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Baptist Women of the World

by Mrs. George R. Martin

THE Women's Committee of the Baptist World Alliance has had an interesting history. It was first formed in Philadelphia in 1911; discontinued in Toronto in 1928; and in 1934 in Berlin a movement began which resulted in its reconstitution in Atlanta in 1939. War prevented the carrying out of the instructions given at that time. In 1948 the Executive Committee of the Alliance authorized the formation of a committee on women's work. It further instructed the new committee to organize the Baptist women on each continent.

Prior to the meeting of the B.W.A. Executive Committee in London in 1948, the Baptist leaders of Europe met for a two-day conference to study their whole work. It was during this meeting that the European Baptist Women's Union was formed. Representative women from Great Britain, Denmark, Norway, Sweden, Finland, Italy, France, Germany, Switzerland, Holland and Czechoslovakia met and organized the second continental union, Australia having been organized in 1935.

The eighth Congress of the B.W.A. met in Cleveland in 1950. Preceding this Congress, women came from Brazil, Cuba, Canada, Denmark, Norway, Finland, Great Britain, Germany, Hawaii, Italy and four Baptist conventions in the United States, to sit in conference for three days making plans for the Baptist women of the whole world.

During one of the sectional meetings of the Cleveland Congress a plan of work was adopted and the following officers elected: Chairman, Mrs. George R. Martin, U.S.A.; secretary, Miss Lois Chapple, London; co-chairmen, Fru Johannes Norgaard, Denmark; Mrs. A. C. Church, Australia; Dona Ester Silva Dias, Brazil; Mrs. Mobola Ayorinde, Nigeria; Mrs. Edgar Bates, Canada.

In the afterglow of the Cleveland Congress, Baptist women throughout the world have busily engaged in doing their part to promote the aims and ideals of the B.W.A. Through our women's work for women we are gradually building a closer fellowship. Through personal and written word we are becoming more informed about the work in every land. With such knowledge we can be more intelligent in our praying for each other.

The North American Baptist Women's Union was formed in the Washington headquarters, April 27, 1951. Mrs. Edgar Bates of Canada was elected chairman and Mrs. Frank Wigginton, of the American Baptist Convention, was elected secretary and treasurer. The purpose of this union is to promote closer relationships between our groups here and abroad, to provide information about the Alliance and to suggest opportunities for service around the world.

This union has assumed the responsibility of assisting our Latin American sisters in the organization of their union in 1952. The African women are making plans to organize in 1953. The Lord willing—the women of Asia will form their union in 1954. If this can be done, when we come to our Jubilee Celebration in London in 1955, the Baptist women on every continent will be united in the great task of world missions.

It was a joy to meet with the Administrative Committee in London last July. Only three members were absent. Dr. Townley Lord, president of the B.W.A., and Mrs. Lord attended nearly every session. The reports from the various continents were heartening. Progress seemed to be the keynote of every report. Two major matters were considered—the Baptist World Day of Prayer this past December 7, and the Jubilee meeting in 1955. With these plans properly implemented, the work of Baptist women everywhere will be strengthened.

The European Baptist women met this past summer in Hamburg. Twenty-eight women from eleven countries were in attendance. We met in the Baptist Seminary, which has just been rebuilt. It was thrilling to watch these European women attack difficult and seemingly impossible problems. There was faith and apparent triumph in their every move. Here we met Frau Bertha Gieselbusch; she and Mrs. W. J. Cox were the first two women named on the Executive Committee of the B.W.A. Also, we met here two nieces of Dr. Walter Rauschenbusch, illustrious exponent of the social aspects of Christianity.

As members of the North American Union we are a vital part of this great fellowship of women around the world! May we be faithful to the trust that is ours!

GWC in Baltimore

by Alma Hunt



Left to right: Miss Louise Waddell, worker at the Good Will Center, Miss Alma Hunt, Miss Kathleen Mallory and Miss Pearl Gifford, Good Will Center director in Baltimore, standing together after the dedication service

IN counting my blessings this past Thanksgiving season I added a new one—the Kathleen Mallory Good Will Center. It was on November 23 in the city of Baltimore that the Center was dedicated to the glory of God and given the honored name of our beloved former executive secretary.

Early in 1948 in announcing to the Executive Committee her intention to retire, Miss Mallory wrote: "I love the Union better than I love my own life." In the W.M.U. Annual Meeting that year, tribute was paid to her "for her thirty-six years of constant, loving, moment-by-moment giving of herself for the Lord and Woman's Missionary Union." At that time the Union voted to pay a three fold lasting tribute to her by giving gifts which will perpetuate her name and through which lives will be affected for time and eternity.

As an expression of gratitude to God for her service, the states voted to give \$100,000 toward a Woman's Missionary Union headquarters building in the city of Birmingham. She had served as the executive secretary during years of marvelous growth. Twenty-seven of those years were spent in Birmingham, during which time the "office" grew from five rooms to proportions which made it wise for us to have our own headquarters. That \$100,000, given in honor of her, is invested in our new home.

THE Union voted to allocate \$100,000 from the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for the erection of Mallory Hall, the administration-chapel building, on the campus of Seinan Jo Gakuin in Kokura, Japan. In 1923 and 1924 Miss Mallory visited the Orient. She loved Japan, the Japanese people, and particularly Seinan Jo Gakuin. She endeared herself to the people there as she visited among them. Mallory Hall was dedicated October 28, 1950.

THE third part of our tribute led to the allocation of \$100,000 from the Annie Armstrong Offering for the erection of a new Good Will Center building in Baltimore. The location was appropriately chosen, for there in Goucher College, Miss Mallory received her higher education. And in that city she took up the leadership of Woman's Missionary Union when she was elected corresponding secretary in 1923 and

Women's Administrative Committee, Baptist World Alliance Meeting in London, July 14-18, 1951. Seated, left to right: Mrs. A. C. Church—Australia, Fru Johannes Norgaard—Denmark, Dona Ester Silva Dias—Latin America, Miss Lois Chapple—London (Secretary), Mrs. George R. Martin—U.S.A. (Chairman), Mrs. Mobola Ayorinde—Africa, Mrs. Edgar Bates—Canada, Mrs. Kathleen Mallory—London. Standing, left to right: Mrs. A. M. Wright—Scotland, Mrs. A. H. Brown—Johannesburg, Africa, Mrs. F. F. Gifford—London, Mrs. Townley Lord—London, Mrs. W. C. Smalley—Canada, Mrs. K. Waddell—London



there she served until the headquarters moved to Birmingham in 1921.

And so during the Thanksgiving Season I was privileged to have a part in that service of dedication. College friends, friends who served on the Executive Committee when Baltimore was the headquarters city, and others greeted Miss Mallory on her return. What a joy it was to see her in that friendly setting!

The service was held at 5:30 in the auditorium of the Center. Mrs. Henry P. Clause, president of Woman's Missionary Union of Maryland, told the history of Good Will Center. The Home Mission Board member from Maryland, Dr. Boyce H. Moody, spoke on "A Building for Service" and Mr. Wiley Henton, field worker in charge of buildings for the Board, recognized those who had assisted in the planning and erection of the building.

My subject, "A Monument to Service," gave me the high privilege of attempting to bring a word of tribute to Miss Mallory, comparing her life to a building whose foundation is Jesus Christ. It gave me an opportunity to speak of her contribution to the work of Woman's Missionary Union and through this work to the advance of our mission causes at home and abroad. What a responsibility it was to try to express publicly the love of all Woman's Missionary Union for her and the deep gratitude in our hearts for her Christian witness and leadership.

She has never been lovelier than on that occasion and was her charming self as you

have known her through the years. She responded graciously with characteristic strength, poise, and challenge.

She reminded the audience that the name Good Will Center was suggested by Mrs. H. M. Wharton of Baltimore, then chairman of the W.M.U. Personal Service (now Community Missions) Committee. The recommendation in 1914 read that "the settlements conducted by Union workers be known as Good Will Centers with the motto: 'Peace on earth, good will to men.'"

Miss Mallory expressed the hope that lives touched by this Good Will Center would become centers of good will as they witness for Christ in their homes, their community, their country, and their world. Thus amid the tensions of today, the Center may radiate peace and good will through countless lives converted to Christ.

After her response, Dr. Clifton C. Thomas, executive secretary, Maryland Baptist Union Association, preached on "Serving God by Serving Men," sounding again the note of service for which the building was erected. Miss Marjorie Allen, executive secretary, Woman's Missionary Union of Maryland, who worked with the committee through its three years of planning the building, led the dedicatory prayer.

I wish you could see the building so needed in that section of Baltimore. I wish you could have heard Miss Mallory speak. We can be glad about the three tributes to Miss Mallory because they will live on and on multiplying their witness as her influence will live through years to come.

Miss Pearl Gifford and Miss Louise Waddell with a group of young people at entrance to the Good Will Center Building rejoicing in new equipment



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Out of a Pecan Shelling Plant

by Dorothy C. Grijalva

LOOK! They are building a new Catholic church where the Baptist church used to be! None of the people in the neighborhood of the Antioch Mexican Baptist Church of San Antonio had ever seen a beautiful building for an evangelical church. They supposed that any building which looked like a church would be a Catholic church.

The new building was such a marked contrast to the shabby old one that even after the sign "Iglesia Bautista Antioquia" was placed over the door, many people did not think it could possibly be for a Baptist church.

From September, 1947, until July, 1950, the Antioch Mexican Baptist Church had as its home an old pecan shelling plant. The auditorium would seat scarcely one hundred people, and there were only five small classrooms. The San Antonio Fire Department condemned the building in which the kindergarten was held, limiting the enrollment to twenty-five pupils. The kindergarten teacher found twenty-five children of kindergarten age in the first three blocks she visited, so no more children could be invited. Since the church membership more than filled the building, the members felt little incentive to try to enlist new people. The baptistry was the concrete vat that had been used for soaking the pecans before shelling them. The pastor said he often wondered when he was baptizing if people didn't think he was "just soaking another nut."

