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## THE TIME DRAWS NEAR

by Mrs. George R. Martin

Again we are nearing the time when Woman's Missionary Union representatives will come together, in annual session, to pray, to study, and to formulate policies for action in our share of the work of the kingdom of God.

Southern Baptist women will be coming to San Francisco by bus and car, by train and plane. We will be coming from all types of missionary societies because of a real sense of our responsibility. We will be coming with a strong desire and expectation to discover new patterns for Baptist women in these moments of history. June 18 and 19 are the days. The opening session will be on Monday morning at 9:30, and the closing session will begin Tuesday evening at 7:30. All sessions will be held in the Exposition Auditorium. Our headquarters hotel, the Whitcomb, is just around the corner from the auditorium.

Our theme, "Righteousness—Peace," will help us to understand the contribution we can make in the Christian witness today. Can we believe God is Lord over all of life in a world as troubled as our own? How can we face the future without fear? These are questions we must ask together and for which we must find the Christian answer.

We must learn afresh ways by which we may more ably carry forward our commitments to serve Christ in every area of life and in every part of the world. We will come the light that this annual meeting experience will bring to us.

The days will be busy ones. There will be opportunities to meet new people as well as new ideas. The program is a full one, and we will be stimulated to make the most of all that is offered. Missionaries of the Home and Foreign Boards will speak. Foreign students will tell of their hopes and dreams. Mrs. Edgar Bates, of Canada, and Mrs. Townley Lord, of London, will bring messages. Other speakers will be Dr. Walter Pope Binns, Dr. W. A. Griswell, Dr. Alfred Carpenter and Dr. Townley Lord, president of the Baptist World Alliance.

The value of this meeting to each of us will not be measured by the number of sessions we attend, or the number of stimulating speakers we hear. It will be measured by our own growth as responsible individuals before God. Our Union needs women, who through vital experience have come to understand that faith and action are inseparable, and who are able to face the

unknown future with unshaken confidence in God.

Yes, the time draws near for our 1951 annual meeting. Our California friends tell us that suits and top coats will probably be comfortable on all occasions. You will remember to plan carefully and prayerfully as you make ready to come to the city by the Golden Gate, a city of grace, beauty and scenery unexcelled elsewhere in the world.

## CUBA'S

### Baptist Outreach

by Mildred Matthews

CUBA has well been called the Gateway of the Americas. Perhaps we could say "the Gateway of the World" because in Havana alone there are representatives of many nations and continents. One Sunday at the English-speaking service one of the missionaries counted the following countries represented in the congregation: United States, Panama, Jamaica, Costa Rica, Canada, Scotland, China and Armenia.

Many stories could be told of foreigners who have come to Cuba, found Christ, and returned or gone to another country to tell the story of his love. A Chinese family in Camajuani was converted and went back to China proving faithful witnesses in their native land. Our Spanish friend, Benito Mayobie, knew Christ in Cuba and was baptized by Dr. McCall. Back in Spain he has been preaching the gospel under great stress and strain, suffering many privations because he is a Christian.

There is the Armenian brother, Zenas Yeghoyan, who was also baptized in Havana by Dr. McCall and now preaches to Spanish-speaking people in Haiti. A Russian family heard the gospel here and were baptized. Now they are living in the United States where they are witnessing for Christ.

MIGUEL Angel del Real Rivera came to Cuba some years ago from Colombia, South America and was converted. He accepted Christ in the city of Cardenas and was baptized by the Baptist pastor there. After some time he returned to Colombia and began preaching Baptist doctrine in Santa Marta, Cartagena and Barranquilla. He carried with him the recommendations and best wishes of Dr. M. N. McCall and the



Mr. and Mrs. Hugo Ruiz of Barranquilla, Colombia, are students in Havana, Cuba

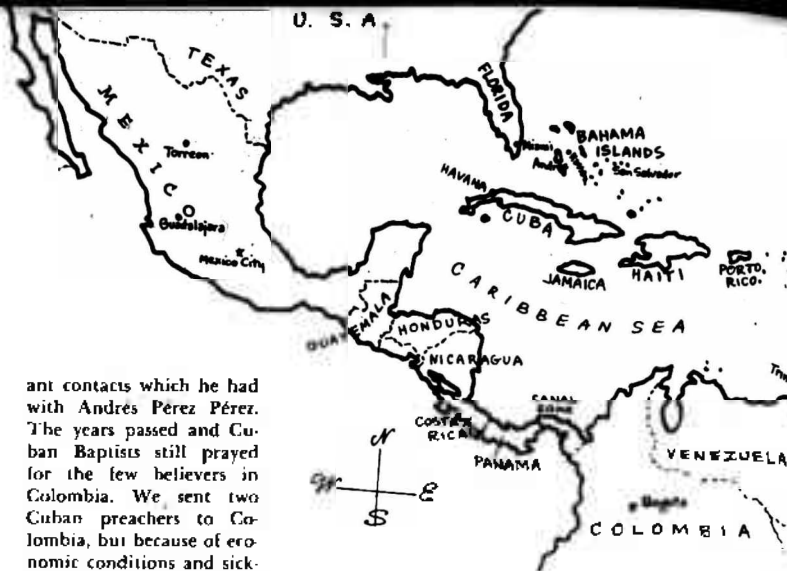
Cuban ministers whom he had known here. As time went on he had a nucleus of believers ready for baptism. In 1928 the Cuban Baptist Convention sent Dr. McCall to Colombia to visit Miguel Angel del Real and those whom he had won to Christ.

In the files of *La Voz Bautista*, the Cuban Baptist paper, there are many references to the work in Colombia and the names of some of the converts. There are letters from del Real and from members of his congregation. Some are personal letters to Dr. McCall which he shared with us and others are news notes written for our Baptist paper.

When del Real wrote to Dr. McCall about his trip to Colombia he told him that he would have to land at Barranquilla and that he would be met by Andres Perez Perez, one of the Christians there. Perez would accompany Dr. McCall to Santa Marta where del Real would be waiting for him.

Dr. McCall returned from the trip to Colombia full of enthusiasm because of the faith of the few Baptist believers there and because of their loyalty to Christ in the midst of Catholic persecution. While there he baptized several candidates whom del Real had prepared. Among them was Andres Perez Perez.

After that there are letters from Andres Perez written for *La Voz Bautista* giving information about the work there. Photographs were sent of the small group of Baptists and Andres Perez Perez was always in sight. Dr. McCall talked many times to Cuban congregations about his visit to Colombia and especially the pleas-



ant contacts which he had with Andrés Pérez Pérez. The years passed and Cuban Baptists still prayed for the few believers in Colombia. We sent two Cuban preachers to Colombia, but because of economic conditions and sickness in the family they returned to Cuba after a few years.

Then the believers in Colombia appealed to the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention asking that missionaries be sent them. You know the story of how the first Southern Baptist missionaries were met by a group of Colombian Baptists holding large placards with words of welcome. Among those who welcomed the American missionaries were the members of the Andrés Pérez family. The children had grown up and though there were no Baptist services held in Barranquilla where the family lived, they had had family worship in the home and had been taught Baptist principles. Stories of Dr. McCall from Cuba had been told many times in that home. The children did not remember his visit but they had heard about it so often that they almost felt they knew him.

The story of the rapid growth of the Baptist work in Colombia after our Southern Baptist missionaries went there reads almost like a romance. God has richly blessed their efforts there and we give him the glory and praise.

BY 1949, Dr. McCall had died and Dr. Herbert Caudill was superintendent of the work in Cuba. One day Dr. Everett Gill, Jr. called long distance from Richmond, Virginia to ask if we could admit four

Colombian students to our Seminary and Training School. The Foreign Mission Board would pay their expenses. Dr. Caudill told him that they would be admitted. It was an exciting day when we received word that they would arrive on the plane. We loved them on first sight and now they have so identified themselves with us that we are already beginning to realize how much we are going to miss them when they go back to work in their own country. They are Divina Pérez de Ruiz, wife of Hugo Ruiz, and Mr. Ruiz and two single women, Angela Oliveros and Amerla Jimenez. Divina had been here some weeks before we found out who she is.

One night when she began showing us her kodak pictures, it dawned on us that she is the daughter of Andrés Pérez Pérez who was baptized by Dr. McCall. She has told us about the times when her father visited the churches of other denominations in Barranquilla and returned home saying, "But that is not what I believe, I am a Baptist and I believe like they do." We have been greatly blessed because of our contact with these four Colombian students and we are thankful because we have known them. We are grateful for the Providence which has contributed to this relationship and which proves again that God works in a wondrous way.

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## OUR COVER THIS MONTH

Against a view of our W.M.U. Training School building we see the pictures of three principals. We are grateful for Mrs. Maud R. McLure, Mrs. Jane Cree Bose Anderson, Dr. Carrie U. Littlejohn. We meet also Miss Emily K. Lansdell, the incoming president. She will have an interest in our prayer as she steps into line in this great succession.

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# My Golden Opportunity

by Ruth Moore

**W**OULD you like to be one of those lucky few who have two countries, two citizenships, two languages, and who never decide exactly which country is "home"? Missionary sons and daughters belong to that group. I love both the United States of America and Chile—the one because it is the land of my parents, relatives, and many dear friends, the other because I was born and educated here.

One of the reasons I love both countries is that four of my brothers and sisters are in the States, and two of us are in Chile with Mother and Father. All six of us Moore children have been or are Margaret Fund students. Robert, the oldest, finished medical school at Tulane University, New Orleans, last June. He is doing his internship at the Naval Hospital in Pensacola, Florida. His wife, formerly Golda Jean Fielder, a missionary daughter from China and a former Margaret Fund student, is an eye specialist. When Bob finishes his internship they hope to serve as medical missionaries. Anita, my older sister, taught mathematics and chemistry in the Baptist school in Temuco until the Moore family moved to Santiago, and now she is teaching in the Methodist girls' school. Charles is back in the Navy and is stationed at Norfolk, Virginia. Betty and Albert are Margaret Fund students at Baylor.

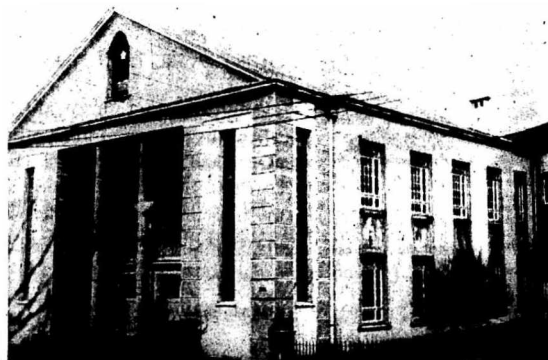
One of the biggest attractions Chile has for me is the work that Mother and Father have helped build and maintain. Father is a preacher and pastor primarily. He has helped build many Chilean churches, but he

served as pastor of the First Baptist Church at Temuco for seventeen years and left it with the largest membership and the most modern Baptist church in Chile at present. It is one of the few Baptist churches in South America with adequate and complete educational building.

Perhaps his most important work is the building up of the Publishing House and Baptist Book Store. Here in Santiago he will try to make his principal work, besides preaching, teaching in the seminary and helping with the building of several Baptist churches. Mother has been the editor of the W.M.U. magazine *La Ventana*, and later on of the Chilean *World Comrades, La Estrella*. One of our most precious heritages is the love and admiration the Chileans have for our parents.

**W**OULD you like to know why I decided to come back to Chile to study? When I was about thirteen years old, in a revival meeting at our Baptist School in Temuco, I dedicated my life to Christ. I wanted to be a doctor. I finished high school and passed the Chilean state examinations to enter the Chilean University. Then all of

*"Templo Evangelico Bautista" are the words over the entrance of our Baptist church in Temuco, Chile, which Dr. Moore helped build.*



Ruth Moore

especially helped, counseled and encouraged me and in every way tried to take the place of my own mother.

After graduating I was lucky enough to work on the staff at Ridgecrest. What a blessing was in that three months! I had been trying to enter a medical school in the States but in 1947 all schools gave G.I. preference. After much thought and prayer I decided to return to Chile to study medicine. My definite decision was made by the lake before one of the evening meditation services.

