiness—and yet who have been reached for Christ because some person in a local church took time to work with a youngster, showing by life and teachings that Christ meets all of one's needs and that in Christian service is to be found joy and satisfaction.

Young Woman's Auxiliary and the Baptist Student Union, both on the campuses of our Baptist colleges and at state schools, are reaching many who might otherwise remain indifferent Christians. With the selection of a Youth Secretary, Joel Sorenson, and the establishment of the Youth Committee, the Baptist World Alliance promises to give young Baptists an ever-increasing opportunity to have a voice in Baptist affairs. This committee is composed of twenty-five people over half of whom are under thirty years of age. This will all be a source of encouragement to youth, for the young people of today have voiced the age-old complaint of youth that adults are not interested in them and will not give them a chance to show what they can do.

Christian young people are eager to serve Christ in the best way possible and to reach those who do not know him. Perhaps their ideas are not always thought

through carefully; undoubtedly they are impulsive and some few may do more harm than good with their overzealousness; at the same time they hunger for adults to take an interest in them and in their projects. If Southern Baptist churches do not utilize the zeal of these young people, other groups will appeal to them and we are likely to lose them. Adults in our churches can mean much if they will listen sympathetically to the new ideas young people have and give them an opportunity wherever possible to promote them, at the same time helping them to direct their energies into channels of useful Christian service.

Another responsibility which we have is to see that young people are informed. Through our missionary organizations, Sunday school and Training Union, we can present the needs of the world and give the latest information on what is going on in the world, as well as what other young people are thinking and doing. We have excellent channels of presenting our world program and challenging our young people to have a part in it through our Baptist literature and visual aids. For instance, many young Baptists do not know about the youth work of the Baptist World Alliance, nor the forthcoming Baptist World Youth Congress to be held at Rio de Janeiro in 1953 and the finest young people in our churches should be encouraged to attend. We have a responsibility also to inform them of other Christian youth groups for our youth will be encouraged by the knowledge that young people of other denominations are working to bring

Girls love the solemn moments in beautiful coronation services in Girls' Auxiliary. Sunbeams help and look forward to belonging to this growing company of girls.



order to the world's confusion through the sharing of their Christian faith.

We can readily see the important responsibility that we as members of Woman's Missionary Societies have in the guidance of youth. Each summer at Ridgecrest and state camps, hundreds of young people go forward dedicating their lives to Christian service at home and overseas. Undoubtedly many make these decisions under the spell of emotional appeal and later find their avenue of service lies elsewhere. Nevertheless, too small a percentage are following through into the realm of Christian service. While the personnel department of the Foreign Mission Board writes to each foreign mission volunteer at least once a year, and carries on a regular correspondence with any who write to it, many volunteers are lost through lack of encouragement on the

part of parents and adults in the home church. Members of a Woman's Missionary Society by taking an active interest in each volunteer for special service and by helping these volunteers to make plans to secure the necessary education, can render a real service to the individual, to the church, and to the cause of Christ at home and abroad.

Through volunteer service in Good Will Centers we can do a great deal to lead the underprivileged and the potential juvenile delinquents to find a better life after helping these young people to find Christ as Saviour. These centers provide constructive outlets for pent-up energy and opportunities for wholesome recreation.

One young woman, who with her husband hopes to serve in our medical mission program overseas, has expressed the feeling of many young people today when she says: "Ours has been a hard-luck generation—depression children, war when we were young, and now another facing us." With so many signs pointing toward another world war, the youth of today is often inclined toward an attitude of hopelessness. Young men of eighteen and nineteen cannot make plans for the future, with military service in the immediate offing.

Surely we in Woman's Missionary Societies must use the power of prayer at such a time as this. Perhaps we can do more for our young people through prayer than through any other means, and individuals and groups will want to give more time and thought to this.

Believing that Christ can break down all barriers of prejudice and hatred, what is our responsibility to our young people?

As parents, we can be willing for our sons and daughters to serve God in another land.

As church members we can promote and encourage youth activity within the church.

As Christians, we must utilize the power of prayer and live our faith joyously, for only as we ourselves love sincerely and give sacrificially can we inspire our young people!

Take time for personal self-examination and prayer during playing of hymn.

Visual Aids for April

by Mildred Williams

These films will help to show how God is working in the hearts of youth today, and some of the opportunities open for Christian service.