The priest had no difficulty persuading his people that this was not really a church since it didn't even have a building to meet in. Who ever heard of a church meeting in a pecan factory? But the pastor, Rev. Joshua Grijalva, found it difficult to persuade his members that a factory could be used as a church building.

Some of the members had worked in the pecan shelling plant before becoming Christians and remembered how they had cursed,



(upper) Church building from 1947-1950
(lower) New building under construction
(above right) New home Antioch Church

drunk, etc., in the very place where they were now supposed to worship God.

Thanks to a gift of \$15,000 from the Home Mission Board, made possible through the Annie Armstrong Offering, work on a new building was begun in August, 1950. It was directed by Rev. Mike Cassidy, an employee of the Home Mission Board. Although the building is valued at approximately \$65,000, the total cost was \$38,000. Besides the \$15,000, \$8,000 came from the State Mission Board of Texas and \$5,000 from the local church, which also assumed an indebtedness of \$10,000 through the sale of bonds. The building was completed as far as funds would permit by April 1, 1951. The members who gathered for the service that day were not thinking about "April Fool"; their hearts were too full of gratitude to God for the new church home.

If any member of our church were asked, "What does the Annie Armstrong Offering mean to you?" he would immediately respond, "A new church building." How grateful we are! We can now invite our friends to church with pride, knowing that

there will be room enough. Besides the auditorium seating around 350 people, there are four departmental rooms, ten other classrooms, two nursery rooms, a kitchen, church office and pastor's study. What a contrast and what a blessing!

The first person baptized in the new baptistry was one of the men who helped put up the building and who was converted during the time he was working there. The Lord has blessed us with many other conversions. Twelve persons united with the church the first two months we were in the new building, and twenty-seven more joined in two months in the fall. Attendance at all the services has increased greatly and tithes and offerings have almost doubled.

Other blessings are coming to us because of our new building. In February, we are to be host to the School of Prophets, an annual two-weeks' institute for all our Baptist workers among the Spanish-speaking people in Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, and California. In June, we will receive the Mexican Baptist Convention of Texas. Both of these meetings will bring outstanding preachers and speakers for our members to hear.

Grateful as we are for our new building, this is not the only blessing we have received from the Annie Armstrong Offering. Although our work is not self-supporting and the money we are able to give is only a slight fraction of what we receive from the Annie Armstrong Offering, our Mexican Baptist churches do receive a great blessing from observing the weeks of prayer and offerings for missions.

In our convention we observe four weeks of prayer—one each for foreign missions, home missions, state missions, and one for our own Mexican Baptist Convention of Texas. Each member of our church has a small metal world bank in which to save money for missions. As soon as one week of prayer is observed, each starts saving for the offering of the next week of prayer.

All the members of the church meet together each night for a week to observe the weeks of prayer in our Mexican Baptist churches. One night the W.M.S. has charge of the program, the next night the Brotherhood, then the Y.W.A., the G.A. and R.A. It is a real opportunity to learn about mission work in other places and to learn how to pray for missionaries. For our people it is a time of spiritual revival and refreshment. There are hundreds of other Mexican churches handicapped for lack of a building.

Think of the thousands of Mexican nationals who spend from several weeks to several months each year working in the crops in our country and who never hear the name of the Lord except when it is taken in vain.

So far as Southern Baptists are concerned, San Antonio is probably the most churchied field among the Spanish-speaking people in our country. There are nine organized Mexican Baptist churches and twelve mission stations. In the mission stations alone there were 157 baptisms last year. Yet all twenty-one congregations have a combined membership of only 1,100. There are upwards of 150,000 Mexicans in San Antonio, so only one in 137 is a Baptist. Of each 100 Mexicans probably 99 have never heard a true gospel sermon. If such conditions exist where there are 21 Baptist congregations, think of the spiritual condition of our Mexican brothers in other towns and cities where there are no Mexican Baptist churches!

Think of the opportunities for Mexican Baptist churches in Los Angeles, California, where there are 400,000 Spanish-speaking people and only two small Baptist congregations.

Oh, Southern Baptists, remember the tremendous opportunities and responsibilities that are yours as you face the Annie Armstrong Offering and the Week of Prayer for Home Missions in 1952!

Mrs. Joshua Grijalva and her husband are valiant missionaries among the Mexicans



Kindergarten graduating class of the Armenia Avenue Baptist Church, in Tampa, Florida. This is Italian work of our Home Mission Board

NO ROOM" always sounds sad. The innkeeper said it and our Lord was born in a barn.

How often we have thought of that night, but we never dreamed of having to say to those who come to us, "No room." Many times we have asked God for the people of West Tampa. From the pulpit, in our family devotions, and in our secret fellowship with God, we have claimed our Italians for him. But now, there is no more room.

We had enrolled in our kindergarten 136 beautiful, interesting, bright little minds, and still parents continued to come to us saying, "Please take our child." We could only say, "We will put your child on our waiting list; if one of the children should drop out we will call you."

An inspector of the State Health Department paid us a visit a few days ago. The result was that we received through the mail a permit stating we had accommodations for only sixty-six children. What shall we do now?

We have just completed what was to be our garage and a recreation room and with the assistance of the Home Mission Board we were able to add a second story. The building is small, 24 x 32 feet. We planned to use four rooms 10 x 10, for our Junior and Intermediate classes and the other for an assembly room for these departments. I teach the Adult and Young People's class

with thirty-six enrolled. We had planned to divide this class into four, giving us a nucleus for a Young People's Department and an Adult Department, which would enable us to have a fully-graded Sunday school. But again, "No room." Our kindergarten is using the recreation room during the week.

Our church building, an old remodeled dwelling, is also our residence, our apartment being upstairs. For several years Sunday school classes have met in our living room, dining room, and on our porch. There are termites in the floors, walls and furniture, and at certain seasons of the year there are even termites in our spaghetti and in our clothes.

Our auditorium seats seventy-five comfortably. Our present membership is 160. God has provided, largely through the Annie Armstrong Offering, two lots on which to build a new church adequate for our needs. The money to build will have to come from hearts that have been moved by the Spirit of God. Our people are willing and anxious to do what they can, and during the past year have given over \$2000 in cash and many hours of hard labor on the building just completed.

It will take close to \$100,000 to build a church for the needs of our community. A memorial building would help my people to understand your love for them. We need a church of simple beauty that will

Now . . . No Room

by T. H. York, Sr.

appeal to our Italian people who have a deep appreciation for beautiful things, churches, homes, music and so on. We have the needed message, we have the needy people, we need the building.

One of the girls attending our church asked me to perform her marriage ceremony. I asked her if she would be married in our church and she replied, "Our church is not fit to be married in." We can say or think what we please about this, but that girl just frankly stated her idea of the whole matter. We need a building that will help tie these young people to our work.

When two fine young teen-agers surrendered their hearts to Christ, one of the girls said to me, "Brother York, I don't know what is going to happen at home when I tell the folks what I have done. You know my father is a Catholic and he wanted me to be a Catholic."

Another fine young girl, Zulema Gorges, who surrendered her heart to Christ, said, "It took me three weeks to fully make up

my mind to come." Most of the time, in surrendering to Christ our people have to make big decisions that cost them something. Zulema brought her little nephew to kindergarten. We invited her to attend our Sunday services. She surrendered her life to Christ after attending about eight weeks.

Orchid Diaz, another of our Christian girls, started attending our church when her little brother was coming to our kindergarten. I wonder how many of the brothers and sisters and parents of the children we could not take into kindergarten would have surrendered their hearts to Christ in time if there had been room for those little children. Oh, the heartache, the heartbreak of having to say, "No room for yours."

Not long ago I was asked to conduct the funeral service of the father-in-law of one of my friends in West Tampa. After the service, this friend came to me and said, "Brother York, I have never believed in God, heaven or hell. I was born in Italy; my father came to the United States when I was just a small boy. He told me of the terrible corruption of the priests and the power and corruption of the Catholic Church there. Through him I learned to hate all churches. After my father died, my father-in-law became a father to me. We have been very close to one another ever since. He was (Please turn to page 9)

Parents and friends of the 1951 graduating class, seated in auditorium of the Armenia Avenue Baptist Church, Tampa



A Mother's Answered Prayer

by Nina Holaday Gunn

WILL you keep Dannie while I go to the services tonight?" asked a young French mother.

"No, I'll not keep him because you're going to those Baptist services," answered her mother. Leaving the house, the young mother thought of those other grandchildren her mother would be keeping while their parents went to the Saturday dance.

But this young mother would not stay away from services. She had lived in Des Allemands, Louisiana for a few years after her marriage and had attended Protestant services there. Returning to La Fitte, she heard of Baptist services being led by Rev. L. C. Smith on the porch of a store across the bayou. Her heart was hungry for the gospel. She carefully wrapped her infant son and rowed down the bayou to the meeting.

"That night I just couldn't stand it any longer," she said, and she accepted Christ as her Saviour. When she went home and told her parents she was going to join the Baptist church, her father said, "If you do, you'll never be welcomed in this house again."

She was baptized and became one of the most faithful members of that Baptist group. As she listened to the preachers, she prayed often that some day God would use her son as a preacher.

Daniel attended the grade school in La Fitte. For a graduation gift she chose a Bible, and for his graduation speech he quoted the twenty-third Psalm. He wanted



Daniel's mother is in the center of this picture of the Woman's Missionary Society of Barataria Baptist Church

to go to Acadia Baptist Academy, but his father insisted that he stay at home and work "on the waves"—repairing boats as they came in from fishing trips and building new boats for the shrimpers to use.

During World War II, Daniel was in France. He surprised the French people because he could speak French: he surprised them even more because he was a Baptist. They thought all French people were Catholics.* His grandmother back in La Fitte was persuaded by her daughter to listen to the French Baptist radio program. Madame was surprised that many people in South Louisiana were Baptists. She thought all French people were Catholic, that is, except her heretic daughter and family.