In February, 1948, I came to Chile; in March I started to medical school. The educational system here in Chile is quite different from that in the United States. On graduating from high school and passing the state examinations one immediately enters medical school. The course of study is of seven years' duration and one does active hospital work after the third year; that internship is part of the active course. The school year is from March to December and all final examinations are oral. The whole system is patterned after French universities rather than American. As I had studied most of the first year courses at Stetson (biology, chemistry and physics) they allowed me to enter the second year of medical school.

Student life here in the University of Chile is quite different from that in the States. There are 8,200 students in the University of Chile with 1,006 in the School of Medicine. For medicine there is a large proportion of girls, especially in the first classes, later on they drop out. For exam-

ple, in the first year there are about 120 students, thirty are girls. In my class, of the 140 students, there are twelve girls. About four girls graduate every year.

We have quite a few foreign students especially from Colombia, Ecuador, Venezuela, Peru and from Central American countries. We even have a couple of boys studying under the G.I. Bill of Rights. Some students are refugee doctors from European countries who have to study five or six years to validate their degrees and be able to practice here. Any doctors coming from the United States would have to repeat their studies here also. There are two other Baptist students studying medicine and we already have three graduates practicing in Santiago. There are also a number of nurses, both graduates and students who are Baptists and eager to serve where they are most needed.

Here there is no equivalent to the Liberal Arts course or any general course. One has to specialize immediately upon entering the University—in law, education,



*"Escuela de Medicina"—Medical School of the University of Chile burned in 1948, but is to be rebuilt on the same site*

music, etc. The Chilean student takes life much more seriously than the average American college boy or girl and there is a tremendous group unity of action. For example, if the majority should decide to go on strike, no one would dare go to classes. Even the teachers respect the decisions of the students. The class elects a spokesman who acts as class president and faculty and student body go-between. The students decide upon vacations, the date of examinations.

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First Sunday school in the seminary chapel was held the Sunday after dedication of the building. Now this seminary church is

## Radiating the Gospel

by Mrs. Herbert Caudill

WHEN our new seminary was built in one of the nicer suburbs of Havana and a new mission opened in the chapel of the building, we feared the hearts of our aristocratic neighbors would be as stony and thorn-choked as the hill on which we had built. Pastor Nemesio Garcia playfully remarked on the night of the dedication, "We are happy to have such a large crowd here tonight, with many of you peeping in trying to see us. But I am wondering, when we start regular services and seek to evangelize this section, if I won't be the one to do the peeping, from the inside out, to see if anybody is coming to church."

After three months of teaching, preaching and visitation, we find many minds groping for the truth, many hearts hungry for something better than they had known. Friendly neighbors are attending our services and rejoice daily because this building was put here at this time.

SILVIA Perez and her husband run a florist shop about five blocks from the seminary. Silvia used to live in Santiago de Cuba. One day she slipped on the street

and fell. A friendly man standing in the door of his home saw her, helped her to her feet, and insisted that she rest a few minutes in his living room. He was a Seventh-Day Adventist and spoke to her of the gospel. Seeing that she was interested he lent her his Bible. As she left she promised to read it. She liked it so well she bought one of her own, and continued to read it, although she never attended the services of any church. "I was converted solely by reading the Bible," she told me.

Years later she and her family moved to Havana and she began going to the Calvary Baptist Church. Everything she heard seemed to be in accord with what she had read in her Bible and she was baptized about two years ago. Later a sister followed her example. She tried to convince her husband and her other sister but was unsuccessful. Occasionally they accompanied her to church but remained indifferent to the gospel. They lived far from the church and it was hard to make the long trips and take part in the various activities.

But when the seminary was built a few

blocks from their home, she and her husband, her two sisters, and their families began attending services immediately. When the McCall Memorial Church was organized Silvia and Estela brought their letters from Calvary church. During a series of revival services Silvia's husband, son and youngest sister and her husband all accepted Christ as their Saviour. Her joy knew no bounds.

"I have been praying for my husband for ten years," she said. "At last my prayers have been answered. How thankful I am for this church!"

Silvia and her husband give out tracts and talk about the gospel to all who go to their shop to buy flowers.

"You are going to hurt your business if you keep on talking about your religion to everybody who comes here," said one friend.

"I'm not worried," she answered. "If we can't make a living selling flowers we'll sell tamales."

THE Ramos family is also thankful for the new church on Chapel Hill. Mr. Ramos remembers that when he was a boy his father taught for a short time in our Baptist day school in Havana. When he saw a sign go up across the street from his home which said, "Under construction for the Baptist Seminary" he was already favorably disposed toward the new group that was coming to live in his neighborhood. He was present for the very first service that was held in the new building and has hardly missed a service since.

"I like this religion," he told the missionaries that first night. "I hope I can get my wife to come, but I'm afraid I can't for she is a very devout Catholic." But he appeared with his wife the second night, and

before the week was over Mr. and Mrs. Ramos and their seventeen-year-old son accepted Christ. The son is an active member of the young people's class in Sunday school and sings tenor in the choir.

Mrs. Ramos is so happy with her new faith that she has invited everybody in the block to come. She talks boldly to all her friends and acquaintances of how she has given up her saints and of what peace and joy she has in her heart. "We are firmly convinced that it was God's plan that this work be started here at this time," is the opinion of the Ramos family.

ANOTHER example of the Lord's blessing is seen in the conversion of the architect who planned the seminary. This is not the first Baptist building Dr. Luis Dauval has built for our cause. He planned many of our churches and pastoriums as well as the repairs made on the Baptist Temple in Havana a number of years ago. He has known the gospel for years, but the decision came when the McCall church was organized out where he lives and he could attend services regularly. Surely God will use the life and (Please turn to page 30)



Above: Pastor Nemesio Garcia and family stand at entrance to McCall church



Left: Chapel of Baptist Seminary, Havana, Cuba, in which the McCall Baptist Church was organized, Dec. 16, 1950

# A Hopeless Case

by James D. Crane

Dr. J. D. Crane is president of our Mexican Baptist Theological Seminary in Torreon

I REFUSE to waste any more time trying to do anything with that drunken shoemaker," said the president of the Guadalajara W.M.S. "We have worked with him so long. At the beginning I had real hopes for him. For almost four months he attended our services regularly and didn't touch a drop. But for two years now, ever since that saloon-operating sister of his prevailed on him to take another drink, he has been a sot."

It must have been a discouraging prospect for soul-winning, all right, but the W.M.S. president was wrong. Today that very man, forty-nine years of age and father of seven children, with nine years of preaching experience behind him, is one of Mexico's best evangelistic preachers.

Lorenzo Guerra Valdes only had four years of schooling as a child. His family was poor, and he had to go to work early. Then came a stretch in the army, before he settled down to the trade of shoemaking in Guadalajara. He was a good craftsman and punctual in the discharge of his tasks, but he couldn't resist drink. For two weeks at a time he would be drunk. Often his wife would find him out cold in the gutter near one of the many neighborhood saloons. How she wished he would quit! But there certainly was no hope—at least none that she knew of.

But Mrs. Carmen Rosales did not feel that way about it. Mrs. Rosales is a poorly educated member of the Guadala-

jara First Baptist Church. She and her husband lived in the same *vecindad* (*vecindad*—a sort of compound housing usually as many as a dozen families) with the Guerra family. Every time she saw the shoemaker under the influence of liquor she would say, "Lorenzo, God is going to save you from drink. I'm praying for you every day."

At four o'clock one Sunday morning in 1942, after eight days of a terrible spree, Lorenzo stumbled into his little room and sprawled out on the floor "to sleep it off." At about six he awakened. As he groped about to find his bottle, his hand came to rest upon a tract. It was an anti-alcohol tract called "The Cup." Somebody from the church must have left it there in one of the many "useless" visits that had been made. Always a lover of reading, Mr.

Guerra began to look at the tract in the early morning light. It spoke of the degrading effects of alcohol, and as he read he saw depicted his own miserable condition.

Weeping, he cried, "Oh, God, I want to quit this terrible habit." Before he finished the tract, he dozed off to sleep again, but in about another hour he was awakened by loud knocks at the door. Mrs. Rosales, another lady from the church, and a student pastor's assistant had come to hold a morning prayer service with the Guerra family.

Although he was in no condition to receive company, Mr. Guerra

was too polite to refuse permission for the service. As the young student pastor read from the Word of God, Lorenzo Guerra cried out from the depths of his defeated heart the publican's prayer, and the great miracle happened again.

Those who had any doubts about Mr. Guerra's experience of grace soon had them all dispelled. Tobacco and alcohol went out to stay, and in their place came a passionate urge to preach.

Mrs. Guerra was still a Catholic; although glad that her husband had "quit his meanness," she had no intention of following him in his new religion. Much less did she intend to be a preacher's wife.

WHEN a year had passed and his wife still showed no evidence of changing her attitude, Bro. Guerra decided to wait no longer. The Quila Mission of the Guadalajara church was calling him to be their

pastor at a salary of fifty pesos a month (about six dollars) and board and room. Leaving instructions for the treasurer of the church to give the fifty pesos a month to his wife, Bro. Guerra left alone for his charge. For a year and a half he preached. Then his wife asked to be allowed to join him, and she has stayed by him ever since.

A pastorate of four and a half years followed in the city of Tepic, and then for three years he pastored the Guadalajara church, through which he himself had found the Lord. Last September, at the age of forty-eight, Bro. Lorenzo Guerra entered the Mexican Baptist Theological Seminary of Torreon. He hopes to be able to complete the three-year course in order to be a better preacher of the Word.

Are you discouraged in your efforts to win someone to the Lord? Remember Lorenzo Guerra and know that with God all things are possible.

## God Moves Among The Indians

by Rev. Ruben Rosales

THE denominations that are working in Guatemala consider the evangelization of the Indian their major problem. Their different modes of living and their different type of character make a barrier so that the work among them is relatively small.

Guatemala with her almost three million inhabitants, counts some 60 per cent of her population pure Indian while 30 per cent of the rest is mixed. That shows the predominance of the Indian people. There are many towns that are pure Indian without a single white. Many of these will not permit the entrance of a white man.

The Indians are pretty well scattered over Guatemala but the center of their population seems to be in the western part of the country. You can hardly divide them off into tribes as in the olden days before the conquest as now they are all submissive to the government of the country, even

though on rare occasions you will find a town living under the laws of their ancestors. There are five divisions by dialects.

The Indian cultivates the little plot of land that has been handed down for generations. He plants corn that is his particular kind and uses his own way of tilling. Corn, cocoa, sugar cane and maguey form the main diet. Indians cultivate their cotton, then spin it into thread. They weave their cloth and make their own clothes. The cloth is dyed with dye made from herbs. They alone make it and refuse to give their formula outside their group. They make very beautiful clothes which cost from \$70 to \$75 (American money) a costume. They make their own grinders for the corn from volcanic rock. They make their own dishes out of clay, and have their own type of doctors and remedies.

The Catholic church found the Indian to be a wonderful soil in which they could plant their seeds of idolatry and superstition. Now it has lamented many times the

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Lorenzo Guerra of Torreon



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Brother Rosales who wrote this article, really knows the Indian as he himself has spent and is spending much time in the work among that people.



## With A Roving Camera ON THE ISTHMUS

by Mildred Wilkins Causey

AS I think of you women of W.M.U. back in the states and of the pictures I want to show you, I long for "the eyes of the world."

Never shall I forget my first trip to Panama City. I walked down the narrow streets filled with women seated on chairs and boxes—young and old women whose faces and eyes spoke the emptiness of their souls. I felt that I could not go home and sleep in peace, knowing that a few miles away there were so many thousands of women whose lives were without hope, spent in sitting on the streets selling lottery tickets, or worse, selling themselves. I went into the crowded shops and saw the men as they dickered and bargained to make the most of a sale. Some served liquors to their "patrons of long standing." Their lives were empty too, without Christ, without any semblance of religion except for the crosses hanging around their necks. They fondle these and hope by feeling the metal to gain some help for life's problems.