In the Circle of His Will—This pictures the call and preparation for missionary service of two students at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Twenty minutes; sound; color; rental, \$3.

Fujita—The story of a Japanese orphan who entered the gospel ministry. After much training, Fujita and his wife begin their work of teaching, preaching, and witnessing in a small village. Forty minutes; sound; color; rental, \$12.

Kenji Comes Home—A Japanese soldier returned home after the war to find his family and possessions destroyed. Through Christian friends, he is turned to Christian standards and values. Thirty-five minutes; sound; black and white; rental, \$9.

Beyond Our Own—After the death of his little child, a busy young lawyer discovers through the sacrificial service of his missionary brother—that in being a successful lawyer he had overlooked a personal stewardship of life and substance, and also had missed the spiritual and lasting values which are the foundation of a happy life. Forty minutes; sound; rental, \$10.

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OUR DAILY BREAD

by Mrs. B. A. Copass

Pray Life

*"Long may our land be bright
With freedom's holy light."*

1 Sunday *"The life is more than meat,
and the body is more than raiment"*—
Luke 12:23

Rev. and Mrs. Nelson Rodriguez, Melena del Sur, Rev. and Mrs. Juan Naranjo, Aguacate, Cuba, evangelism

2 Monday *"The gospel . . . is the power
of God . . . to every one that believeth"*
Romans 1:16

Rev. and Mrs. Tom Dean Gullatt, Tokyo, Japan, Miss Martha Morrison, Honolulu, Hawaii, educational evangelism

3 Tuesday *"The Lord is good to all: and
his tender mercies are over all his
works"*—Psalm 145:9

Pray for simultaneous revivals east of the Mississippi River, March 25 to April 8; Arkansas W.M.U. annual meeting at Little Rock, April 3-5

4 Wednesday *"The Lord is not slack
concerning his promises . . ."*—2 Peter
3:9

Rev. Nathan M. Carter, Selma, Alabama, Rev. T. Ewell Hopkins, Washington, D. C., educational evangelism among their own Negro race; Missouri W.M.U. annual meeting at Kansas City, April 4-6

5 Thursday *"He healeth the broken in
heart, and bindeth up their wounds"*—
Psalm 147:3

Miss Ruby Wheat, Haguio, Philippine Islands, medical evangelism, *Rev. and Mrs. Harold E. Hall, *Miss Emily K. Lansdell, China, educational evangelism

6 Friday *"He that toucheth you, toucheth the apple of his eye"*—Zechariah 2:8

Rev. and Mrs. Antonio Martinez, Cardenas, Rev. and Mrs. Cirilo Mogen, Matanzas, Cuba, evangelism

7 Saturday *"He only is my rock and my
salvation"*—Psalm 62:2

Mrs. A. B. Deter, emeritus, Rev. and Mrs. Paul C. Porter, Sumare, Brazil, educa-

tional evangelism; Nathan G. and Paul C. Porter, Margaret Fund students

8 Sunday *"Be content with such things
as ye have; for he hath said, I will never
leave thee, nor forsake thee"*—Hebrews
13:5

Rev. and Mrs. Albina G. Ortiz, Hondo, Rev. and Mrs. D. M. Regaldo, Rio Grande City, Texas, Mexican evangelism

9 Monday *"If any man suffer as a Chris-
tian, let him not be ashamed"*—1 Peter
4:16

Rev. and Mrs. J. A. Abernathy, Manila, Miss Margaret Collins, Dagupan, evangelism, Philippine Islands

10 Tuesday *"Give . . . thy servant an
understanding heart"*—1 Kings 3:9

Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Stein, Miss Amelia Rappold, Miss Mildred Womack, Good Will Centers, New Orleans, Louisiana

11 Wednesday *"Endure hardness, as a
good soldier of Jesus Christ"*—2 Tim-
othy 2:3

Miss Mildred Crabtree, Agbor, *Dr. and Mrs. J. C. Pool, educational evangelism, *Miss Ruth Kersey, Ogbomosh, Nigeria, medical evangelism

12 Thursday *"The Lord shall be thine
everlasting light . . . the days of thy
mourning shall be ended"*—Isaiah 60:20

Rev. and Mrs. Luis Flores, Belton, Texas, Rev. and Mrs. Juan Segura, Clovis, New Mexico, Mexican evangelism

13 Friday *"Let us consider one another
to provoke unto love and to good
works"*—Hebrews 10:24

*Rev. and Mrs. John Mein, Recife, Miss Bernice Neel, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, educational evangelism

14 Saturday *"Before I was afflicted I went
astray: But now have I kept thy word"*
—Psalm 119:67

Rev. and Mrs. A. Hernandez, Guara, Rev. and Mrs. Rafael Fragueta, Jr., San Jose de Guasimal, Cuba, evangelism

15 Sunday "Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord"—Psalm 150:6
Rev. and Mrs. J. I. Miller, Valparaiso, Dr. and Mrs. R. C. Moore, Santiago, Chile, educational evangelism; Ruth and Betty Moore, Margaret Fund students.