While on active duty, Daniel realized

These people seem to belong to another America

Who are the people that do not follow Christ, but who must follow Christ before we have the America we want? They are school children of white settlers in a western state who saw their first church building in 1950. They are young people in another western state who never saw a minister until the mission worker came to them in the fall of 1950. They are Baptist students on 450 campuses who are not being reached by any Baptist ministry. They are villagers in Alaska who have no church like yours and mine, but who want one. They are Navajo Indians who stop their daily work to ask the missionary to teach them the Bible. They are farmers in Cuba who refuse to accept an untrained pastor because they want a good leader to teach young people the Word of God. by R. Dean Goodwin in MISSIONS, February, 1961

Daniel, Bettye, Marilyn, and Marsha — near the Acadia Baptist Academy

Barataria Baptist Church where Daniel was an active worker and where he surrendered his life completely to Christ (right)



more and more the presence and protection of God, and in his heart was a longing to do something special for him.

Back in La Fitte, he married. He and Bettye established a fine Christian home, which little Marsha came to bless. Dan resumed his work "on the waves" but he was not satisfied.

Although he was active and faithful in the Barataria Baptist Church, he wanted to do something more. In February of 1948, at the close of the morning service, Dan went forward and threw his arms about his pastor, Mr. Berkman De Ville. "I'm surrendering my all to Christ," he exclaimed happily.

His surrender called first for preparation. In August he moved his family to Eunice and enrolled in Acadia Baptist Academy as a freshman at the age of twenty-five. Marsha's little sister, Marilyn, was the baby of the Academy. Dan and Bettye worked hard and won the love, admiration and respect of the faculty and students. The superintendent said that no married stu-

dent had done as well as Dan. Bettye was chairman of her W.M.S. Circle. While at the Academy, Daniel surrendered to preach. He is now a student at Louisiana College, Pineville.

While preparations were being made for the family to move to the Academy, no one was happier than Dan's mother. A neighbor, knowing the great love of this mother and son, asked, "Aren't you sorry he's going away?"

To which she quietly replied, "No, I've been praying for this all his life."

Through the years, this mother has become more consecrated and a truer witness for Christ to the French people in Bayou Barataria—the same bayou down which as an earnest young woman she carried her infant son in a skiff to Baptist services.

*Actually of 48,000,000 people in France, only about 8,000,000 are Catholics; 39,000,000 are churchless.

Now . . . No Room

(From page 7) born and reared in Spain and came to this country as a man. He too taught me to hate the churches. He told me of the same conditions existing in Spain. I have hated all churches. Won't you bring your Bible over to my house some night and explain to me what real Christianity is like? There are so many just like him here in Tampa. Pray that we may reach them.

A truly "royal service" could be rendered in making possible a beautiful church home for these and others, whose lives are a

blessing and inspiration to all of us.

Time and space will not permit more, but I do want to express our gratitude for the Margaret Fund that makes it possible for our daughters to attend Mars Hill College. Alice and Betty write of the wonderful Christian spirit that pervades the campus, of the Christian leadership, and of how the Spirit of God has gripped their own hearts and minds. We feel that we are forever indebted to those who make the Margaret Fund possible through the Annie Armstrong Offering.

It's Just For Them!

by Mississippi BWC Publicity Chairman

THIS year members of the Business Woman's Circles in Mississippi will give to the Annie Armstrong Offering in a different spirit indeed! For we know more about missions since we spent a week end in New Orleans, where we saw Home Missions at work.

Most businesswomen look forward to sleeping late on the week end. But we didn't. At 7:30 that Saturday morning we left Jackson by chartered bus for New Orleans. A number had traveled from over the state to join us for two days of sight-seeing—how different it was to be from the usual sight-seeing tour not one of us had dreamed!

It had all begun back at the State B.W.C. House Party at Camp Garaywa, when our missionary Gladys Keith had surprised us with a visit. In telling us of the plans of Carver Center and of the progress of all

our mission work on the River Front, she ended by saying, "We want you businesswomen to come to see us. Why not have a week-end house party in New Orleans sometime?" She added hastily, "I can't promise to sleep you—even on the floor—but we can promise you an interesting visit and a warm welcome."

Following such an invitation, we B.W.C.'s adopted a project of raising funds for furnishings for Carver Center as an over and above extra-special gift to missions and planned to go for the ground breaking. Two of our leaders got busy. Edwina Robinson, state W.M.U. executive secretary, and Miss Mary Elizabeth Smith, B.W.C. Federation chairman, had charge of publicity and registration.

We arrived at our hotel in New Orleans around noon—in time to register and eat a hurried lunch before our guided tour began. Almarine Brown, president of Mississippi W.M.U., and formerly the B.W.C. Federation chairman, and groups from Gulfport, Laurel, and other points joined us in New Orleans. In all there were eighty-seven Mississippi B.W.C. members "going places and seeing things" together that afternoon, having our eyes opened to Home Missions in a city most of us had known before either as a tourist's paradise in the Vieux Carre or as a shopper's delight on Canal Street.

Somehow we had never realized before the enormity of human need or the challenge of our denomination's program all over that city.

First we visited the new site of the New Orleans Theological Seminary. We heard eagerly about the seminary and its students in their outgrown quarters, looked at the architect's drawing of the proposed buildings and came away proud that that great seminary belongs to us.

Then we were introduced to Friendship House, a mission where boys and girls of the neighborhood, predominantly Catholic, find friends along with wholesome recreation, classes in sewing and woodwork

and religious services. We met Mrs. H. D. Klein and Mrs. Ellis H. Shufflin, missionaries there, and admired their resourcefulness. They told us, "When we needed more help and the Board could not give us more missionaries, we just married husbands willing to be missionaries along with us!"

Our hearts were touched when we visited the Rescue Mission, which gives shelter to men who are down-and-out and seeks to rehabilitate them chiefly by pointing out to them a Saviour who came that all may have life more abundantly. Our pride in the ministry to homeless men there was soon displaced by shock at the realization of the need of a similar ministry to women and girls. Somehow we had not known that women, strangers alone in a city, were ever forced to seek safety as well as shelter; we did not know that they were too often directed to saloons or houses of ill fame.

It helped somewhat when we were shown over the Emergency Home, where we Baptists are rendering an important service in providing care for unmarried mothers. We saw the clean comfortable surroundings and felt the friendly atmosphere pointing to a better life for these mothers and pro-

viding Christian homes for their nameless children. We rode away with hearts filled with gratitude that we were a part of such ministry, and, our pride grew as we drove past other institutions—ours too—which we did not have time to visit; the Baptist Hospital, the Seminary, Toledano Mission. That, too, was short-lived, for we had pointed out to us our mission, Bowen Center, being torn down because that and other property in the vicinity had been bought for a government housing site.

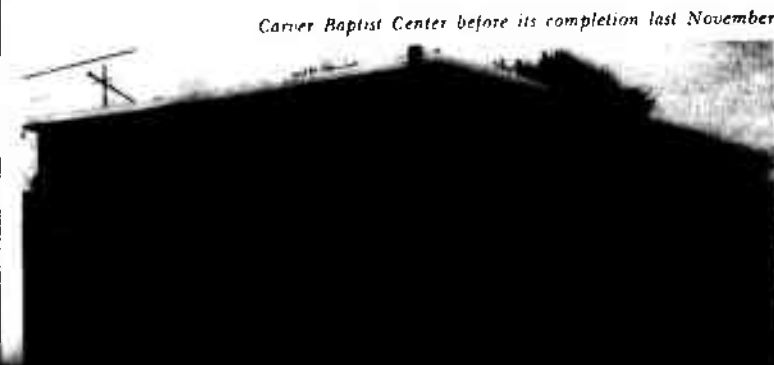
Our tour ended at the Rachel Sims Memorial Mission. Miss Keith, herself a Mississippian, director of the River Front Missions, welcomed us and presented her staff of missionaries. They showed us over our Rachel Sims building, talking enthusiastically of the kindergarten groups, the boys' and girls' clubs, and the mothers' classes. Later we gathered in the auditorium, changed for the occasion into a banquet hall, where New Orleans B.W.C. members served us a delicious banquet. Around the tables we shared the joys of the afternoon with our new B.W.C. friends. Later we were entertained by a musical program presented by a group of girls



Miss Osceola Williams speaking at the dedication program of the Carver Baptist Center in New Orleans. Dr. J. B. Lawrence of Atlanta, is seated second from the left



Miss Gladys Keith (left) standing with other participants in ground-breaking ceremony at Carver Baptist Center



Carver Baptist Center before its completion last November

and boys, products of the mission, and heard their mothers testify of the blessing it had brought into their lives and to their homes.

On Sunday morning, a special service was held at Rachel Sims for the visiting B.W.C's. Lavora Murfin, a senior at Louisiana College, taught the Sunday school lesson. A most charming and attractive girl with a contagious smile, she was first attracted to the mission through their music program. She has developed into a talented pianist who, but for our mission, would not have had an opportunity to develop her talent. The worship service included: song service, led by Clovis Collins, senior at Acadia Academy; Scripture reading by Allen Cunningham, freshman at Fortier High

realized that Negro children in that section are growing up without Christ, and has wanted to do something about it. Now that dream was being realized in a tangible way in the beginning of this beautiful building as a mission for the colored people of the River Front section. It was certainly an inspiration to see that large group of Christians, both white and colored, gather there on the site of the new building for the beginning of what we know will be a wonderful work among our Negroes. Dr. C. W. Applewhite, resident surgeon of the Marine Hospital in New Orleans and chairman of the promotional committee for Carver Center, presided over the service.

Others on this ground-breaking program were members of the interracial promotional committee including Reverend J. C. Wells, superintendent of city missions, and Negro leaders: Professor O. C. W. Taylor, principal of Ricard School; Bruce Haynes, soloist at Austertiz Street Baptist Church; and Miss Oseola Williams, public schoolteacher, all of New Orleans.

That afternoon we Mississippi Business women learned firsthand about settling the problems of race relationship. We shared joy and gladness with our colored brothers in

Christ—*our joy* because we have a part in giving Carver Center; their joy because they know the gift comes from friends who want to help meet their great need, joy that now all our mission endeavor on the River Front is not "jes fer whites." We learned to sing together "What a Friend We Have in Jesus." Our Negro song leader and those of his race sang rather slowly; we sang rather rapidly—perhaps too rapidly. Soon, both groups became conscious of the difference in tempo; then we got together and sang in unison of our Friend. As Dr. Lyn Elder, pastor of St. Charles Avenue Baptist Church, expressed it in his address: That is the way we must work out our problems—together!