But those who sat on the streets, clerked in the shops, stood in the dives behind swinging doors were not the only ones whose faces burned themselves upon my very soul. Those who made me hang my head were the American people there—people from Christian United States who keep the sellers sitting there because they buy the lottery tickets—people from the United States who keep the doors to the dives and saloons swinging back and forth because they patronize them—men from the United States who let that dark-eyed girl lead them up to her place of business. Do these cause our Saviour more grief than those who have not heard the blessed news of Jesus Christ?

NOW let me shift the eyes of my camera from Panama City to Chorrera, a town of over twenty thousand people back in the interior. There in thatched huts and in more pretentious houses live hundreds of

people without Christ. As you drive through the one long street, you see the various shops and stores—meat hangs in the open in butcher shops and huge loaves of bread and big yellow cookies are uncovered in the bakery shops.

Little boys run up and down the streets selling what looks like fried pies and some thing else cooked in corn shucks.

Nearly at the end of this one long street of Chorrera is a building which makes my heart swell with pride. It is our Baptist Mission building. It is home to Southern Baptist missionaries in this area, Mr. Eugene Wolfe and his family. It is the building for our Baptist services, Sunday school and preaching service, Training Union, and prayer meeting during the week. As I visited Mr. and Mrs. Wolfe, and their two precious little boys, I realized more than ever that one who leaves home and friends and brings his loved ones to a strange, foreign place surely has some of that love in his heart which made our Saviour leave the glories of Heaven and come to earth for you and me.

SHALL we move our camera again and focus it on the Panama Canal Zone and on the typical Canal Zone village in which we live, Cocoli? Here live people who have either come to work for the United States Government or who serve in the armed forces of the United States. In Cocoli there are four churches: Episcopal, Catholic, Union, and our Cocoli Baptist Church. This is to us the brightest spot, the shining star on the Isthmus. It is a thoroughly Southern Baptist church, contributing to the Cooperative Program, having every service and organization that any of the churches in the Southern Baptist Convention have. But a very small per cent of the population of our community goes to any church. It seems that the people who come to the Zone feel that they have said "Good-by" to God.

With shame I say these American people are the greatest hindrance to the Lord's work on the Isthmus. They crowd the beaches on Sunday, covering the sands with beer cans. They keep the bingo games going and keep up the houses of ill-repute.

They fill the saloons and keep the lotteries going. The fields here are truly ripe unto the harvest but the laborers are too few and are blocked in their efforts to gather in the sheaves by pleasure seekers who are blind to their own needs and the needs of those about them, deaf to our Saviour's voice as he says, "Go ye and teach all nations."

BUT let us turn the eyes of our roving camera to a scene that will gladden the hearts of every Southern Baptist. Look at the ten Southern Baptist churches on the Isthmus—three American, four Negro, and three Spanish churches—all under the auspices of the Southern Baptist Convention. Along with these we see also our mission fields at Las Tablas, Chorrera, and

Panama City. Rev. Paul C. Bell is head of the Southern Baptist work here on the Isthmus and his co-workers are: Rev. Gomez, Rev. José Prado, Rev. Eugene Wolfe, and Rev. Fred Jones who is in charge of the West Indian work.

Will you not keep these workers in your prayers? Pray daily that we who are here on the Isthmus in any capacity and who know Jesus as the Saviour of the world, will be faithful witnesses to this knowledge, filled with God's very own love for his creatures who know him not.

● Mrs. Mildred Wilkins Causey is from First Baptist Church, Jackson, Mississippi. She had been a Sunbeam Band leader there and within a month after her arrival in Panama, organized a Sunbeam Band in Cocoli.

## GOD MOVES AMONG THE INDIANS... (Continued from page 9)

ideas implanted in the Indian. There are towns of Indians that worship the devil in the form of Judas Iscariot, and they have become fanatics in the matter of worship. There is not a day in the calendar that the Indian does not have some kind of religious celebration. All of these celebrations are accompanied with drink, dance and music.

The majority of the Indians are uneducated, unable to read or write. They are enemies of the gospel and easy armament for the Catholics. Nevertheless, the Indian is a slave of the Catholic church. The ruins in Antigua today are evidence of thousands of Indian slaves who suffered martyrdom in a faith that valued nothing.

It is not easy to do evangelistic work among them. The Indian hates the white man and shows his hate by being very mean and bothersome and many times by demonstrating a superior air. In their homes they are the rulers. They do not trust anybody. When anyone comes into their homes they force their customs upon them and if they do not follow their customs they are put out and never re-enter there again. They are a very unhygienic people.

The Central American Mission, an inter-denominational group of evangelical workers decided that the way to win the

Indian was to establish a school to prepare the Indians themselves to work among their own race. They are realizing a good work.

Southern Baptists have two churches among the Indians; one pastored by an Indian. One of the biggest difficulties in advancing more among the Indian is the lack of workers. This young man who is pastoring the largest Indian church we as Baptists have speaks three of the dialects. His parents are Quiche; he lived the larger part of his childhood among the Zuhrie, and was educated among the Cakchiquel. This fine young man has never been ashamed of being an Indian but feels a great interest for his people. He is doing a wonderful work.

Our other Indian church is pastored by a white man, but there are ever many problems to be faced because of the difference in the Indian and the white man.

The gospel has reached into the hearts of many of these Indians in spite of their ideas and ways, but there is much to be done. Laborers are few among these people, but we give thanks for the Guatemalan Bible School whose doors are opened to the Indian as well as the white Guatemalan. Pray that the Lord shall raise up Indian men and women to work among their own race and to give the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

## Valiant Leaders

In the forty-four years of its life, the W.M.U. Training School has had three valiant principals. Mrs. Maud Reynolds McLure went to the infant school in 1907 and set the pattern for its service.

Her selfless devotion to Christ, her cultivated abilities, her traditional southern culture molded a spirit of scholarship and sacrifice which can never be lost.

When Mrs. McLure resigned in 1923, Miss Carrie U. Littlejohn was Director for the Practical Missions Department including the Good Will Center. She was asked to serve as acting principal until in 1925 when Mrs. Janie Cree Bose was elected as principal. For five years Mrs. Bose carried the burden of responsibility with faith and prayer. During this time Miss Littlejohn superintended the erection of a new Good Will Center building and enlarged the scope of the practical activities and field work of the student body.

In 1930 Miss Littlejohn became the third principal of the W.M.U. Training School. She has served with distinction, teaching when necessary, directing the life of the school, advising students with unusual skill. In these years the school's courses were adjusted and degrees were changed to Bachelor of Religious Education and Master of Religious Education. The school was moved from downtown Louisville to a new building on a campus adjacent to the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Miss Littlejohn guided the institution through the lean depression years and the leaping years of rapid growth which brought the largest graduating class in the history of the school in 1948. Meanwhile, the number on the faculty and staff have been increased also.

When the resignation of Dr. Littlejohn as President of the school (the title was changed in 1948) was presented no one wished to make the motion for its acceptance even "with regret." But when a leader of stalwart Christian experience had arrived at such a decision, there was no other course for the Board of Trustees to follow.

Miss Emily K. Lansdell of Georgia will

## W.M.U. Training School IN LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY

be the fourth head of the W.M.U. Training School. Well-equipped by training, endowed by nature and with evident consecration we welcome her from China's mission field to this rich heritage of leadership.

### Training School Graduates, 1951

Mrs. George R. Martin, president of Woman's Missionary Union and chairman of the School's Board of Trustees, delivered the address at the 44th Commencement on Thursday evening, May 3. These are the names of the graduates:

#### MASTER OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Mary Ellen Anderson, Florida  
Mildred Lee Arnold, Missouri  
Anna Carrie Ashbey, Louisiana  
Hannah Lee Barlow, Virginia  
Jessie Pauline Beasley, Mississippi  
Allene Neely Bennett, South Carolina  
Sarah Elizabeth Bennett, Virginia  
Eugenia Sue Carr, Kentucky  
Barbara Horne Cheshire, Florida  
Mary Emma Copeland, Virginia  
Phoebe Irene Covington, North Carolina  
Violet Vilinder Cruse, North Carolina  
Mary Gardner Cullom, Mississippi  
Sarah Laing Davidson, Georgia  
Sarah Frances Diaz, Florida  
Addie Lucille Forman, Missouri  
Kary Ruth Grayson, North Carolina  
Peggy Ott Hackler, Virginia  
Martha Elizabeth Hamilton, Mississippi  
Margaret Elizabeth Harbin, South Carolina  
Harriet Grace Hill, Missouri  
Miriam Hollis, Mississippi  
Mary Elizabeth Howard, Kentucky  
Johnni Johnson, Kentucky  
Joyce Culberson Jones, Kentucky  
Thalia Celeste Lifsey, Georgia  
Carolyn Meador, South Carolina  
Emma Ruth Miller, North Carolina  
Mary Hazel Ford Moon, Alabama  
Mary Johnson Nanne, South Carolina  
Elizabeth Newman, South Carolina  
Ernestine Norton, Alabama

Ruth Judy Oley, Kentucky  
Tula Robinson, Alabama  
Deron Smith, Georgia  
Lois Anne Smith, Virginia  
Madge Cecile Sterling, Florida  
Reve Stewart, Mississippi  
Virginia Katherine Terry, Tennessee  
Margaret Ellen Beasley Thomson, Illinois  
E. Layne Trickey, Missouri  
Caroline Phillips Verdery, Georgia  
Helen Louise Waddell, Maryland  
Jean Graham Wells, South Carolina  
Grace Wright Withers, Georgia  
Zella Dew Woody, North Carolina  
May Yang, China

#### BACHELOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Gladys Fae Bayles, Louisiana  
Winnie Elizabeth Brandenburg, Kentucky  
Sophia Carbray, Illinois  
Martha Aleta Faile, North Carolina  
Edna Upham Hadley, Canada  
Thelma V. Highsmith, South Carolina  
Bessie Mae Ice, Illinois  
Betty Frink Mills, Florida  
Dorothy Esther Swann, North Carolina

#### CERTIFICATES

Viola Fowler Crismon, Missouri  
Daisy Hicks Jester, Kentucky

## Is this your question?

by Mrs. Charles Griffin  
Arizona W.M.U.  
Executive Secretary

Where can a new president find an outline to follow every month for the business period of her society meeting, also some simple parliamentary rules?

On pages 94-95 of our 1951 Year Book you will find just what you need. Order of Business is outlined there. Pages 96-98 give help on parliamentary procedure. It would be wise for the society to secure a copy of *Robert's Rules of Order*, revised. This book can be kept for each succeeding president to read and study. Never feel that because there are only a few present you can conduct the Master's work carelessly. It is of great benefit to new presidents to write out each month all you plan to say or project to your society.

How can a member learn about tithing in a missionary society?

Tithing is a part of stewardship. The stewardship chairman should have a few minutes at each of the monthly meetings to present her work. She will help promote the study of stewardship books. Through posters, playlets, the testimonies of faithful tithers, reading tracts on stewardship and the Stewardship Covenant cards, all of the W.M.S. will learn something of tithing. Circle chairmen may use for devotionals "We Have A Treasure,"

price 10¢ from Woman's Missionary Union, 1111 Comer Building, Birmingham 3, Alabama. Order free material from your state W.M.U. office.

How can we promote a Negro vacation Bible school in our community?

Talk with the pastor of the Negro Baptist church, leave a copy of *The Vacation Bible School Guide* with him for his study. Get his consent and endorsement and his pledge to co-operate with your committee. The preacher's wife may also be of great help in selecting helpers. Invite the Negro group to meet with your workers for their training. Help them get all supplies such as notebooks and handwork materials. Send them the textbooks from your church. Lead them to do the preparation for their school and to conduct the opening and class periods. Help, but be sure it is their school.

Whose duty is it to find the counselors for the young people's organizations?

The nominating committee of the W.M.U. does this in conference with the young people's director. The committee continues to serve until all counselors are secured. When a counselor resigns the committee should be called in to find her successor.





## Now We Are In Manila

by Mrs. John Abernathy

We still long for the day when we can return to Korea, and fellowship with those who continue to suffer. Our sympathy is with the dear ones who risk gunfire as they give way to pangs of hunger. I still remember dear old "Auntie Chang" saying, "Yes, we know that chaff is not nourishing; but it can be eaten and fools your tummy." That is, it is better to be filled with chaff than to try to endure real hunger with an empty stomach.