16 Monday "He keepeth the paths of judgment, and preserveth the way of his saints"—Proverbs 2:8
Rev. and Mrs. Marvin Sorrels, Sells, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Kelly, Prescott, Arizona, Indian evangelism

17 Tuesday "I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness"—Isaiah 41:10
Mr. and Mrs. William R. Davis, Miss Mary Virginia Hill, special appointees for Nigeria; Kentucky W.M.U. annual meeting at Harlan, April 17-19

18 Wednesday "For in him we live, and move, and have our being"—Acts 17:28
*Rev. and Mrs. S. L. Goldfinch, Asuncion, Paraguay, *Rev. and Mrs. R. L. Carlisle, Jr., Montevideo, Uruguay, evangelism

19 Thursday "Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer"—Romans 12:12
Dr. and Mrs. L. M. Bratcher, Rio de Janeiro, Rev. and Mrs. W. C. Harrison, Porto Alegre, Brazil, educational evangelism

20 Friday "Greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world"—1 John 4:4
*Miss Elizabeth Hale, Shanghai, educational evangelism, Miss Pearl Caldwell, emeritus, China

21 Saturday "So minister . . . as good stewards of the manifold grace of God"—1 Peter 4:10
*Rev. and Mrs. M. E. Brantley, Port Harcourt, educational evangelism, *Miss Ethel Harmon, Ibadan, Nigeria, evangelism

22 Sunday "Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up"—James 4:10
Pray for the continued promotion of Christian literature and libraries, and for the W.M.U. publications, ROYAL SERVICE, The Window of YWA, Ambassador Life, World Comrades

23 Monday "Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace"—Hebrews 4:16

*Dr. Jeanette E. Beall, Tsingtao, *Dr. and Mrs. J. N. Bryan, Kunshan, China, medical evangelism

24 Tuesday "Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss"—James 4:3
Mrs. J. H. Benson and Mrs. J. E. Davis, emeritus missionaries to Mexico; Mexico W.M.U. annual meeting at Mexico City the last week of April

25 Wednesday "Let your speech be always with grace"—Colossians 4:6
Dr. George W. Sadler, Foreign Mission Board secretary for Africa, Europe and the Near East; Dr. and Mrs. J. D. Belote, Hong Kong, evangelism.

26 Thursday "Be renewed in the spirit of your mind"—Ephesians 4:23
*Rev. and Mrs. G. A. Bowdler, Cipolletti, Argentina, evangelism, Rev. and Mrs. C. O. Gillis, El Paso, Texas, publication evangelism; Victor Bowdler, Margaret Fund student

27 Friday "Walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called"—Ephesians 4:1
*Miss Ruth Randall, Rio de Janeiro, *Miss Cathryn Lucille Smith, Recife, Brazil, educational evangelism

28 Saturday "The Lord is a God of knowledge, and by his actions are weighed"—1 Samuel 2:3
Rev. and Mrs. W. W. Simpson, Philadelphia, Mississippi, Indian evangelism; Herbert and Mary Ellen Simpson, Margaret Fund students

29 Sunday "Thou Lord, only makest me to dwell in safety"—Psalm 4:8
Miss Rosa Lee Franks, Good Will Center, Miami, Florida; Rev. and Mrs. V. T. Yearwood, Ancon, Canal Zone, evangelism; Vernon Yearwood, Margaret Fund student

30 Monday "Lord, lift thou up the light of thy countenance upon us"—Psalm 4:6
Miss Ruby Howse, Temuco, Chile, educational evangelism; Mrs. R. F. Elder, emeritus, Argentina

*missionary on furlough

Our World in Books

BY THELMA BROWN BURLAND

MISS WILLIE by Janice Holt Giles, Westminster, \$3.