We have watched the building of Carver Center with deep interest. It went up faster than we dreamed and the dedication was on Sunday afternoon, November 18.

People came from Georgia and Tennessee for the wonderful interracial service. It was a thrilling hour as they sang "Amazing Grace" and then

*"Let every kindred, every tribe,
On this terrestrial ball,
To Him all Majesty ascribe,
And crown Him Lord of all!"*

We are glad our Annie Armstrong Offering has done so much toward that crowning in New Orleans and elsewhere by sending missionaries to tell of the King.

School; vocal solo by Robert Polk, senior at Acadia Academy; and prayer led by Charles Rankin, New Orleans Seminary. The morning offering, taken by two boys from the mission, was used to pay travel expenses of all these students who had come back to the mission they loved to participate on this program. Johnnie Stewart, an eighth grade student at Acadia Academy, preached the sermon. The entire program was a living testimony to the worth of Rachel Sims Memorial Mission.

The highlight of the week end came at two o'clock when the ground-breaking for Carver Center began. All through the sixteen years that Miss Keith has been on the River Front as our missionary, she has

Prayer Changes Things

WE KNEEL, yearning for peace in our distraught minds, and peace among the nations;

WE RISE, knowing each one must pay a price for peace.

WE KNEEL, blinded with pride of race and culture;

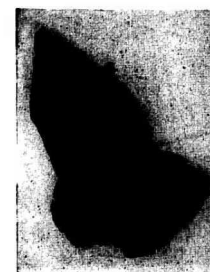
WE RISE, scales dropped from eyes, enabled to see strength and beauty in all.

WE KNEEL, wrapped about with personal grievances;

WE RISE, filled with gratitude for gifts of God everywhere about us

WE KNEEL, in fear; WE RISE, with faith.

—From "Call to Prayer" in MISSIONS, February, 1951



"You Will Pray, Won't You?"

(As Kathleen Manley told it)

"My arm was swollen from finger tip to shoulder and the pain was dreadful. When the doctor and nurse and patient are all the same person alone at the backside of nowhere, things are pretty bad. I had penicillin and sulfa drugs and took them but I didn't dare take any sedative because if I didn't wake up no one would know what to do."

Miss Kathleen Manley was telling about just one experience at her isolated station, Joinkramz, Nigeria. Something had bitten her, she wasn't sure what. But Dr. Roberta Cox Edwards was away and whatever was done, Miss Manley must do for herself.

"Late at night I knew the pain was too great for me to sleep. I listened in the dark to the night noises of Nigeria, prepared for a long night tossing with pain. But suddenly to my amazement the birds were singing, the sun was coming up, it was morning and I awoke refreshed. The pain was nearly gone; my arm was some better.

"At our morning prayers Frank Dodo asked at once if I had slept. 'Yes,' I replied, 'I was surprised but I slept. Didn't you?'"

"No," he replied. "All night I prayed for you. When I would start to lie down something said 'Get up, get up and pray for the missus.' God would not let me sleep."

"I expressed my gratitude to him and to the Heavenly Father and we went on to the hospital. A woman had come in in a terrible condition. She needed the best doctor in the world to be sure she lived and her baby also. But there was no doctor, just one American-trained nurse, doing things a nurse does not do in the U.S.A. By afternoon the baby and mother were past the danger point and all was well. Then I knew why God had kept Frank Dodo awake to pray. Not just for my relief from pain but that I might be rested for the strain of that delivery.

"You never know what extremity faces your missionaries. Always they need your prayers. You will pray, won't you?"



... from Mrs. Paul Bell

A Gift From New Zealand

Last year in Panama Canal Zone we think we gave the first dollar of the Annie Armstrong Offering.

Our February W.M.S. program came on Valentine's Day so we had heart-shaped program folders mounted on a heart-shaped red base about half an inch larger than the white folder. (I cut the red heart with my pinking shears and it looked attractive, "if I do say so.") We called our program "Home Missions on Our Hearts," hoping to tune our hearts to praying and giving in March.

With red and white paper ribbons, we fastened the Annie Armstrong envelopes to the programs so each one present received an envelope with its statement of goal and dedication of the gift.

Among our guests was a Baptist minister from New Zealand. He knew he would not be present in March and he was a long way from home but he put a dollar bill in that envelope and handed it to me, with his name and "Baptist minister from New Zealand" written in.

Someway it inspired us greatly in our giving and we hope it will stir other people elsewhere also.

... from Mrs. Jakob Meister, Germany

A Week of Bible Training

In October, 160 Baptist women from the Eastern zone attended a Bible week in West Berlin. All were leaders of women's groups. The Baptist Women's League of Germany, whose president is Mrs. Jakob Meister, Berlin-Dahlem, had arranged this week. The women came with great expectations. The week had been prepared with much prayer.

The prayer fellowship in the morning was most inspiring. The stream of prayers had to be stopped. Four Bible lectures

with lively discussions gave those days their inner structure. "What must we overcome?"—"Jesus, the greatest overcomer!"—"The reward of the overcomer!"—"How shall I become an overcomer?"

Then followed the reports of the work of the four missionary sisters, serving in the Eastern zone under manifold difficulties. There God's Word has never been needed more urgently than nowadays, and is being manifested as the saving power for many people. Besides these four missionary sisters, ten so-called sisters of confidence minister as honorary workers in the Soviet zone. In great and small cities we had many a blessed women's campaign. The women are hungry for encouragement and fellowship of the gospel. About 30,000 Baptists still live in the Soviet zone of Germany.

During the afternoons we discussed practical women's questions and various problems in our ministry. On one afternoon we heard reports about our worldwide sisterhood. With great interest, the women living mostly a lonely life, learned of the missionary work of the women of the Baptist World Alliance. They took home with them the program for the European Prayer Week and the World Prayer Day of all Baptist women in the world. They all wanted to take part in it.

May I express our sincerest thanks, also through this report, to those who have assisted our churches in the East so abundantly in our distressing times. In gratitude we remember here in Berlin the visit of Mrs. George Martin and Mrs. Edgar Bates. Both were a godsend present in our hard days.

Very kind regards to all sisters united in Christ.

... from Anna Seward Pruitt

A Missionary Society of Early Days

I have been reading Nell Warren Outlaw's book *And Certain Women* in which she pictures for us the apostolic missionary society composed of devoted sisters named in the Bible. They were privileged to minister to our Lord directly, but not more truly than we can minister to him with our prayers and our consecrated offerings.

I am reminded of long-ago days in our mission in Hwanghsien, North China. The Christian women were few and we had no

"If I kneel at his feet, I
can stand up to anything."

organization, but we all craved to meet together for prayer and testimony, so at least once a week we met.

Only one of our Christian women had a home large enough to seat us all on her wide, warm, brick-oven bed. They are so accustomed to sitting cross-legged on that hard surface that they are very uncomfortable in chairs.

Clocks were not common and those they did have in different homes never agreed. There was no bell to tell the sisters when to come. So our kind hostess took it upon herself to go in person to tell the other women that it was time to begin. As we gathered and perched ourselves, tailor-fashion, on the clean mat covering the surface of the bed, we were really doing our kind hostess a favor, for we were pressing her week's wash, garments carefully folded and placed between the warm bricks and the mat on which we sat.

We had no set program, for we had no ROYAL SERVICE. We went carefully over a single passage of Scripture, and each of us drew a practical lesson for our own use. Each of the sisters could lead in prayer just as naturally as she would talk with an earthly friend. They knew that the Heavenly Father, so unlike the idols in the temples, was ready to hear and answer. One sister ended her prayer, not with an amen, but as she would say good-bye to a friend or neighbor, "I'll speak with you again tomorrow."

Christian fellowship is a treasure that heathen worship does not provide.

A Request Out of India

Someway Mrs. Yalla saw a copy of our magazine. Yearning for Christian fellowship in prayer, she writes:

Dear Editor,

I am herewith enclosed a request to pray for the service. I have great faith on the Prayers. If you will be kind enough to publish my request in your magazine, I shall be very much thankful to you.

I am an Honorary Sunday school teacher from the last three years. On every Sunday, thirty-eight students used to attend the

class. Every year, there will be a competition among the Sunday schools only on Sunday school lessons. Last year, eighteen Sunday schools took part in the competition. By the Lord's grace, my students got the first prize. I therefore request you all to encourage my service through your prayers.

Mrs. Ravanamma Yalla
Amalapuram
East Godavari Dt., S. India

... from Mrs. H. H. McMillan

Prayer Gives Victory

The first graduate of our first Shanghai Seminary was the son of a pioneer Baptist preacher in Central China. This graduate was asked to teach Bible in one of our Baptist schools. While teaching there he became seriously ill, and opium was prescribed by a relative.

He became a helpless victim of this habit, and came with one request, "Will you pray for me?" He asked if we had a book on prayer. Prayer without ceasing was made for him by his family and friends.

He succeeded in getting a teaching position in a government school in Singapore where he taught six years. At the end of this time he wrote saying that he had broken with the opium habit and wanted to come back home and carry on the work his father began.

He was invited to come and work at the Sing Ming Baptist Church, Soochow, where he served faithfully and acceptably. Several most closely associated with him, though, began to doubt if he had fully broken with the opium habit. When it was revealed that he had not, it was a time of deepest disappointment, and grief, and heart-searching on the part of all concerned.

But prayer continued to be made for him. As he pulled heavy wagon loads of road-building supplies day after day, "he came to himself and said 'I will arise and go to my Father.'"

When we last heard, "ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven," he was teaching Bible in an academy, the Men's Bible Class in Sunday school, and was the pastor's helper in that church. "Thanks be to God who giveth us the victory through out Lord Jesus Christ."

MISSISSIPPI

One hundred and forty-eight businesswomen and missionaries gathered at Camp Garaywa for the fourth annual Mississippi BWC House Party.