A Baptist chaplain has offered to handle money for Korean Baptist Relief, so \$1,000 is being sent to our personal helpers, Rev. and Mrs. David Ahn. If they are able to give this out, more is to follow. . . . News has just come from Rev. and Mrs. Ahn that they are again refugees in Pusan. They share a room with another refugee family. He writes, "Unfortunately we lost your car December 8. After we arrived in Pusan (January 3) we found that Solomon's friend caught the car and left it in Tongnae. The car is damaged every part of the outside and has lost radio and keys. It is impossible to run it at present. We know that you pray for our son Solomon and thank you very much. He left Seoul for Pusan on December 16 with the U. S. Army, and left Pusan for the front on December 28 with an American officer."

The progress of our Chinese Mission here in Manila has not been phenomenal, but our congregation is growing all the time. We are very conscious of the fact that our "adversary the devil, walketh about." We request that you join us and "resist steadfast in the faith." We are often perplexed, but not in despair. "He that believeth on him shall not be confounded." We have enough precious experiences to more than offset that which would discourage. The joy of seeing these babes in Christ develop into fruit-bearing Christians

is not the least of these blessings.

A few weeks ago our Chinese preacher, Mr. Hsu, took Genesis 7 as his Scripture lesson. He then picked up the Sunday edition of the *Chinese Daily Newspaper* and went through the headlines, paralleling the present with Noah's time. We do not show improvement over that age. Luke 21:25-36 seems to have had 1951 in mind. There were suicides, murder, hatred, vice, lying, stealing, trucebreakers, false accusers, high mindedness, etc., etc., all in the same issue. Mr. Hsu was then able to show that Jesus is the only ark of safety. As soon as the invitation was given, urging that "Now is the day of salvation," two fine-looking young men fairly bounced to their feet. I have not seen brighter faces in this land. The young Chinese teacher who brought them is a new convert himself, and had seemed especially blessed all through the service. I believe he had the assurance in his own heart that they would turn to Jesus as Saviour that very night.

Some women are desirous of a Bible class, so we meet at the chapel each Tuesday morning. Pray especially for the Mrs. Chong who is grieved over the state of her own family. When we were reading, "Turn thee unto me, and have mercy upon me for I am desolate" . . . she interrupted with, "That passage means me." Her husband is Buddhist and refuses to be exposed to the gospel. Another, Mrs. Tong, is convinced, but her husband says, "Yes, we will become disciples of Jesus, but we must wait until the situation clears up. Then we will return to China and do the Buddhist burial rights for my parents first."

The devil thinks of so many ways to hinder people. One of his favorites is to suggest that the day be put off until an indefinite future. Please remember to keep these requests on your prayer list.

## Greetings from Lebanon

by Mrs. J. T. McRae

One of the most frustrating things I know is to live on a mission field in the midst of so much story and picture material and have not a minute for writing. This summer our language classes will be cut in half, so maybe I will get a bit of time then.

It has seemed best for me to take all the classes along with Ruth Swann and my husband. That means that I have to nurse the baby during one of the classes! We have a lovely Arab girl from one of the mountain villages living here with us during the weekdays. She takes good care of Robert and David.

You, now of course that the Browns and the Callaways are being transferred to Trans-Jordan to the hospital at Ajlun. So we have no one at all for Arabia now. We three missionaries feel that we will eventually get there. Surely there is a way!

We are all well and comfortable. The children have adjusted surprisingly well. Robert is seven months old and is a handsome, chubby fellow. David, who goes to kindergarten in the afternoons, wears his dress without protest! All the little boys here wear a long, full apron with long puffed sleeves and an emblem embroidered on the front. David is the only American in the school and the only one in his class who speaks English. He is learning Arabic fast! Jimmy is in the first grade in the school at the university—expensive, but they speak English!

## Our Work In Panama

from Mrs. Eugene Wolfe

After many months of planning, longing and traveling, we are in Chorrera, Republic of Panama, working with Mr. and Mrs. Paul C. Bell under the Home Mission Board.

From our tile porch, we look at the life of this village of twenty thousand. Every morning and evening several hundred children and young people go by to school, a mission field in itself. Fishermen with shrill whistles call attention to their attractive and sometimes unattractive wares. Barefooted peasants plod along with huge baskets of rice much as they have for centuries, in striking contrast to the smaller wealthy class who whiz past in late model cars.

Occasionally the firemen's band comes by practicing for the next national holiday and parade. Parades delight the heart of these Latin Americans, as well as our two little boys. Sometimes we glimpse a small

group of men and boys carrying a coffin toward the cemetery. It is not the custom for women to go to a burial.

Underneath the apparent gaiety we see a sinful and godless life. We have been told that there are over forty cantinas, or saloons, in the city limits. No wonder many nights are filled with drunken cries and fights. During the war, a camp of American soldiers was located nearby. As a result, there is an unusually large number of light-haired children. Is all this not a challenge to the one Baptist church and two missionaries?

Our trip from the states was interesting, even if a little tiring with two lively youngsters bouncing around on trains, hotels, busses and planes. We had to wait a week in New Orleans for permission to enter Panama. Then we boarded the four-motored plane and in eight hours found ourselves at Tocumen, the airport near Balboa. Mr. and Mrs. Bell met us and took us into their home for five days until our home was ready for us.

As our personal baggage was all we could bring with us on the plane, our household equipment arrived by boat, two months later. Again the Bells and friends in the Canal Zone generously furnished us with the necessary knives and forks, sheets, pots and pans, and so on.

On a rainy Saturday afternoon we moved into our home in Chorrera, twenty-five miles from the Canal Zone. We were thrilled to find the group of Christians that the Lord has called out from among these people. Several are ready for baptism as soon as the rainy season is over, and several professions of faith have been made in the weeks we have been here.

Our people are a mixture of several races. Indian, Negro, Spanish and Chinese blood are intermingled freely in this Central American country. The outcome is a society based on culture and success rather than on color.

Our boys, six-year-old Johnny and three-year-old Tommy, are picking up Spanish words daily. They delight in playing with their new friends even if they can't talk as freely as they would like. They help us to get acquainted with many mothers and fathers.

We are content here in Christ's service.



## "Hi, Miss Jenny"

by Mrs. Douglas Harris

"Hi, Miss Jenny!" shrilled the happy voice of a little girl calling from a passing automobile. I was hurrying down the walk to overtake "Miss Jenny." I was back in the home town for a few days and felt I must talk to this friend before leaving. Mrs. R. L. Howard to some people, she is "our Miss Jenny" to her boys and girls of all ages. Until recently this favorite of so many was Sunbeam Band counselor as she had been for thirty-five years altogether. She had resigned as superintendent of the Junior department in Sunday school after twenty-five years of service there.

We walked on together to her home where we talked for a long time. As one who had been influenced by her personality and teaching, I wanted to visit with her again, hear her talk and ask some questions. At the age of four years Miss Jenny suffered lead poisoning which paralyzed her left leg. She refused to spend her life on crutches and with the determination of a strong character walked again. Through the years Miss Jenny has been a familiar figure in the church and town, walking with a decided limp but without crutches. She married, reared her family, and made her entire life one of service for the Master. The qualities of character that almost listed themselves in my mind as we talked are faith and courage, purpose of living, keen sense of humor. One statement she made sums up her philosophy: "There is no place for moroseness in the life of a Christian." Her favorite passage of Scripture is the third chapter of John. This is not surprising because while working with the boys and girls it was her primary source in making clear to them God's way of life.

People in whose early spiritual development Miss Jenny had a big part, are now scattered in various places. Among them are college professors, preachers, teachers, preachers' wives, full-time religious workers and faithful men and women in our churches. Many of them are individuals

with a missionary vision directly traceable to their Sunbeam days.

When we consider such a life as this one we take courage. The time we spend in working with children in their different church organizations will bear fruit in their lives and our own characters will be enriched. Our biggest opportunity for service lies in the life of the child. Are we grasping this wonderful privilege?

## For The Sand Pile Set

Most little girls like playhouses and if daddy will serve as the main carpenter the family can build one. Both boys and girls will enjoy using it. The playhouse can be simple or as elaborate as the family and the workers involved feel they can afford in material and labor. If furniture is a problem, the now experienced builders can get boxes, nail kegs, and other objects that lend themselves to the project and make whatever furnishings are necessary. It is likely that free assistance and advice will be easy to get from the neighborhood children and adults who will be drawn to the scene of activity.



Topic: "Come ye yourselves apart"

Scripture reading: Mark 6:29-32

Talk about values of summer camps. Invite women who have attended W.M.U. Conference at Ridgecrest or similar gatherings to tell of their benefit to mind and spirit. See announcements

## "I Do . . ."

by Margaret Bruce

"Do you take this man to be your lawful wedded husband?" and she replied, "I do."

The Young Woman's Auxiliary in her church had given her the beautiful white Bible which she carried. She looked lovely and the wedding was just perfect.

The Bible had been presented to her in a most impressive manner. The president of the Y.W.A. had ordered the "Ceremony for the presentation of a gift Bible" from the state W.M.U. office.

The service had been carefully planned and the bride-to-be had been greatly affected by the words of her Y.W.A. counselor and her pastor. She had been reminded of the responsibility of establishing a new home and the prospect of becoming a mother.

In her heart she yearned to have a truly Christian home and to lead her children into paths of righteousness. As the Bible was presented she thought, "I do want to establish a family altar in my home . . . I do want God's Word to be 'a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.'"

You may have the joy of assisting in one of the services mentioned above. You may encourage young women to establish a family altar in their homes by helping arrange a Gift Bible Presentation.

June is not only the month for brides but it is the month for camps. I hope that you are saying, "I do want my daughter to go to camp." "I expect to send an R.A. who could not go without my help."

Baptist young people have been greatly influenced by Woman's Missionary Union camps. The opportunities provided for hearing missionary messages, for studying mission books, for work on ranks and forward steps help the young people to be more interested in their world and its need for the gospel. The handcraft periods, the hikes, the swimming and all of the recreational activities make camp most attractive to boys and girls. During these camps, decisions have been made to accept Christ as personal Saviour and to dedicate lives to his cause.

June is usually Ridgecrest Y.W.A. Camp month. Because of the annual meeting of Woman's Missionary Union in California, the camp date for this year has been changed to July 5-11. There may be some young women in your church who need to be encouraged to go. Others may want to go but need financial assistance.

Do your best to give the young people in your home and your church a G.A., R.A., or Y.W.A. camp experience.

W.M.U. Conference, Aug. 9-15, 1951 on Royal Service back cover. Discuss Southern Baptist Assemblies, from June of The Commission, and notice announcement of Foreign Mission Week, Aug. 28, 1951.

from Southern Baptist Home Missions June, retell "Home Missions at Ridgecrest and Glorieta."

Order through your Baptist Book Store illustrated booklet "The Story of Ridgecrest" by Dr. Hight C. Moore, price 40c. It tells about the beginnings and development of Baptist Assembly. Or borrow from

your pastor the 1950 Southern Baptist Convention Annual and see page 232.

Make plans for sending your president to W.M.U. Conference this summer, and for others to accompany her.

Talk about state camps for young people and plan to send R.A.'s and G.A.'s to them and Y.W.A.'s to Y.W.A. Camp at Ridgecrest, July 5-11, and to their state camp.

Leave ample time for your Community Missions Chairman to bring a message from the booklet "To See and To Serve" and to plan with the circle for community mission activities.

# Community Missions Chairmen

## Community Missions Chairmen

Have you ever been a member of a committee that never met? Have you ever felt you were put on a committee just because everybody is supposed to serve on one? Have you ever been on a committee where the members thought the chairman was supposed to do everything? Or have you had the wonderful experience of serving on a really effective committee where everyone took her responsibility seriously and shared in all the planning and work assigned to that group?