"Don't look for too much, Mr. Pierce," Miss Willie said, wanting honestly that he should know she admitted of human frailty. "I'm afraid Mary has led you to think too highly of me. This will be a new experience, and I am very likely to make mistakes."

"Why, then," he said cordially, "ain't nobody but makes mistakes. More'n likely you'll make your share but the main thing yer is a good teacher, an' a good teacher is a good teacher anywhere yer put her. . . . I ain't so wearied about you makin' mistakes as I am you'll git so disgusted with us yer won't stay. If e'er anything comes up to weary you, jist holler, an I'll come arunnin'. Mary and me, we cooked up this scheme and we feel bonor bound to stand back of you—bein' you was good enough to come when we asked you."

So began the introductory conversation between the slender blue-eyed new teacher of Piney Ridge school, and the head trustee, a kindly 45-year-old widower.

Miss Willie's niece, Mary, was responsible for it all. Mary had married Hod Pierce, Will's young cousin, while he was a soldier stationed at El Paso where Mary lived with her middle-aged schoolteacher aunt. The city-reared girl had returned with her young farmer husband to his beloved Kentucky hills where she became deeply interested in her in-laws' way of life.

It had seemed impossible to keep a teacher because of the poor pay and the deplorable condition of the schoolhouse. Mary, with the official approval of Will's Pierce, had written Miss Willie and asked her to come to help

them. Her description of the needs of the children so touched Miss Willie's heart that she gave up her comfortable post in the city school and agreed to take the little country school position the next term.

She arrived in Piney Ridge several weeks before school opened to get acquainted, to prepare herself for this new experience, and to plan the improvements she realized were sorely needed.

But it wasn't so easy. She had reckoned that the people would want enlightenment, and not that they preferred life as "hit had allus been."

In school the children treated her with due respect, all except Rufe, Will's fourteen-year-old boy, who tried to make her life miserable from the start.

So Miss Willie made mistakes. And she did have to call on Will's Pierce who became her counselor and sympathetic friend.

How she gradually began to understand the Ridge people and to appreciate their values of life; how her friendship with Will's deepened into love; and how she finally overcame the antagonism of his son makes a charming story.

It is also a glimpse into the hill country told as realistically as was the author's earlier novel, THE ENDURING HILLS, in which Mary and Hod Pierce were the principal characters. More than that it proves that Willie Pierce was right, "A good teacher is a good teacher anywhere you put her," whether in El Paso, in Piney Ridge, or in charge of four motherless children in a Kentucky farm home.

Have We Forgotten Them?

Helpless and hungry the hope of thousands of tortured people lies in us. "One day you will find us dead in our houses when you come." That was one remark to a relief worker. And it will be true unless we send more food, more clothes.

Baptist World Alliance office at 1628 16th St., N. W., Washington 9, D. C., will receive money for CARE packages. Do not send clothes there. But send any amount of money and ask them to use it in the best way for the neediest people. It will go in their names.

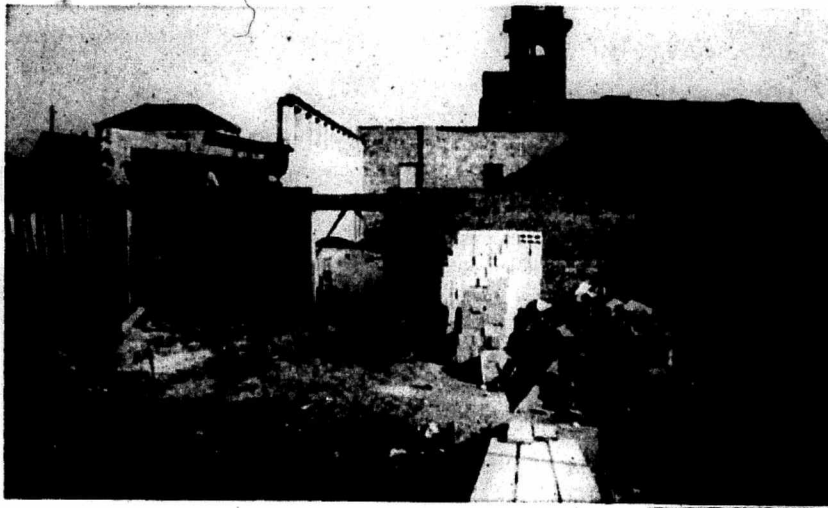
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