A new feature was the Saturday afternoon workshops on program planning, mission study, community missions, socials, and publicity; each one chose the workshop that dealt with her particular interest for the coming year.

Following the Saturday night banquet, a Spanish Fiesta, demonstrations and exhibits were presented by the various workshop groups.

Our three visitors, Mrs. C. D. Creasman, Mrs. J. Ivey Miller of Chile, and Miss Nannie David of Nigeria and Mississippi Good Will Center were a source of inspiration during the entire House Party. Also featured on the program was our state W.M.U. president, Miss Almarine Brown.

Officers elected for the coming year are Mary Elizabeth Smith, Magnolia, chairman; Joyce Anderson, Meridian, co-chairman; Marion Watts, Charleston, secretary.

ALABAMA

The Birmingham BWC Federation held a "Symphony of Missions" banquet in October at the Thirty-Fifth Avenue Baptist Church with 225 attending. Small loving cups were presented to circles from Glen Iris and Woodlawn churches for having the largest percentage of members present. Musical notes and decorations showed the theme of the occasion. Mrs. Margaret Ell-

ette, retiring president, presided over the business session. New officers of the Federation were installed by Mrs. Charles C. Bowles, pastor's wife, who used miniature musical instruments to impress upon each officer the importance of her duties in making up a symphony orchestra whose music can be heard the world around.

After a delicious meal and a short fun period, Mrs. Sara Christian, retiring program chairman and incoming president, presented Miss Mary Lucile Saunders and Miss Virginia Mathis, missionaries home from China. They brought a most challenging message on "Christian Voices from Communistic China," using recordings of Chinese voices they had brought with them to America. The gist of the message was that God is asking Christians to die for him in China, but in America he is asking us to live for him.

The BWC Federation of Covington County, Alabama, held its quarterly meeting in banquet style on a Tuesday night, at the First Baptist Church in Andalusia, with 69 members present. Miss Myrtle Kervin, retiring president, presided at the meeting. In an impressive service Miss Joy Greene, educational secretary of the hostess church, installed Mrs. W. H. Hurston as president, and the other officers. Miss Lois Privett, Alabama W.M.U. field worker, was the guest speaker. Music was by Miss Mary Clyde Mims.

The BWC Federation of Covington County was organized three years ago with four Business Woman's Circles, two in Andalusia and two in Opp. Since then five new Business Woman's Circles have been organized, making nine circles in the Federation.

Banquet of Covington County BWC Federation at Andalusia, Alabama



OKLAHOMA

At the state W.M.U. meeting of Oklahoma there was a bit of festivity in the

The Oklahoma County BWC Federation. Miss Thelma Brogan, president, and other officers had planned a reception for Miss Alma Hunt, convention-wide W.M.U. executive secretary, about twenty missionaries who were present, and the state BWC officers. The reception was held in the W.M.U. offices of the lovely new Baptist building. This afforded the BWC members an opportunity to become acquainted with these missionaries and leaders.

The state BWC Federation of Oklahoma will be meeting March 8-9, 1952, at Norman, Oklahoma. Miss Jaxie Short, missionary to China, will be the principal speaker. The meeting will open with a banquet on Saturday evening, and close on Sunday afternoon. There will be both home and foreign missionaries on the program, plus the Sunday school lesson taught by Miss Sophia Duerkson, state religious education department worker, and a clinic for officers led by Miss Margaret Hutchinson, state W.M.U. executive secretary. Ava Hall is state BWC president.

LOUISIANA

Valege Street Baptist Church in New Orleans welcomed the Louisiana BWC Federation with everything they had! Mrs. H. Gandy who was president of the Federation and also superintendent there, evidently knew all the right people. They were eager to rally to her and the BWC program committee wishes.

From over the state some 145 businesswomen gathered from Saturday noon to Sunday noon. What a packed-tight twenty-four hours; speeches, tour of New Orleans' mission fields, banquet, annual business meeting of the Federation! The Federation was honored to have Dr. J. D. Grey, president of Southern Baptist Convention, as the banquet speaker. He brought a ringing message on the urgency of our missionary task.

There were unusual decorations and lovely flowers, hand-tinted banquet program favors, and special musical numbers, but best of all was the earnest fellowship of businesswomen eager to do more to help a lost world into knowledge of Jesus Christ.

Your Circle Program

(BWCs use program on page 24)

Our Samaria

Circle Chairman: This meeting is to supplement the regular missionary program with more facts of interest about Home Missions and the Annie Armstrong Offering.

Sing hymns like "America," "America the Beautiful," and "God Bless America." Quote Acts 1:8 in unison.

In *Southern Baptist Home Missions* is a two-page picture presentation "Home Missions Reinforced by Annie Armstrong Offering." Look at these pictures and talk about them so your women will see home missions in action and realize some of the work made possible by the Annie Armstrong Offering.

In February *Ambassador Life* see program by Dr. John Caylor. Ask a circle member to give the information in it about one-third of the Home Mission receipts coming from the Annie Armstrong Offering.

From this number of ROYAL SERVICE ask women to tell about the dedication of Carver Memorial Center, New Orleans, and Kathleen Mallory Good Will Center in Baltimore.

In *The Window of YWA*, February, 1952, read "I Will Care For You."

From *World Comrades*, February, 1952, tell "God Answered Prayer That Night."

In *The Commission* there is an article "In the Jungles and Out," which tells about the work of Dr. L. M. Bratcher who laid the foundation for home mission work in Brazil. The zeal of Brazilian Baptists should stir us to more effort for home missions in the U.S.A.

Pray that Christian women may awake to the evil within America and do more to bring America to Christ. Pray for outpouring of the Holy Spirit during March 3-7, our Week of Prayer for Home Missions, and pray that we may far outgive our Annie Armstrong Offering goal of \$900,000.

Plans for Committee Chairmen

Community Missions Chairmen

Do you have a hard time persuading some of your women to take part in community missions activities? Would you like to have a society made up of eager volunteers? Here's a suggestion for you. It takes time, but it will work. Lead your G.A.'s. and Y.W.A.'s. in a worth-while program of real community missions today, and you will have trained, capable women for your society tomorrow! And just as important is the fact that these young people can render a very real service through their community missions program right now.

February 10-16 is Y.W.A. Focus Week. Have you and the Y.W.A. counselor sat down lately with the Y.W.A. community missions committee and talked through plans for the girls to carry out in the community? Now would be a good time to do that very thing. You take the initiative. Invite the two or three girls and the counselor to your home. Over a cup of hot chocolate and cookies, share with the girls your enthusiasm for making the community more Christian and challenge them with the needs your committee has seen. Let them tell you what they think their Y.W.A. could and should do in the community. Help them outline plans for the next two or three months.

There are any number of things that Y.W.A.'s. can do well and enjoy doing. You could not find better helpers in taking a census or making a survey. They will love going by for little children whose parents cannot (or will not) bring them to Sunday school. If you live in a city, there are many business girls who have come there to work. Some of these will never attend a church unless they are sought out individually. Your census will reveal where they are. Let your Y.W.A.'s. visit them.

There are some responsibilities that individual members can take, such as baby sitting to free young parents to attend revival services or mothers to take part in soul-winning visitation. Then you will want

to plan some activities for the Y.W.A. as a whole. Special programs for shut-ins or people in institutions are always welcome. These may include worship programs, recreation nights, musicals, playlets, slides or moving pictures. Your Y.W.A. may want to begin a special activity to be carried on from month to month, such as a story hour or Sunbeam Band in a Negro or Mexican church, or a mission Sunday school class in an unchurched section, or a planned play period in an area lacking in recreational facilities.

Lead your young women into service today and have the joy of watching them grow as effective and earnest Christian witnesses.

Edith Stokely

Mission Study Chairmen

As you study the two home mission books, *Crusade in Home Missions* and *Tangled Threads*, you are confronted with some of the many problems facing Christians in this country. For a different approach to one of the problems suppose you try a film forum.

Use the picture called "The Brotherhood of Man," which presents in animated cartoon form the facts everyone needs to know about race. (Rent it from the Anti-Delamation League, 11 Pryor St., Atlanta, Georgia.) Before the film is shown be sure you have mastered the material in *Tangled Threads* under the chapter heading *What's The Difference*. If you have definite convictions about the truth of these facts you will be better equipped to find answers to the questions the members of your class will ask.

The picture begins "in Henry's backyard." Ask each person watching to think what answers he would give to questions which might arise in his own backyard. The film lasts only ten minutes. As soon as it is over, start the group talking about what they have seen by asking such questions as:

Did Henry bring out any ideas that were new to you? Why do we have different races today? Is the white man's culture always superior? Were there any ideas expressed that you think would help in solving the race problem?

Before showing the film you may want to use a simple attitude test which you have mimeographed for every person present. Let the members exchange the sheets unsigned so that each participant will feel free to comment on what she reads.

Do not have an "I have the correct answer" attitude. Let each be her own judge. It is not so important what her attitude is today, but is she willing to change it even tomorrow?

There will be those in your class who will say, "Don't you think that you will stir up trouble by talking about such things?" You may remind the class that problems arise because too few know the facts.

We Americans live in a glass house. We are proud of our free institutions and our promises of equality of opportunity. But on every side, the peoples of the world observe that we do not practice what we preach. The United States is not so strong that we can completely ignore what the world thinks of us. Can we, then, ignore what God thinks of us?

Attitude Test

Check the position you take

List minority groups with whom our home missionaries work.)

1. Would you want to keep them outside the U. S.?
2. Would you want them to live in your neighborhood? (Use same list)
3. Would you like them as your personal friends? (Use same list)
4. Do you favor people of all races using public places and common carriers without segregation? Answer yes or no. Theater....., Banks....., Hotel....., Restaurant....., Buses, trains, street-cars.....

Mrs. William H. H. H.

Stewardship Chairmen

It's ready—a new stewardship play, *Aunt Tillie Learns to Tithe*. If you went to Ridgecrest last summer for either Y.W.A. Camp or W.M.U. Week, you probably saw

this play as it was presented by girls on the Ridgecrest staff.