Now you are chairman of the community missions committee, and you know you cannot do the job alone. Is your committee all that you want it to be? Do the members come? Are they interested? Do they accept their responsibility? Here are a few pointers that will help you to have more successful committee meetings:

1. Set a date and well in advance notify all the members of the time and place.
2. Ask members with cars to go by for those who have no way to get to the meeting.
3. Be sure that every member understands the purpose and work of the committee. Provide each member with copies of the community missions leaflets and the booklet *To See and to Serve* (price 10¢). Study together *The Guide for Community Missions* (price 25¢).
4. Assign responsibility to each member
  - (1) In finding out the needs of the community
  - (2) In studying some particular phase of community missions
  - (3) In suggesting activities
  - (4) In helping direct the women and young people in the community missions activities
  - (5) In reporting monthly for a circle or certain individuals

5. Begin promptly and hold the meeting to a reasonable length. Do not let it drag on. After all, the committee will meet again soon.
6. Guide the discussion, getting participation from every member. In addition to getting their reports, ask for their ideas on future plans. Do not let the members become just "rubber stamps" for your own ideas. If you have assigned responsibilities, they will be ready to take part in the planning.
7. Get something definite done at each meeting. Summarize your decisions and plans so that the members leave feeling they have accomplished something.
8. Be sure each member understands her part in the follow-up work of leading the women and young people to carry out the planned community missions activities.

Through effective committee work, you will be able to enlist more and more of your women and young people in missionary activities in your community.

—Edith Stokely

## Stewardship Chairmen

If your missionary society is a small one and has not yet been divided into circles, these suggestions are especially for you. You do not have circle stewardship chairmen to serve with you as a committee and perhaps if your members are very few, you cannot have a committee at all. But that does not mean that you cannot carry out all of the W.M.U. stewardship plans.

Since the membership is small, it will be easy for you to keep a roll of tithers, adding to the list as new tithers sign the stewardship covenant card. You will be alert in finding opportunities for teaching stewardship, using Scripture passages, stories, quotations, personal testimonies, posters. In

small groups open discussion is helpful. Lead your women to talk about such topics as "How women can tithe?" "Is our church giving through the Cooperative Program as much as it should?"

Summer is a good time for stewardship study classes. If your women live near each other in a village or city community, they will enjoy gathering for an hour each morning for a week on somebody's porch to study "Stewardship in the Life of Women," price 75¢. If you are in a widely scattered country community, an all day class with a picnic lunch may be better in that case. "Partnership With Christ," price 40¢, would be a good book to study. Order these books from your Baptist Book Store.

Have you ordered free stewardship literature from the W.M.U. office in your state? It's there for you to ask for. Then there is a packet of literature which can be ordered from W.M.U., 1111 Comer Building, Birmingham 3, Alabama, for fifteen cents.

Remember free material from state office, priced packet from Birmingham. Remember that your duties include promotion of the stewardship education plans for young people. If you have no young people's organizations, be a good steward of your opportunity and see that your missionary society gets busy and organizes them. Small societies can do anything that large ones do and often in even a better way.—Mrs. C. D. Creasman

## Mission Study Chairmen

Have you ever had a midmorning or late afternoon class on a cool porch or shady lawn?

"Europe—Whither Bound?" (price 85¢) tells of Southern Baptist missionary work in Europe especially in Italy, Spain, Hungary and Yugoslavia. You could not get travel permits actually to enter some of these countries but you can go in via book trail.

Or visit a home field or another far-away place, or consider a topic like stewardship, or prayer. See *The World in Books* (free from the state W.M.U. office or Baptist Book Store).

Perhaps you will emphasize Missionary Round Tables during the summer months! See references in your 1951 WMU Year Book. Make the summer months count for mission study and mission reading.

## Business Woman's Circle EXCHANGE

### Oklahoma

The two day circles of the W.M.S. at Snyder, Oklahoma gave a banquet at the First Baptist Church to enlist and organize a BWC. Twelve local business women were present.

The BWC of Frederick, Oklahoma was invited to come and present a program, which was a lecture and display of objects from Japan by one of their members who had just returned from Japan. Then Martha Ellis, field worker for Oklahoma W.M.U., helped the circle to organize with Mrs. J. Will Martin as circle chairman and Mrs. W. T. Coats, our pastor's wife, as adviser.

### Mississippi

Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union has elected another business woman as president. Mrs. Wilma B. Sledge, a business woman, resigned as president and Miss

Almarine Brown, outstanding in business in Jackson, was selected to succeed Mrs. Sledge. Miss Brown has served as chairman of Mississippi BWC Federation—good preparation for being an excellent president!

### North Carolina

Picture 550 BWC members at the first North Carolina statewide BWC banquet. It was held in Charlotte during W.M.U. annual meeting with Miss Alma Hunt as speaker. Worlds made significant decorations and favors.

### Louisiana

Rain in Louisiana did not prevent some 175 BWCers from filling their places at the annual state federation banquet held in Lake Charles. They heard Miss Alma Hunt, executive secretary of Woman's Missionary Union.

# It's Happening Now

BY MARJORIE MOORE ARMSTRONG

History shows there is no pay-as-you-go war. Current taxation may cover the cost of war preparations but not the aftermath.

The Civil War cost the Union four billion dollars; more than seven billions have been paid out to veterans and their dependents since then. The Spanish-American war cost a half billion; six times that much has been paid out in benefits. World War I cost around twenty-seven billions; the benefits and grants paid out during the thirty-two years since have now equalled that sum. World War II cost 351 billions; World War II veterans may, in the course of the century, receive close to a trillion dollars. How bankrupt can Uncle Sam get?

In memory of a missionary, the late Theodore D. Walser, of Japan, a peace library and an annual peace essay contest are being established in Japan by American and Japanese friends. The library will consist of books on peace and international affairs, available for lending. The essay topics for this year are "How Can Japan Maintain Peace?" and "Japan's Peace Problem from the Christian Standpoint." The prizes to the three winners will be tuition scholarships to the leading universities of Japan.

A million-dollar gift from the new Ford Foundation to the National Conference of Christians and Jews makes possible a permanent home for the brotherhood organization. It is next to the United Nations site on First Avenue in Manhattan, New York City.

Martin Niemoeller, best known Christian of Germany, speaking on the subject of America's remilitarizing his country, said the German people do not understand the term "rearmament for peace." To them, rearmament means war. Writes a World-

over Press correspondent from Berlin: "The hatred of the French for the Germans is probably the only thing that in the long run can keep Germany from being remilitarized. You can find people in Germany, therefore, who are seriously wondering how they can best work to keep that hatred alive."

America is beginning to notice Africa and Africans in today's world. Lincoln University at Oxford, Pa., and Northwestern University at Evanston, Ill., are soon to have an Institute of African Affairs each.

India's desperate food shortage this year, and America's abundance of surplus grain in government storehouses caused church people all over the country to write their congressmen and urge the shipment of food to India. The government of India asked for two million tons of food grains; while Indians starved for it, Congress debated whether to make an outright gift and be a good neighbor, or to use the food as a political tool and force Nehru to accept terms.

The release of Dr. Gordon Seagrave, "Burma Surgeon" and Baptist missionary, by an appeal court, after he had been sentenced by a lower court to six years in prison, gives the world new faith in Burmese justice. "In gratitude for the services he had rendered Burma," his sentence on a charge of aiding rebels was reduced to the length of time he had already spent in jail. Dr. Seagrave went back to his hospital and his patients.

The Bible in everyday Japanese will be produced during the next three years, according to the American Bible Society. A committee has been at work for a decade on a new version in a modified classical style, but the new generation of Japanese needs a Bible more like the language they use in school and at home. Six full-time translators are at work on it.

People are still starving and you can still send CARE packages to them in Europe, in Japan, and soon in Korea. Send any money for food for another to the Baptist World Alliance, 1628 16th St., N.W., Washington, 9, D. C.

# Stirrings in Middle America Program

## Program Plans

### Announcement

Send individual invitations or six posters. Write or print this wording with suitable pictures cut out and pasted on card or poster.

On a summer cruise let us journey away  
Through the Caribbean Bowl so gay.  
Panama, Canal Zone, Honduras, Guatemala,  
Cuba, Costa Rica, and Mexico—  
Pick up your mind and away we go.

or  
C U B A  
member present  
when we start for the  
Caribbean Bowl  
on ..... day at ..... o'clock

Select 5 women to speak for the countries as presented. They may impersonate the missionary who sent the material by speaking in the first person.

Could you have 5 rooms in your church, or five homes readily reached, and really move from one country to another? Each room would be decorated, with costumed hostesses, curios, pictures, maps, etc. Appropriate refreshments would be fruit juices, chocolate, or spiced tea, small sugar cookies or candied fruits. Serve a different one at each place.

For costumes see pictures in travel folders, magazines, geography or encyclopedia. Full skirts and gay shawls would be in keeping.

Ask your musicians to find some national

songs for solos or duets. Use "Senorita" for Miss and "Senora" for Mrs. when introducing or speaking to anyone.

A map will be a necessity because most of us are not too well acquainted with these countries though they are close to us. Make an enlargement of the map on page 2. A G.A. or R.A. might do this in Forward Steps or Ranking System projects.

A pamphlet useful now and again in August and for fall mission study classes is "Fun and Festival from the Other Americas" by Rose Wright, price 50¢. Order from your Baptist book store.

If you want a game for relaxation, (B.W.C.'s might after the day's work) play The Little Parrot. All are seated in a ring. One person holds a small object (stone, match, etc.) in her hand and starts the game. She turns to the player at the right and says, "Won't you buy this little parrot?" The other asks, "Does it bite?" She replies, "No, it does not bite," and gives the object to the player. The new owner turns to the one on her right and asks the same questions. But she must not reply to the question, "Does it bite?" She turns to the first player and repeats "Does it bite?" The first player answers, "No, it does not bite." The second player repeats that answer to the third and gives the object. The game continues with the question "Does it bite?" always passed back to the first player and the reply passed around the circle back to the one who holds the object.

The one who forgets to pass along the dialogue or who laughs must pay a forfeit.

## DEVOTIONAL THOUGHTS

### The Foolishness—The Wisdom—The Power

BY PEN LILE PITTARD

Call to Worship (to be read responsively from individual copies)

Leader: Happy is the man that findeth wisdom, and the man that getteth understanding.

Group: For the merchandise of it is better than the merchandise of silver, and the gain thereof than fine gold.

Leader: If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally,

and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.

*Hymn: "There's A Wideness"*

*Scripture passage:* (to be read by two readers in turn, without announcing the references, and if possible using Montgomery's translation) 1 Corinthians 1:18-19; 20-25.

#### *The Foolishness—The Wisdom:*

People react to the preaching of the gospel in many ways, depending largely on their background. Education—or lack of it, bent of mind, circumstances, past experiences—all of these make differences in what people think of the gospel.

To the Jews and Greeks, the gospel of Christ was foolishness, but for different reasons. The Jews sought a sign. To them, the death of Christ on a cross was proof that he was not their Messiah. A son of God would never have allowed himself to be killed, especially in so brutal and ignominious a way! Their king would come with pomp and magnificence, and, if he ever had got to such a place as a cross, he would have miraculously come down off it!

The cross was the barrier which the Greeks could not surmount, also, but for other reasons. "The Greeks seek after reason." To them, the idea of salvation by a cross was ridiculous. To think that Jesus should suppose he could save people by letting them kill him was absurd. A Son of God—even a great philosopher, which was what the Greeks were most interested in—would never attempt to establish his philosophy in such shame.

There are people among us with both attitudes: those who "seek a sign" and those who "seek reason." The first group go after leaders who preach with spectacular manner and make startling statements, claiming to work even physical miracles, or parading predictions about the exact time the world will end, etc. The second group have come to so idolize intellect that all they ask of a minister is that he give them a learned discourse. They are not concerned about whether his words deepen them spiritually, or are sound scripturally, or edify morally.

To both groups the preaching of the cross is a stumbling block—it is eternal foolishness. There is no challenge to them

in an invitation to suffer humiliation with Christ, to be obedient unto death, or to live an unpretentious life of simple trust.

#### *The Power:*

*Scripture reading:* 1 Corinthians 1:26-31.

To the Jew, the cross was a symbol of weakness; the Christian has found it a symbol of power. It has done what nothing else could do—transformed his life and made him a new creature. To the Greek, the cross was evidence of the fallacy of Christ's philosophy. But the believer has found Christ's teaching to be fact. What the Greeks sought to find through wisdom, the believer has abundantly found in Christ: namely, the knowledge of God, the origin of man, the meaning of life, the ultimate good, the way of eternal salvation.