The play is in two scenes, both with the same stage setting, "summer porch of Aunt Tillie's house." It could just as easily be a garden scene or Aunt Tillie's living room. At Ridgecrest it was given most effectively in front of the auditorium with no background but the steps and only a porch seat and some chairs for stage furniture.

In the action of the play, five city nieces who come every summer to visit Uncle Joe and Aunt Tillie in their farm home find electric gadgets in house and barn, a new car in the garage and everything up-to-date except Aunt Tillie's ideas about giving to

*O Lord, our God, Thy mighty hand
Hath made our country free;
From all her broad and happy land
May worship rise to Thee.*

HENRY VAN DYKE

the Lord's work. She doesn't like "money talkin'" in the church and doesn't believe in "this titthin' business." The nieces who have received stewardship training in Girls' Auxiliary and Young Woman's Auxiliary decide that they ought to "wake Aunt Tillie up" to her responsibilities as a Christian steward.

This they do by presenting a play in which Aunt Tillie comes face to face with her wealth, time and talents, hears the call of world need and finds in stewardship the way to use God's gifts for his service. She herself gives the play its name, "Aunt Tillie Learns to Tithe," which in the opinion of the nieces makes it a success.

This play is especially adapted for use by members of Young Woman's Auxiliary. It can be given by older Intermediate G.A.'s. or younger members of Business Woman's Circles. Order it from Woman's Missionary Union, Birmingham 3, Alabama, price 15 cents a copy. Since there are six characters in the play, rehearsal will be made easier if six copies are ordered so that each participant may have one.

Mrs. C. D. H.

It's Happening Now

BY MARJORIE MOORE ARMSTRONG

As my congressman's most loyal constituent, and his secretary *ex officio*, I am in Paris for the opening of the sixth session of the United Nations General Assembly—but not, I hasten to add, at government expense! This is the second time in three years the French capital city is host to the U.N. The new headquarters building in New York is not finished, and the old building on Long Island is needed by its owners, the Sperry Gyroscope people.

So the international organization moved to Paris for three to six months and everybody is happy. With it came some 4,000 persons, most of them Americans. Every day or so another congressional committee arrives, enroute to Germany or around the world, to study international problems.

The U.N. meets in the beautiful Palais de Chaillot in the shadow of the Eiffel Tower. The ever-glorious display of flags flutter in the breeze on either side of the reflection basin and fountains. The formal gardens have been displaced by two neat temporary buildings of prefabricated materials, between the Palais and the street, to house the U.N.'s huge staff of delegates, secretaries, guards, typists, administrators, and press correspondents.

Inside the auditorium a few minutes before three, Tuesday afternoon, November 6, my husband and I surrendered tickets which were hard to get, and were shown to seats a few rows back of the delegations. We tried on and adjusted the familiar headphones for interpretation. The place was already crowded with people, forcing their way through the aisles to reserved seats, stretching across the rows to shake hands with old friends, and saluting colleagues in other sections. Flashbulbs and klieg lights trained on Anthony Eden, a new arrival in the U.N. and upon first Mr. Vishinsky, then Mr. Acheson.

The vacant seats on our left were soon claimed by a couple of men—one glance showed they were father and son, even though they dressed differently. The younger wore the usual Western style clothing; he had a heavy black mustache. The

older was clean-shaven and wore a striped-tweed, knee-length coat with high-buttoned collar, tight-fitting trousers, and a large turban of moss green crinoline, with raw edged end flaring above his head, the other end hanging down his back. (He promptly removed it—to the audible relief of the several women seated behind him.) In a matter of seconds, my husband was chatting with the newcomers, and I was presently introduced to the former prime minister of Pakistan and his son, a graduate of Cambridge. He was stopping over in Paris on his way to the U.S.A. for the first time.

To my right, someone was holding mimeographed documents from the U.S. State Department. Presently he introduced himself as Francis B. Sayre. I knew him as former governor of the Philippines, former assistant in the State Department under Cordell Hull, and an outstanding Christian layman.

The opening session lasted barely an hour. It began with a moment of "prayer or meditation"—so stated as a concession to the atheists of the nations who decline to pray but admit that they do sometimes meditate. The president of France addressed the conference. "We must not agree that war is inevitable," he pled. A new president was chosen with dispatch—no nominations, secret ballot, one vote to a delegation, according to the Charter agreements. Then Senor Padilla Nervo of Mexico was applauded as he took the place of the highly popular former president, Mr. Entezam of Iran. That was all for the first day.

"How long will this assembly last?" we asked an official.

"Four months perhaps," he said. "We're aiming at February 26 as the windup date, but there's Christmas—and the Europeans and Asiatics in the U.N. have been cheated out of Christmas at home for several years. They'll take a big holiday this year!"

We were impressed with the effort of the Laymen's Movement for a Christian World to have a prayer room in the Palais, as well as having one in the New York U.N. building. The United Nations stands in the need of prayer. Three things seem clear to a Christian spectator in Paris right now.

1. Diplomacy cannot be pushed. It takes time to work out personal differences, much more so international ones.

2. But nobody here is in a hurry. It's pleasant to spend the winter in Paris. They would just as soon linger indefinitely.

3. Overindulgence and intoxication with the gay life of Paris won't solve the problems of the world.

Americans have a quite personal motive in praying for the U.N. to get the job done. Although the entire annual budget of the United Nations is not as much as New York City spends annually for its garbage collection, the United States contributes 38

per cent of its present budget.

This international peacemaking machinery is still our only political hope for preventing a holocaust. It is still under the control of men of good will who honestly want peace and want to outwit those who would dominate the world. But the odds against them are strong. Men like Dr. Sayre depend upon the spiritual support of the Christians of the world. If you believe "prayer changes things," are you praying for peace?

Is this your question?

How can we keep the W.M.U. program from lasting too long?

What do you mean by "too long"? The program in ROYAL SERVICE is planned to last an hour. If your business is transacted at the same meeting as your program, should that business time be charged to the length of the W.M.U. program?

To avoid one or two speakers using too much time, the program committee should give a time length when assigning the topic to be discussed. Plan your program carefully, allowing for music, Scripture reading and so on. Then you can begin and stop on time.

What is the use in having these Focus Weeks every quarter?

W.M.U. organizations are so busy giving missionary information that they have but little time to learn about their own organization. A G.A. likes to know she belongs to an international organization with girls of her own age in Japan, Brazil, Chile, Argentina, Mexico, Cuba, Hawaii, Alaska, Panama and Canal Zone, Lebanon, Nigeria, etc.

During Focus Weeks the organization looks at itself and develops *esprit de corps*. The church looks at it and is grateful for its work and sees how it can encourage the organization.

The organization can give special emphasis to enlistment, community missions, to subscriptions and to mission study. The fostering W.M.S. can show its approval and promotion efforts by having a banquet, picnic, or some particular social affair for this organization.

February brings Y.W.A. Focus Week, February 10 to 16. Let your W.M.S. show your Y.W.A. how you appreciate these young women. If you have no Y.W.A., start during Y.W.A. Focus Week. See *The Window of Y.W.A.* for plans for Y.W.A. Focus Week.

Does the W.M.U. approve of rummage sales and church suppers to make money for missions?

W.M.U. believes that giving tithes and offerings is the way to finance God's kingdom. It is not the business of missionary organizations to compete with regular businesses and try to "make money." See *Plan of Work or Manual of Woman's Missionary Union*, page 40. "It is not a money-raising organization resorting to suppers, bazaars, or rummage sales for funds to support kingdom work."

Why do we have the Annie Armstrong Offering and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering and the Cooperative Program since the Cooperative Program includes both home and foreign missions?

Why do you give a birthday present to your son when you care for his needs regularly? The Cooperative Program is like the household budget that must provide essentials for all of the family, the offerings are like the gifts.

The Boards do not have complete answers to all their needs through the Cooperative Program and the two offerings help greatly, though even then needs are still unmet.

The Lords asks for "tithes and offerings."

Many Kinds of Preparation

BY EMILY K. LANSDELL

The thirteen or fourteen-year-old brother of one of our students visited us a few Sundays ago. When registering in the guest book, he wrote as his remark—"too many girls."

Not all men share that viewpoint. Over at the Seminary in a recent chapel service a casual remark was made about the close ties between the Training School and the Seminary. Faint smiles and grins flickered across the faces of the students in the audience as they found in this dignified remark a meaning not intended by the speaker. Last week another one of our seniors received a diamond from a Seminary student.

To marry or not to marry was one of the questions posed at a forum held one evening in the fall. Mrs. Edwin Perry, graduate of Meredith College and wife of the pastor of Broadway Baptist Church here in Louisville, discussed the need for personal grooming and charm in a religious worker. Mrs. Perry is herself a woman of unusual loveliness and charm. Meeting and working with men was discussed by Mrs. Duke McCall, petite, vivacious and attractive wife of the new president of the Seminary, and mother of four young sons. The last topic centered around marriage versus a Christian career and was capably led by Mrs. Henry Turlington whose husband teaches at the Seminary.

Mrs. Turlington was a foreign mission volunteer when she attended the Training School. While a student here she met Dr. Turlington and was married upon her graduation. They served for a brief period as missionaries to China. The Chinese friends on the college campus enjoyed the warmth and gracious hospitality of their home. Students dropped in to chat and to play with the children. Mrs. Turlington taught a Bible class for young women. The Turlington home was itself a Christian witness, perhaps more effective than many sermons and lessons. After the advance of the Communists, the Turlington family returned to the States and to the Seminary. Although she gives devoted care to her home and her three children, Mrs. Turling-

ton finds time to lead mission study groups and speak about the missionary task of Christian churches.

The discussion did not end when the meeting was dismissed but continued in dormitory rooms. The request was made that the next forum be devoted to the art of living a happy and worth-while life without marriage.

Whether a young woman serves as a single missionary or a missionary wife, careful, specific preparation is required. Whether she works as educational director or pastor's wife, she needs special training to fit her for the task.

A Seminary wife said she had given up her job as a schoolteacher so as to take advantage of the chance to study. She realized she was missing the only opportunity she would probably ever have to prepare for the years ahead. Her family needed the monthly check from her job, but it was not worth the price, she concluded.

Approximately six hundred of the men in the Seminary are married, yet only seventy-eight of these wives have enrolled for classes. Pressing household duties and the care of little children keep many at home, and the necessity to earn money while the husband studies prevents others from attending classes. It is distressing that so many wives are not able to take this opportunity to equip themselves for the tasks that await them as they share in the ministry of their husbands.

Each boarding student shares in certain daily household duties. Washing dishes together affords a chance to get acquainted, to develop teamwork, and to acquire practical and efficient habits for ordinary tasks. A former student, now married and the mother of two children, was remarking about the service in our dining room. There is a hostess at each table. The food is served without stiff formality but with due regard to correct form. Small talk and interesting conversation are encouraged rather than a hasty meal. This student said

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When February Arrives

BY MARGARET BRUCE

"We are facing the light now instead of shadows; winter is wearing out . . . there's a stirring in nature's world; the tempo is quickening. . . . When February arrives, there is always morning in year's eyes."

When Young Woman's Auxiliary takes over the second week in February during their Focus Week, we feel that we're facing the light and the tempo is quickening. It's thrilling to see the excellent way in which trained young women do things. They are capable of doing big things when they have someone with whom to counsel and to encourage them. Help the Y.W.A. in your church to have a dynamic Focus Week by co-operating with them in making plans February 10-16.

Suggestions given in *The Window of Y.W.A.* emphasize the Y.W.A. Citation. This important week can influence young women in your church to begin work on the citation requirements.

To make Y.W.A. Focus Week one long remembered, it will be necessary for the fostering W.M.S. circle, the Y.W.A. counselor, young people's director, pastor and Y.W.A. committees to work together.

Encourage these seven Y.W.A. committees to co-operate and make wise plans.

The Devotional Committee endeavors to have every young woman attend the Sunday services of the church. It may be necessary to arrange transportation for some. All young women ages 16-25 should be urged to participate in each Focus Week activity even though they may not be members of Young Woman's Auxiliary.

From "When February Arrives" by Harold S. Pearson, February 1951 *Think*

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she is most grateful for the training given her which has enabled her to be at ease when she entertains in her own home or as a guest elsewhere.

These and other phases of our life together are part of the necessary preparation, along with field work at the Good Will Center, the orphanage, clinics, and with classes in such subjects as geography, ways of worship, and methods of missionary education.

Our Young People

The Enrollment Committee should work on attendance for each of the meetings throughout the week. In addition to this responsibility and with the help of the executive committee, these committees can make arrangements for organizing and fostering new Y.W.A.'s within the association.

The Mission Study Committee will find it a joy to plan for mission study classes for other organizations. Classes may be taught for Sunbeams, G.A.'s, and R.A.'s, in their own church if needed, or they may find an opportunity for this service in a neighboring church. February should be a preparatory month for the Home Mission Week of Prayer. Use the new home mission books for these classes.

The Community Missions Committee should confer with the pastor about the lost ones in the community. The names should be carefully assigned and as much information as possible given to those who are to go visiting. Be sure that the leaflet "Youth Winning Youth" is given to each girl. These may be secured free from your state W.M.U. office.

Since February 14 comes on Thursday of Focus Week the Social Committee should find it easy to plan a Valentine party or banquet. A progressive dinner or some other social occasion may be substituted for a party. But be sure that you do not overlook this lovely season of the year when making plans for your Focus Week.

The Literature Committee will enjoy this special time for spreading the word about the new purpose *The Window of Y.W.A.* Everybody is talking about it; some are giving subscriptions to those who are not even members of Y.W.A. Promote an enthusiastic *The Window of Y.W.A.* campaign in your church.

The Stewardship Committee can help by planning for a missionary drama. Nothing can be quite so impressive as a well-presented missionary play. Often lives are channeled into missionary activity by seeing or having a part in some play. One young woman who played the role of Ann in *Ann of Ann* dedicated her life to Christian work. The pantomime pageant *O Zion, Haste* is always effective. Order from Woman's Missionary Union, Birmingham 3, Alabama, price 15c.

Young women who complete the required five service projects will have presented to them the attractive Y.W.A. Citation. We hope that this emphasis during Focus Week will encourage the Y.W.A. in your church to begin serving in a larger way. Let's be ready for Y.W.A. Focus Week when February arrives.

Program

The Ministry of Prayer

Planned by Frances Landrum Tyler

Program Outline

The Ministry of Prayer (program chairman)

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Teach Us to Pray

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Testimonies of Five Missionaries

Seven Encouragements to Pray

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Program Plans

The missionary talks may be assigned without using the scene at Ridgecrest. In fact the whole program can be "speaking" as usual, but the scenes will lend interest and can be very simple! The breakfast scene can be merely a table and four chairs.

Pritchett Hall porch can be realistic with any lawn or porch furniture—it actually has rocking chairs on it! The missionaries speak informally, and naturally, but distinctly so that all may hear. It will lend atmosphere if the missionaries show a keen, eager interest in every testimony, and listen intently to Miss Bruce's letters.

Put the seven things to do on page 30 on a poster or on blackboard covered so as not to show until desired. (Note suggestion 5, write in advance for cards to distribute.) After program chairman reads them, let all read them aloud together.

The Ministry of Prayer

No thoughtful person can see the world's starving, homeless, helpless, stricken people without longing to relieve their misery. The only need that surpasses theirs is the need of those persons with material abundance who suffer from moral and spiritual anemia. All about us are careless, indifferent, self-sufficient, sinful persons rushing madly into eternity without a thought as to where they shall spend it. We long to help. How can we? By the ministry of prayer. That is our first weapon against sin and evil of all kinds.

Dick Cotfield inherited a good business and a sizeable fortune. Through misuse and abuse he lost both. Sin lurked in his path on every hand. He yielded. Fortunately he had loved ones and friends who were faithful in prayer. Now he is freed from alcoholism and is on the road to recover his former position and influence. Through prayer he has been changed.

Intercessory prayer is a ministry all of us can perform. All of us know people who are in desperate need of our prayers right now. May this program call us to dedicate ourselves anew to this worthy privilege and heavy responsibility.

Teach Us To Pray

The hymn "More Holiness Give Me" was the favorite of a consecrated Y.W.A. leader, wife of a noble Christian physician, a Commander in the U.S. Navy. Her influence was astounding and her service abundant. Her prayers were sincere and effective. She led many to a knowledge of Christ as Saviour, and many more to a dedication of their all to Jesus. May these lines express the prayer of each of us in our devotional hour.

(The hymn may be read as a prayer to self, piano or organ accompaniment; sung as a solo or quartet, or three women can each pray a verse, the last one adding "For Jesus' sake. Amen." If sung, add the "Amen," since it is designed to be a prayer in unison, the entire society being "of one accord.")

When Jesus was here among men he so prayed that his disciples said, "Lord, teach us to pray" (Luke 11:1). They did not ask to be taught to preach, or to heal, or to cast out demons. They seemed to sense that his greatest power was prayer. They urged him to teach them to pray. And he did. Simply and sincerely, he gave them their first lessons in the school of prayer. "Enter into thy closet—pray to the Father" (Matt. 6:6).

Now that Jesus has ascended to the Father we see that one of his main activities is prayer. "He ever liveth to make intercession" (Heb. 7:25).

If Jesus, the perfect Son of God spent much time in prayer when he became flesh and dwelt among us, and if he lives today, making intercession, how much more should we, his frail creatures, spend much time in prayer.

Dr. Frank Crosley Morgan said that Christians generally are willing to obey almost every command of God before the command to "Be still" (Psalm 46:10). We are ready for every activity—seas, committee meetings, focus weeks, mission study classes—but we refuse to "be still." If we would "be still" (relax), and commune with God, we would know him, and realize that the Lord of hosts (armies, angels, spirits, and all masses) is with us, and that the God of Jacob (the crafty, shrewd, sinful, sorrowing, inadequate individual who became Israel, the prince of God) is with us.

Surely we need to be still even now and ask him to be with us, and teach us to pray.

Silent prayer as the pianist or organist plays "Sweet Hour of Prayer."

Prayer In the Home

SCENE: Show a typical breakfast scene with a father, mother and at least two children—an intermediate R.A., and a junior G.A. The father presides and leads in the singing of the first verse of "What A Friend We Have In Jesus." If the four cannot sing well together, play a recording of some beautiful hymn as they sit with bowed heads. "Break Thou the Bread of Life" and other hymns are available with organ and chimes. One practice will be needed.

Father: Daughter, it is your day to read the Scripture.

(The GA may read the Scripture from the Bible and the words of interpretation for the day from "Home Life" magazine or "Open Windows." Or each may quote a verse of Scripture.)

Father: Son, before you read our prayer calendar from *Ambassador Life*, let's see if there are other requests.

Mother: My circle is planning a pantry shower today for that poor family I mentioned last week. The mother is dying with cancer, and the grandfather's nerves are threadbare. The father's pay is not

enough for all of their drug bills and other needs. The oldest child is your age, Jane, and the only Christian in the family. I want us to pray that she may be a help to her parents in a very special way, the mother seems about ready to trust Jesus, although her illness has made her doubt God's goodness. She has not been able to see that though we have tribulations, Jesus has overcome the world.

Father: Daughter, do you have a special request?

Daughter: Yes, I do. Our G.A. packed a box for the orphanage in Rome yesterday and I want us to pray that God will bless the children in Italy.

Father: Well, I'm to have another talk with Mr. Sharp today. Our Brotherhood is trying to help him every Saturday, because that's when his old buddies come around to get him to drink. He's coming back today to discuss some Bible passages with me and I do want you to pray that God's spirit will convict him. Son, do you have a request today?

Son: Just Billy. He curses and bullies all the boys at school. Everybody hates him, and he seems to hate everybody.

Mother: Son, if you get me his address, I'll call on his mother.

Father: That will help surely. A boy's mother has more influence over him than any person in the world except his father. By the way, Son, I came across a good story about Jackie Robinson*. Branch Rickey tested Jackie out to see if he were really qualified for the Big League Clubs. One day he kicked Jackie and spoke meanly to him. Jackie clenched his fists, but in a moment relaxed and said, "Why did you do that to me?"