When the pomp and prestige of Israel was at its greatest, society was not transformed. When the wisdom of the Greeks reached its height, the people of Greece were most degraded morally and socially. But when the gospel of Christ's cross is preached by an intellectual or a lowly unknown minister, society is purified and men's lives become clean and harmonious and constructive. For in the cross of Christ the believer lays hold upon: 1. the power of love; 2. the power of good over evil; 3. the power of God unto salvation; 4. the power to achieve the impossible and to endure for Christ's sake by faith what otherwise could not be endured.

*Hymn: "In The Cross of Christ"*

*Prayer for missionaries named on prayer calendar today*

### *God's Mysterious Way in Cuba*

*by Miss Mildred Matthews*

Many marvelous things have contributed to Baptist growth in Cuba. In the beginning a little Cuban girl whose name was Adela Fales was given a copy of a Baptist Sunday school paper while she lived in Biloxi, Mississippi. When Adela was nine years old the family returned to Cuba. She brought with her a Bible and her Sunday school papers which she read again and again. How she did miss that Sunday school in Mississippi!

Again the family went to the States, this

time to Key West, Florida. Adela began to look for a Sunday school. She found an Episcopal Sunday school but they did not give her the same Sunday school papers.

One day as she was walking she found a Baptist church. The pastor was Rev. W. F. Wood. The first Sunday Adela went, Mr. Wood noticed the little girl on the back seat. He saw that when she was given a Sunday school paper she clasped it to her heart and cried for joy. She told Mr.



Mildred Matthews

Wood about how she had longed to go to Sunday school where they gave out that paper named "Kind Words." He was much impressed by this Cuban girl. That impression was made more real one day when he found engraved on a Methodist minister's tombstone these words:

"Don't give up Cuba."

Mr. Wood presented the needs of Cuba to the Florida Baptist Convention and it voted to adopt Cuba as a mission field. Then Mr. Wood visited Cuba and found Alberto Diaz preaching Baptist doctrine. He had been converted in a hospital in New York when he read the New Testament which a lady had given to him.

The first four converts to our Baptist faith in Cuba, were baptized down near the sea wall at midnight for fear of Catholic persecution. Of that group of four, two became Baptist ministers and two became deacons of their church. After that baptism the Gethsemane Baptist Church was organized and Mr. Diaz became pastor. Other churches and mission Sunday schools were organized. In 1886 the Southern Baptist Convention adopted Cuba as a home mission field.

The Home Mission Board wisely purchased the Jane Theater on the corner of Zulueta and Dragones streets. Now this building, at the strategic center of the city, is estimated to be worth a million dollars. Baptists bought also a small plot of land for a cemetery. All of the cemeteries in Cuba were Catholic and owners charged

exorbitant fees for burial permits. If the families were "protestantes" it was almost impossible to obtain the permit.

Several men served short terms as superintendent of Baptist work in Cuba but Dr. M. N. McCall's service was signally blessed. For forty-two years until his death he was a wise leader and eternity alone will tell of his accomplishments in Cuba. Now Dr. Herbert Caudill is doing a valuable work and has the love and confidence of all the Cuban Baptists.

The 1893 annual report of the Baptist work in Cuba said: "Cuba for Christ can become history but it will never be without work and without money." This cry, "Cuba for Christ," is repeated many times by Christians of all denominations in Cuba as they say it and sing it while seeking to win Cuba for Christ.

In 1950 our Cuban Baptist Convention had 273 Sunday schools with 13,118 pupils. The W.M.U. of Occidental Cuba has thirty-seven G.A.'s, twenty-two R.A. chapters, and twenty-four Sunbeam Bands with a membership of 1,298. The Training Union Department reports Junior and Intermediate unions training members for service. The interest of a Cuban girl lives on in the hearts of boys and girls in Cuba.

Last year our convention reported 437 baptisms. Gethsemane Baptist Church is now Calvary Baptist Church, and there are in Occidental Cuba seventy Baptist churches with 65 Cuban pastors besides over 100 mission stations. The old theater, remodeled and known as the Baptist Temple, is headquarters for over 6,000 Baptists in Cuba. The day school, called Colegio Bautista, held in the theater, averages 200 students. The Seminary and Training School had their home in it until they moved to their new building last year. There are also apartments for the Cuban and American missionaries, offices, some stores for rent, and a Baptist print shop.

Every Sunday afternoon young people from Calvary Baptist Church go to the Baptist cemetery and hold Sunday school. Children and grown people are reached for Christ in this part of the city where they never would have been won otherwise.

"Cuba for Christ" is the Baptist watchword in Cuba today. Not many months ago the Havana Municipal Band played



our theme song and led almost 3,000 Baptists in singing it in Central Park. We are thankful to God for every step which contributes to the progress of the work here.

### Cuba For Christ

Go forward Cuban Christians, brave soldiers of the cross,

Oh, struggle for our country with ne'er a fear of loss;

That a redeemed Cuba, may come the truth to know,

That hate and evil perish forever from our shore.

#### Chorus:

Oh, brave companions, let struggle know no end,

Since Cuba for our Master, we must, oh, we must defend.

For Christ and for his churches we fearlessly will fight,

Our captain gives us courage and arms us with his might.

Awake then, valiant soldiers, our struggle must not cease,

For Christ must have our Cuba, he must her bonds release.

### What do You Know About Mexico?

from "Your Mexican Visitor"

Measured by population Mexico is the largest Spanish-speaking country in the world, outside of Spain. This population is made up of about one-third Indian; one-half mestizo, people of mixed Spanish and Indian blood; and the rest of other nationalities and races.

Yet Southern Baptists have fewer missionaries per million inhabitants in Mexico, our nearest foreign mission field, than we do in parts of South America, Africa, and other faraway places.

The Mexican National Baptist Convention is made up of all the Baptist churches of the country. As far as financial support and missionary personnel are concerned, a line drawn roughly from Laredo, Texas, to Mexico City would divide the American (Northern) Baptist and Southern Baptist

work. In the thirteen states to the west would be our Southern Baptist work.

The Home Mission Board of the Mexican National Convention has work among the Indian tribes in three states where we work, and in one state, Chiapas, where neither of the foreign boards has work.

There are six states and two territories in Mexico with no Baptist work at all, yet with a larger population than Costa Rica, Panama, and Honduras combined.

In Mexico, not one person out of fifty has ever even held a Bible or New Testament in his hands; nor has he heard of the new birth.

The great masses of Mexican people have not had a chance to be anything else but Catholic. They are taught to hate evangelicals, "protestantes," as they call Baptists. When Mr. Orvil Reid held a vacation Bible school in a section of Guadalajara, all day over a loud speaker, the priest warned parents not to allow their children to attend. He said that Baptists were Communists and did not believe in God.

Recently, some boys tried to climb the back fence to get into our Good Will Center. They said they were afraid to come in the front door because they would be punished if they were seen going in. The Mexican people are told that Baptists worship idols instead of God.

The Mexicans are very lovable and respond readily when they have a chance to hear the gospel. When they accept Christ, some are driven from their homes, lose their jobs, have their houses taken from them, are boycotted, must suffer insults and violence. Every year some lose their lives for the gospel's sake.

We do not have a graded Baptist school system in Mexico but we do have two student homes. They furnish a Christian environment while the students attend government schools. Of the thirty-seven students in the two homes in Guadalajara, at least twenty-five hold places of responsibility in the church and also work in missions. Twelve of the twenty boys preach. Others are in medical and dental schools, in law, in nursing, in engineering, in normal and commercial schools. Two are in preparatory, fourteen in secondary, and nine in primary school. Some of the boys will later attend the seminary, but most



Mr. and Mrs. James Crane

of them will preach while following another profession. Both Rev. Juan Perez of the boys' home and Miss Miriam McCullough of the girls' home are doing excellent work.

In Chihuahua we have a student home for twenty boys and ten girls directed by Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Pierson, aided by Miss Katherine Skinner. Recently one of the best young women came in from classes much disturbed. All the class members had banded together and agreed to a system of cheating and copying notes during an examination in the normal school. The girl refused to take part in this and as a result made the lowest grade and suffered ridicule.

Joel, a brilliant medical student, is burdened about the Tarahumara Indians in the mountains with no missionary to minister to them now. Should he continue his training and go later or should he stop and go immediately to these needy people?

In our seminary in Torreon James D. Crane is president, A. C. Muller, N. H. Eudaly, Mrs. Eudaly, Cecil Johnson, Miss Viola Campbell, and two national teachers make up the teaching staff.

Our Mexican work is divided into six fields, with from one to four states in each field. The general field missionaries are: Mr. A. P. Pierson, Mr. A. C. Muller, Mr. N. H. Eudaly, Mr. Orvil W. Reid (two fields), Mr. Moises Arevalo (national missionary).

Dr. E. Lamar Cole is our first medical missionary to be appointed to Mexico in a generation. We pray that he will soon obtain his permanent permit to practice medicine in Mexico. At present he associates with a young Mexican doctor in Guadalajara.

Several years ago because of the Catholic boycott we had trouble in getting our Baptist material printed. There were students who could not pay their expenses in the student homes. So Mr. Reid started a print shop, with two job presses and one large mechanical press.

Now we print over a million evangelistic and promotional tracts a year. Mr. Reid organized a National Anti-alcohol Campaign that has become international, and published tracts and books to fight this vice. Through such work we win good will, and open the door of the gospel for many.

We have two Good Will Centers in Guadalajara with around seventy-five children enrolled in the day nurseries. It is a thrill to hear the children say, "I can pray by myself," or "I learned a new song about Jesus today." Most of them are from homes which had never before heard the gospel.

Just now we are at the threshold of a great awakening. We could organize many new churches if we had just a little money for buildings and workers.

Do you wonder why the Foreign Mission Board does not send more money? The amount that the Board receives from the Cooperative Program and Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, when the world mission program is considered, is like having one small cracker a day to feed a growing boy. Surely nowhere do people respond to the gospel better than in Mexico, when given a chance to hear. Let's give them that chance!

### In the Heart of the Americas

by Mrs. Van Earl Hughes

In 1944 many persons thought that the Baptist church of San Jose with hardly fifty members would not survive and that our Home Mission Board was wasting money in Costa Rica. But today we have five churches and more than six times that membership.

With the organization of each new church has come the development of more Sunday schools, vacation Bible schools, W.M.U.'s, and Training Unions. The Sunday schools play a basic role in bringing the lost to study God's Word in this cul-



tured country where 85 per cent of the population can read and write. During the last three years each of the churches has sponsored daily vacation Bible schools during the summer. They were so entirely new that at first the pastors wondered what results could come from them. But after the first year they put it in the church budget as an indispensable project each year. We know one case where the mother of a small girl in vacation Bible school was converted and later more than six of her kinsfolk were won to the Lord.

From the very beginning we have taught our people to think of others without Christ and to do something for them. Consequently practically 90 per cent of all our women take an active part in the W.M.U. The First Baptist Church of San Jose, small as it is, sent \$130.00 to the Foreign Mission Board for the 1950 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

The development of the churches is necessarily linked with the development of national talent. Most of our churches have active Training Unions. We have five excellent national pastors and we have three annual Pastors' Institutes of a week each. Here we study some book of the Bible intensively, some doctrinal theme, and some practical work, like teaching methods, evangelism, etc. These weeks keep us pulling together in greater harmony and cooperation.

So urgent is the need for training that we began the Baptist Theological Seminary of Costa Rica in March 1951.

Five girls are enrolled in the three-year training school course and five boys in the four-year ministerial course. We began like many other institutions, without adequate equipment. But we do have an excellent small teaching staff.

Since so many of our pastors and their wives will be going into cities and villages where opposition to the gospel is great we offer some practical courses to help them in their work and in making contacts. Among these are home economics, typing, sewing for the girls. It is not uncommon in many homes to have bread, rice, beans and potatoes all in the same meal practically every day. For the pastors there are courses in church building and planning, typing and bookkeeping.



Mr. and Mrs. Van Earl Hughes

As we build our churches and our national talent we are also trying to develop good will among the Costa Rican people. Although they have a definite Catholic background many of them willingly listen to our teachings.

Our regular thirty minute radio broadcast presents a high type of religious music as well as positive doctrinal sermons. We have tried to make the messages combat errors without using derogatory terms. This has helped to create a healthy attitude toward Baptist evangelists.

Co-ordinated with the radio program, there are regular announcements of our work in the local newspaper. We feel that if we win the good will of the people we will not have so many barriers to presenting Christ, the true friend.

Our one aim here is to win the lost to Christ and organize them into New Testament churches. There are many aspects to this organization and training; one of the greatest is summarized in the word stewardship.

Each of our churches, small though it may be, has a growing building fund. Several have purchased their own property and two have received help from the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

Each church has a well-planned budget that is enlarged each year. Because each church has a large proportion of faithful tithers the churches have been able, during the past five years, to contribute to the Baptist Convention of Costa Rica. The convention is small and projects are limited, nevertheless it has missions as its purpose and a love for lost fellow countrymen.

Their missionary zeal is seen in the fact that each church has one or more

points where laymen hold regular weekly services of preaching and Sunday school. All of the seminary students work in missions and give their best to visitation, preaching, and distribution of New Testaments and Scripture portions. In appreciation of what these fervent seminary students are doing the churches as well as the convention are giving a regular contribution each month to this institution that it may better prepare their own boys and girls to preach to the lost multitudes of Costa Rica in the Heart of the Americas.

## In Guatemala and Honduras

by Mrs. W. J. Webb

Some ten years ago Christians in Guatemala belonging to no denomination held a convention, calling themselves "Independents." Much study was done on the teachings of the New Testament, as each church searched diligently to decide what was the correct doctrine. They received literature from the Baptist Publishing House in El Paso, Texas. From this literature, with the Bible, they were learning Baptist doctrine. They must take a stand—what stand?

They had heard about Rev. Paul C. Bell, missionary of our Home Mission Board in Panama so they invited him to come to Guatemala and help them. Mr. Bell came bringing Mr. Prado, a Baptist preacher in Panama, and Mr. Gutierrez, a Baptist pastor in Costa Rica. By January of 1946 Mr. Bell found the people ready to be baptized and the three visitors baptized our first Baptists in Guatemala.

Then Mr. Bell gave them the idea of organizing the new churches into a Baptist convention and suggested that Mr. W. J. Webb, then president of the Mexican Seminary, might come and help them. Mr. Bell also got support from the Home Mission Board for their workers.

So in the Indian church of San Pedro, the Baptist Convention of Guatemala was organized in August of 1946. Since Guatemala was foreign territory instead of home U.S.A. territory, the work was turned over to our Foreign Mission Board. In January 1947 Mr. Webb was asked to oversee the field of Guatemala and Honduras along with his duties in the seminary at Torreon. The work progressed, but lacked the

leadership of a missionary on the field. Then the Lord, first through the two Guatemalan students in the seminary and second through the visits Mr. Webb made each year to Guatemala, called Mr. and Mrs. Webb to Guatemala to serve as our first missionaries there. The roots of love for the brethren in Mexico were deep, but when the Lord called they could not refuse. In August 1948 the first missionaries of the Southern Baptist Convention established their residence "in the land of the quetzal."

In these five years we have grown to nineteen churches. The Woman's Missionary Union is four years old; there are seven societies of women and almost every church has one or more of the auxiliaries. The work in Honduras where there are three churches is also under the direction of Mr. Webb.

When the independent churches decided to be Baptist, some opposed and left them. This hampered progress in some instances but in most cases caused greater growth.

Bethany Church in Guatemala City lost its building to this opposition but bought



Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Webb

a lot through the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering money and the foundation is laid already for a new building.

There are two other Baptist churches in this capital city. Gethsemane has 130 members and the Baptist Bible School is held in its building. The Bible school began in 1948 because Guatemalan students could not pay travel costs and had difficulty in entering Mexico. Last November the first two students graduated from this Bible school. The young man is pastor of two

churches, the young woman is director of religious education in her home church.

Bethel Baptist Church has forty members. Its pastor can only give after-working hours. Lottie Moon Christmas Offering gifts have helped make this building attractive.

The Indian population must have the gospel message but it is hard for an Indian to make a public profession of faith. No woman is ever permitted to do so until her husband decides that she may. Even though she accepts Christ as her Saviour within her own heart, she cannot be baptized or make a public profession until her husband agrees. Naturally when the man is already a Christian, it is much easier for the woman to take that stand. Since most of the women do not speak Spanish, but their Indian dialect, the W.M.U. has not made the progress that it has in the other churches, but we are proud to have a W.M.S. in Santa Catarina church, also a Sunbeam Band, and since November a Royal Ambassador chapter and Girls' Auxiliary.

In our largest Indian church on Lake Atitlan the Indian pastor received some preparation in an interdenominational school. This church baptized over eighty people last year, making a membership of about 120.

Going from the cool climate of Guatemala City to the coast territory we come to another church, Escuintla. Most of its members work in coffee and banana plantations and are on the move. But each time one of them moves, he establishes a mission and today that church has about twelve missions.

One reason for the rapid growth of the work here in Guatemala is that there are so many lay preachers. We have only six ordained ministers in Guatemala and Honduras, but a number of laymen are willing to use their vacations in missionary trips of evangelization. Two of our best laymen work on the railroad. When their work carries them outside of the capital, they work for the railroad by day and for the Lord at night. When a little group they have evangelized grows they contact one of the ordained pastors and the pastors go out to continue the work.

So that the work should not be poorly done, the Bible school has organized a

twice-a-year extension course. The laymen many times pass their vacations in study in these extension courses so that they may better serve their Lord. There is also a correspondence course for those who cannot attend but can study at home.

To help our organizations we take a few workers to the churches and hold small institutes. Another help in our progress has been the emphasis on children's work. Mrs. Webb is translating some help for the teachers of the beginners and primaries and also prepares handwork to illustrate the teaching.

Our Baptist work here in Guatemala has a monthly paper, "New Era" with Mr. Webb as administrator. The book store offers literature for Sunday school, Training Union, W.M.U., and Bibles, songbooks and other materials necessary for the work of a church. It was able to stock some organs and sell them to the churches at a reduced price.

Besides the Baptist paper, the W.M.U. has its paper for the programs of the W.M.S. and auxiliaries. Mrs. Webb is editor and director of that paper.

In the five years that Southern Baptists have been in Guatemala, the work has grown so that new missionaries are needed. It makes our hearts sad to turn down work that could be done, but one couple cannot do it all. Pray that God will lay Guatemala and Honduras upon the hearts of some young couple willing to give all to the cause of Christ.

## At the Crossroads of the World

by Mrs. Paul C. Bell

As Southern Baptists turn to Panama, they will find it the most interesting place in the Caribbean Bowl. It is the crossroad of the world. The Panama Canal is a priceless possession of our nation, and the Canal Zone is a vital mission field of challenging opportunities.

When Mr. and Mrs. Bell reached this field nine years ago, the dark clouds of World War II hung over the world. They were surrounded by a cosmopolitan population which reminded them of forests in the fall of the year. Everywhere they saw a sea of faces of many colors, heard words spoken in many languages, saw types of



Mr. and Mrs. Paul C. Bell

dress fascinating to the eye, and customs and habits strange to behold.

Religions of many types and kind were strong yet there was little, if any, real Christianity. This stirred them to launch out with Christ in preaching a true gospel to thousands bound by the fear, superstition and insecurity of Roman Catholicism and every other "ism." As Mr. and Mrs. Bell moved in and out among the people, they quickly discovered that the people had had no opportunity to hear, because of the lack of interest back in the homeland. They had no encouragement to righteousness because so-called Christian nations had failed to practice Christianity in their dealing with other nations, as individuals had failed to daily live out Christian principles of brotherly love.

During these years it has been encouraging to see a new interest springing up among the Christians. They are beginning to look more realistically upon this great harvest field at the crossroads of the world. The Spanish work has grown from no organized church or mission station, to three organized churches and a number of mission stations, with four couples at work. A lack of well trained native workers has retarded the work. Last year vacation Bible schools were held in each of the Spanish churches with commendable results, and plans are made for schools this year. W.M.U. work is growing slowly but steadily. To lay a lasting foundation in all departments of our work, much teaching needs to be done.

In February Mr. and Mrs. Bell went seventy-five miles into the interior of Panama to a picturesque village, El Valle, nestled

between towering mountain peaks like those of lovely Ridgecrest. They saw the homes of the native red-skinned people, as well as the more elegant homes of the wealthy Spanish and American people.

They went into the shops and market stands, spoke to the people and gave out tracts in Spanish on the plan of salvation. Before they left, the people huddled in small groups, reading such things as they had never seen or heard of before. Mrs. Bell's heart was saying, "How much longer must these wait for someone to come and tell them that Jesus died to save them?"

Leaving this scene they forded a stream in their car and drove down the road thronged with people, until they saw a Catholic church, the only church in the whole village, where hundreds of bright-faced Indians from the mountains had gathered for mass. The priest comes only once a month and they could see that the church was filled with kneeling people. A large crowd waited on the lawn for their turn to enter to hear the priest pronounce his blessings on them.

There are thousands of people on the Isthmus who have never heard the gospel truly presented.

In five cities of 20,000 and five of 10,000 along the Pan-American highway we have no Baptist work at all. Nine towns have 3,000 to 5,000 population and no Baptist preaching. There are scores of towns and villages of 1,000 to 2,000 population off the main thoroughfares, waiting for the gospel.

How glorious it is to see a life brought into the light of the gospel. Within four months five precious souls stepped out into Christ's marvelous light, through the Spanish services held in Cocoli Baptist Church each Sunday afternoon. Two of these were Mr. and Mrs. Guillen. He was an ex-priest. (See story in *Southern Baptist Home Missions*, January, 1951 issue, page 20.) This was a real victory following much prayer offered that they would come to Christ. Another was the wife of a professor in the University of Panama City. Another was a Salvadoran laborer, and the fifth a Panamanian housewife. Experiences like this give encouragement in mission work and overshadow all difficulties.

The day has come when Baptists must be Baptists and Christians must be Christians.

Why? Because Baptists have a message that appeals to the emotions of the soul, and everywhere there can be seen evidences of the transforming and redeeming power of the true gospel. But this message must be preached with conviction, with alert intelligence and spiritual power. Workers must be well trained, disciplined, and consecrated to the task. Men and women must know how to win men to Christ and how to build men up in Christ, growing great spiritual churches where Christ is enthroned as Lord of all.

The cry of Panama and the Canal Zone is, "Southern Baptists, send workers who can pray, preach and teach with an appeal that will win and lead and inspire; workers who, when hearts break with disappointment, can press forward to win the multitudes, workers who can sow in tears and reap in joy, who can go forth weeping, bearing precious seeds and come again

bringing with them golden sheaves."

Panama is calling to Southern Baptists for prayers and support. Do you not see over a million outstretched hands beckoning to you, over a million faces of different colors looking with pleading appeal to you? "What of the future of Christian work in this field?" The prospects for the progress of a great Southern Baptist program of work are brighter than ever before. One reason for believing this is the faithfulness and courage of national Christians. The doors are open, the people are responsive. Surely wisdom will have departed from Southern Baptists if they fail to send more workers, and enlarge their work in Panama.

The plea is for more earnest prayer, more generous gifts, more buildings, and workers sent more rapidly to help those who are breaking under the load in all the Caribbean Bowl region.

#### MY GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY . . . Continued from page 5

tions, and even in some cases have had a teacher removed from the faculty. As a whole they act as a responsible group, and many of their decisions and influences are wise. The student is actively interested in the political life of the nation and in the welfare of fellow students.

THE course of studies in the medical school requires two or three hours work in the hospital wards every morning. What a golden opportunity to testify for Christ! To do it directly by speaking to the sick, or else by showing warm regard, sympathy and interest in them. It is the tendency of the doctors in the hospital wards here to get down to symptoms and rarely do they try to cheer the patient and win his confidence. That is a field of service in which I am just beginning to realize my opportunities and in which I pray that God will use me to the utmost.

All wards in the public hospitals, while not in direct nursing charge of the nuns, are under the "spiritual" guidance of the Catholic church and each ward has its particular altar with flowers and candles. Mass is held regularly, and priests or nuns always visit the sick. We as Baptists have a tremendous opportunity to visit, help and

work among these people, but very little has been done so far.

I can also work among the church people, teaching hygiene and first-aid courses, advising when necessary. There is much to be done in teaching preventive measures and there will be more as the years go by. Santiago itself has plenty of medical attention and doctors, but in the provinces and smaller cities there is much need of medical attention. Many towns need doctors and modern hospitals. So when I graduate, I can go either south or north and find plenty to do. I have a secret ambition to try to do something to reduce the terrible infant mortality rate in Chile. It is one of the highest in the world. I feel I am needed here in Chile, and that there is much I can do for my Lord.

#### RADIATING THE GOSPEL

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influence of this capable architect.

The population of Cuba continues to flow toward the capital. Without a doubt, a few more attractive church buildings in other sections of this great and growing city of Havana would bring similar results and our dream of "Cuba for Christ" would be nearer to reality.

## Our Daily Bread

1 Friday "I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go: I will guide thee with mine eye."—Ps. 32:8

Rev. Corrie R. Landers II, Montgomery, Alabama, Rev. Henry E. Hardin, Sumter, South Carolina, educational evangelism, Rev. Marvin Griffin, Dallas, Texas, evangelism, among their own Negro race

2 Saturday "Arise, O God, judge the earth: for thou shalt inherit all nations."—Ps. 82:8

Rev. and Mrs. Emmett Rodriguez, Kerrville, Rev. and Mrs. Isaias Valdivia, Harlingen, Texas, educational evangelism, Spanish-speaking, Adelaida Rodriguez, Margaret Fund student

3 Sunday "He disappointed the devices of the crafty, so that their hands cannot perform their enterprise."—Job 5:12

Miss Katherine Cozens, Recife, Rev. and Mrs. J. J. Cowser, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, educational evangelism, George Cowser, Margaret Fund student

4 Monday "The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light . . ."—Isa. 9:2

Miss Eunice Parker, special appointee, secretary to president, Baptist Theological Seminary, Zurich, Switzerland, Dr. and Mrs. D. G. Whittinghill, emeritus, Italy

5 Tuesday "For I desired mercy, and not sacrifice; and the knowledge of God more than burnt offerings."—Hos. 6:6

Pray for the success of all vacation Bible schools held this summer

6 Wednesday "If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not?"—Heb. 12:7

Miss Carrie Rockleman, Atlanta, Georgia, Mr. J. C. Lewis, Miss Mary C. Page, New Orleans, Louisiana, Good Will Center

7 Thursday "In all things shewing thyself a pattern of good works . . ."—Titus 2:7

Rev. Carter Bearden, Waco, Texas, evan-

by Mrs. B. A. Copass, Texas  
"All the way from earth to heaven  
I will guide thee with mine eye."

gelism among deaf, Miss Emma Leachman, emeritus, Home Mission Board

8 Friday "Even when we were with you, this we commanded you, that if any would not work, neither should he eat."—2 Thess. 3:10

Dr. and Mrs. John Curthbert Abell, appointees for Africa, medical evangelism, \*Miss Ruth Walden, Lagos, Nigeria, educational evangelism

9 Saturday "Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man."—Col. 4:6

Rev. and Mrs. Daniel Cantu, Raymondville, Miss Evangelina Lopez, Alamo, Texas, educational evangelism, Spanish-speaking

10 Sunday "I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."—Phil. 3:14

Miss Lora Clement, Malaya, \*Miss Inabelle Coleman, China, educational evangelism, Rev. and Mrs. W. B. Glass, emeritus, China

11 Monday "For the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth."—Eph. 5:9

Pray for the presence of the Holy Spirit in all meetings at Ridgecrest, state assemblies, and camps

12 Tuesday "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me . . ."—Gal. 2:20

Rev. and Mrs. David Sheng, Phoenix, Arizona, Miss Darlene Hall, Berkeley, California, educational evangelism, Chinese

13 Wednesday "Providing for honest things, not only in the sight of the Lord, but also in the sight of men."—2 Cor. 8:21

Rev. and Mrs. L. E. Blackman, evangelism, Miss Lydia Greene, educational evangelism, Honolulu, T. H.

14 Thursday "The liberal soul shall be made fat: and he that watereth shall be watered also himself."—Prov. 11:25

\*On furlough in this country

Rev. Loyd Corder, secretary of direct missions, Home Mission Board

**15 Friday** "The Lord thy God . . . is mighty; he will save; he will rejoice over thee with joy . . ."—Zeph. 3:17

Miss Floryne Miller, Kokura, Miss Alma Graves, Fukuoka, Japan, educational evangelism, Dr. E. O. Mills, emeritus, Japan

**16 Saturday** . . . That ye would walk worthy of God, who hath called you unto his kingdom and glory."—1 Thess. 2:12

Rev. and Mrs. Paul Bell Jr., Fort Worth, Texas, evangelism, Spanish-speaking, Mr. and Mrs. Felix E. Buldain, emeritus, Home Mission Board

**17 Sunday** "The Lord is good, a stronghold in the day of trouble; and he knoweth them that trust in him."—Nah. 1:7

Annual meeting of Woman's Missionary Union, auxiliary to Mexican Baptist Convention of Texas, third week in June

**18 Monday** "O send out thy light and thy truth; let them lead me; let them bring me unto thy holy hill . . ."—Ps. 43:3

Pray for the annual meeting of Woman's Missionary Union, S.B.C., June 18-19, San Francisco, California

**19 Tuesday** "Even to your old age I am he; and even to hoar hairs will I carry you."—Isa. 46:4

Rev. and Mrs. Carrol F. Eaglesfield, educational evangelism, Ibadan, Nigeria, Mrs. E. C. MacLean, emeritus, Nigeria

**20 Wednesday** "For whosoever exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted."—Luke 14:11

Pray for the sessions of the Southern Baptist Convention, June 20-24, San Francisco, California

**21 Thursday** "When he giveth quietness, who then can make trouble? . . ."—Job 34:29

\*Dr. and Mrs. B. L. Nichols, Shanghai, \*Miss Jessie L. Green, Wuchow, China, educational evangelism

**22 Friday** "If any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and sup with him, and he with me."—Rev. 3:20

Rev. and Mrs. H. C. McConnell, educational evangelism, Chile, Rev. and Mrs. Hubert Middleton, appointees for Chile in language school, Costa Rica

**23 Saturday** "Learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart; and ye shall find rest unto your souls."—Matt. 11:29

Rev. and Mrs. A. I. Bagby, Porto Alegre, \*Miss Gracia Bailey, Manaus, Brazil, educational evangelism

**24 Sunday** "In thine hand it is to make great, and to give strength unto all"—1 Chron. 29:12

Dr. Walter R. Alexander, executive secretary of Relief and Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention

**25 Monday** "The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear him and delivereth them."—Ps. 34:7

Rev. and Mrs. H. E. Baer, Flagstaff, Rev. and Mrs. C. F. Frazier, Coolidge, Arizona, evangelism among Indians

**26 Tuesday** "For I, the Lord thy God, will hold thy right hand, saying unto thee, Fear not; I will help thee."—Isa. 41:13

Mrs. J. E. Lawson, Tucson, Arizona, Mrs. Emilia T. Barry, Los Angeles, California, kindergarten, Spanish-speaking

**27 Wednesday** "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits."—Ps. 103:2

Dr. and Mrs. Edward Lamar Cole, medical, evangelism, Guadalajara, Mexico, Rev. and Mrs. C. L. Neal, emeritus, Mexico

**28 Thursday** "The beloved of the Lord shall dwell in safety by him . . ."—Deut. 33:12

Mr. N. T. Tuill, Church Building Loan Department field worker, Rev. Wiley Henton, field worker, Home Mission Board

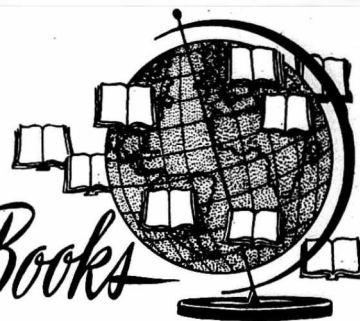
**29 Friday** "A bruised reed shall he not break, and smoking flax shall he not quench . . ."—Matt. 12:20

\*Rev. and Mrs. M. P. Callaway, educational evangelism, Dr. and Mrs. Lorne E. Brown, medical evangelism, Trans-Jordan

**30 Saturday** "The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms . . ."—Deut. 33:27

Rev. and Mrs. Edwin B. Dozier, Tokyo, Miss Lois C. Glass, Fukuoka, Japan, educational evangelism

BY THELMA BROWN BURLAND



## Our World in Books

LIVING PORTRAITS OF JESUS, Sanford Fleming, Judson, \$2.

What a discovery it would be if an authentic portrait of Jesus' form and features could be discovered! There would be cries of "Stop the Press!" "Interrupt the program," and reproductions would flood the markets everywhere. No such picture exists. From earliest years only imaginary representations of him have been drawn.

Probably we have no picture because the Jews believed that to reproduce the features of a living being was a violation of the second commandment. Christians of the twentieth century have to depend upon word pictures drawn by first century disciples to give us authentic visions of the living Christ.

This book is made up of twelve chapters each dealing with graphic portrayures as found in the Gospels and other New Testament writings. Teachers will find the carefully developed headings for each division of thought or record helpful. Devotional leaders will appreciate the poetic quotations that are appropriate for talks.

Each paragraph gives vivid testimony to the beauty and supreme power of the man everyone would like to see, Jesus Christ.

THESE HARVEST YEARS, Janet Baird, MacMillan, \$1.49.

THE BEST IS YET TO BE, Paul B. Maves, Westminster, \$1.50.

How old are you? More and more we come to the realization that age is a state of mind, rather than a chronological number of years. For instance, although these books are frankly written for those of advancing years, some people may need them more—thirty than others do at sixty-five!

*These Harvest Years* is a "realistic guide to abundant living" as defined by twelve experts in physical, mental emotional and spiritual areas. There are chapters on how

to maintain good health, and how to look as good as you feel! The discussion of the rich rewards of faith in the Christian's declining years will bring a blessing. It will be a reminder of our missionary obligation, to read the two final chapters addressed to Catholics and Jews.

Dr. Maves's book, *The Best Is Yet To Be*, is written with sympathy for and knowledge of the psychological problems of older people. Dr. Maves deals specifically with the spiritual opportunities of those in advancing years. The beautiful Scripture passage and other spiritual messages at the close of the chapters bring meditations and prayer into each discussion. This is a book to give, or to own and lend.

LET'S GO TO PERU, Lyman Judson and Ellen Judson, Harper, \$4.

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But you will have to wait until your ship comes in you say, or until you retire as suggested in *These Harvest Years*.

So will most of us. But the next best thing will be to do some armchair traveling. That will be not only sensible preparation in case we do go to Peru some day; but it will also help to bring the people of that unusual country into our living room, into our hearts—which is one of the great values of reading about faraway lands and peoples.

With a copy of *Let's Go To Peru* you may enjoy an ideal vacation. Whether you go swimming on the Pacific beaches, or point your camera at colorful Indians in open-air markets high in the Andes, there is a diversity of adventure for every kind of tourist. Or if you are fascinated by the facts, fiction and fables connected with the mysterious Incas and audacious conquistadors you will find exciting chapters.

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## ● ***W.M.U. Annual Meeting in San Francisco***

This is your opportunity to visit mission work in the West, attend meetings of W.M.U. on June 18, 19, and the Southern Baptist Convention on June 20-24.

## ● ***Y.W.A. Camp at Ridgecrest, July 5-11***

How many young women from your church are going to Y.W.A. Camp? Could more go if your W.M.U. helped? It will deepen their love for kingdom work—and it may change their whole lives! Encourage many to go.

## ● ***W.M.U. Conference at Ridgecrest***

*August 9-15 are important dates for YOU!*

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