Manager Rickey laid a steadying hand on Jackie's shoulder. "Because other people are going to say even worse things to you. And we can't fight prejudice by force. We must recognize what we're up against, and fight the problem with good will and moral courage. You must be the one man in baseball who can't lose his temper. You're not going to like all the umpires' decisions. Swallow them and grin. And you will not

*Mr. Fulton Oursler, "Rookie of the Year," *Reader's Digest*, February, 1946.

like all the insults. If you get in a brawl, Jackie, people will stigmatize your people because of you. Out on the field you've got to be almost a saint. How're you going to manage that?"

"Only way I know to do," said Jackie, "is how my mother taught me. I've got to pray!"

Your mother and I will be glad if you can always remember to overcome your difficulties with prayer. But it's almost seven-thirty! Read our missionary prayer calendar, now, Son, and lead us in our prayer.

(The son reads from "Ambassador Life" and leads in prayer, including missionaries, members of family, their activities and requests just made. Children excuse themselves, get books, kiss parents good-by, and go off to school)

Father: It's a great experience to see them growing up every day in their bodies, minds and hearts, isn't it?

Mother: Yes, and it's a great comfort to know God loves them more than we do, and that we can daily commit them to his care. I do pray that he will keep them in all their ways. *(Exit)*

Testimonies of Five Missionaries

SCENE: Porch of Pritchett Hall, Ridgecrest, W.M.U. Week. Five home missionaries are seated together talking informally—Mrs. George Wilson, Mrs. B. Frank Belvin, Mrs. Joshua Grijalva, Miss Mary Etheridge, and Mrs. Milton Leach, Sr.)

Mrs. Wilson: One of the joys of being here at Ridgecrest is sharing experiences of answered prayer with you co-laborers. Suppose I tell an experience, and then each of you give some testimony from your work.

The first meeting of the Albuquerque Baptist Indian Center was in the living room of our home. But soon the crowds were overflowing the space and we began to talk to the Lord—and to the Home Mission Board—about a more suitable place. Within a year we were ready to move into the new location. We would have a room that could be used altogether for our worship services, but we had no benches, chairs, piano or pulpit furniture. Besides that, there was no money to buy these needed things, so again we talked to the Friend who had answered our request

for that building.

Not far from the new location some unpainted pine benches were stacked against a fence, but we did not know who owned them. One day we asked God to go with us, and we went to the house where the benches were. The man did not seem very cordial and my heart sank. But after he had listened to our need, he said, "For a number of years I was a minister. I felt the Lord had called me to preach in tent meetings across the country. I did for a while then I gave it up, and those benches have been out of use since then. But they belong to the Lord, and as long as you want to use them for his glory, you may have them." We had only to load the benches and move them to the chapel.

Later the man called Mr. Wilson aside and said, "I have something in the garage that might interest you." It was a nicely finished handmade pulpit stand. "This was a part of the same outfit. If you can use it, you are welcome to it also."

We still had no piano. Our people love to sing so we continued to pray about that. Then some friends gave some money for a piano and we waited prayerfully until an interested woman in Albuquerque sold us her own piano for just that amount.

Our people came in the evenings after working all day at their jobs, and we worked for hours into the night refinishing those benches. At the dedication services we came into our little chapel with our hearts singing a song of thanksgiving and praise unto "him who is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think."

Mrs. Leach: That is a thrilling testimony! My story is a bit more personal, and yet I wish every woman in our convention knew what the calendar of prayer means to me.

In the summer of 1924 I drove a tractor for my father—a shiny brand new Fordson tractor. It was such fun. What a thrill of accomplishment I felt as I could see acre after acre of the sweet brown earth plowed and harrowed!

But the dust and the weeds were not fun. I developed a violent case of hay fever, which grew worse from season to season. I would sneeze so violently that the neighbors several doors away could hear me and every muscle of my body was sore. My eyes were often swollen nearly shut and I

was rarely seen without my box of Kleenex. Often an attack would last for two or three weeks without any relief whatsoever.

In 1944 my husband and I were appointed by the Home Mission Board to work among the Mexican people of south Texas—a very hot, dry country. On January 24, 1945 our names appeared for the first time on the W.M.U. calendar of prayer. I will never forget the thrill of anticipation and expectancy which ran through me as I saw our names in ROYAL SERVICE.

I had read many stories of wonderful things that had happened to missionaries when their names were on the prayer calendar and I could scarcely wait for our day.

When it arrived I waked early to find a cloud of dust obscuring the sun, my eyes felt like coals of fire, and I began to sneeze. Everything that could go wrong went wrong that day. The car broke down and I had to walk to my little Mexican kindergarten twenty-three blocks away, and as I walked I sneezed. This was undoubtedly the worst spell of hay fever that I had ever had.

As I went home from kindergarten that day, hot and tired and sneezing at every step, I passed the church. It was nearly time for our missionary society meeting.

Too tired to go home and freshen up first, I went in and sat down. It was a business meeting and the prayer calendar was forgotten.

I went home from that meeting so tired, discouraged and disappointed that I went straight to bed, leaving my family to prepare their own supper. Surely no one had prayed for me that day!

When I waked it was another day—a beautiful sunshiny day—and I had no hay fever! From that day, January 24, 1945, until now I have never had an attack!

Mrs. Belvin: What a powerful testimony to united prayer! I shall be looking forward to the days when our names are on the calendar of prayer. My husband and I are so young and new in the work that we really do need the prayers of more ex-

perienced Christians.

But let me tell you about some experiences we have already had with our consecrated Indian people.

Everyone goes to vacation Bible school in Creek and Seminole churches of Oklahoma—the grandparents as well as the little tots. The day begins with rising bell at six-thirty, a devotional period at six-forty-five and breakfast at seven. The rest of the day is given to classes, hard work and recreation, and preaching service at night.

Only four or five of our fifty-two Creek and Seminole churches had ever had a vacation Bible school when we first entered that field. Some were afraid because they had never tried.

One of the little churches selected the date for their vacation Bible school. We went with our teachers and supplies, prepared to begin school the next day. As soon as we arrived we could sense that something was wrong. Ordinarily we were welcomed with enthusiasm by adults and children alike. The children usually ran out to help us unload. They thrilled to see the balls and bats, and were curious to find out what was in all the boxes. On this particular day no one seemed very happy to see us. We couldn't understand why.

Then the pastor told us he was afraid the church couldn't have the vacation Bible school. We stayed outside while the Indians went into the church for a business meeting. In an hour we were invited inside. White tears were streaming down the pastor's cheeks, he said, "We have only two families here today and we have only three dollars with which to begin the school. We were afraid we might not have enough to feed the teachers and visitors. We have prayed about it and we are leaving it all in the hands of the Lord. We will begin the school and go as long as we can."

Almost any night that week we could hear that pastor out in the woods praying for that vacation Bible school.

When the last night came they had more money than when they had started, everyone had had enough to eat, and they had been so richly blessed spiritually that they were wishing the school would last for another week.

Miss Etheridge: Well, these stories have certainly reminded my heart of the need of prayer, and of how adequate prayer is



Mrs. Milton Leach, Sr.

to answer all our needs. Mrs. Wilson, you needed benches, a pulpit, and a piano and God provided; Mrs. Leach, you needed relief from hay fever to continue in your hot, dry climate; and Mrs. Belvin, the Indians needed money to carry on their vacation Bible school. I want to show how God provided for us too.

We greatly needed a new location for our Chinese Mission in El Paso. The old building was in such a state that the cost of remodeling was prohibitive. The Home Mission Board voted to relocate the mission, and we began to look for a site.

One afternoon as we visited in a Chinese home we spoke of our plans. Our host suggested that we might be interested in some vacant property on Grant Avenue. When we looked at these lots, in a good residential



Mrs. Joshua Grijalva Miss Mary Etheridge

section, large enough to allow playground space; near, but not on, good transportation lines, something inside us seemed to say, "That is where the new Chinese Mission is going to be."

We began to pray that if God so willed he would make it possible for us to procure that property.

The tract was not for sale, but a real estate agent who was a friend of the owner thought he could arrange it.

Mr. Henton of the Home Mission Board came to El Paso and went with us to see these lots and a number of others. He agreed with us that the Grant Avenue lots were the most desirable and, on the assurance of the agent that the owner would sell, recommended to the Board that these lots be purchased. After many weeks we received the Board's approval and the date was set for the contract to be closed. Then the owner refused to sell. We were heartbroken. We could not understand. But we did not give up.

That night Miss Gillespie and I prayed long and earnestly that God would cause the owner to change her mind if it could be his will. Two days later the real estate agent called to say the owner was reconsidering and asked if we would like to go out and talk to her about it. When we talked with her, we learned that the hour she began to change her mind was while Miss Gillespie and I were praying. Today the new Chinese Mission is under construction on the lots we felt God led us to choose.

Mrs. Grijalva: This informal conversation has meant so much to me. It's wonderful to know that we are united with such co-laborers as you in our Home Mission activities.

I'd like to tell you about a family in our Mission.

A few years ago as my husband, pastor of the Antioch Mexican Baptist Church in San Antonio, was buying bananas from a man on the street, he invited the man to come to church. The man replied that he wasn't interested. But Mr. Grijalva knew that the son who was helping him had been coming to Sunday school. He later visited the family to invite the wife to come also. Mrs. de Leon, the wife and mother, seemed worried and said, "Oh, please, Brother Grijalva, do not come to visit me any more. When my husband learns that I've been reading the Bible or praying, he beats me and locks me in a dark room. Then there isn't anyone to care for our five children until he lets me out again."

So my husband went back to buy more bananas. After several visits, the fruit vendor promised to come to church, if he finished selling his bananas in time. Also he offered to put into each sack of bananas an invitation to the revival services being held. That evening he finished selling his bananas early and, true to his word, came to the service. He liked it and came back every night. Before the end of the revival he had accepted Christ as his personal Saviour and seemed like a different person in his radiant happiness.

Before baptizing him, Mr. Grijalva asked him, "Brother de Leon, why were you so bitter against religion before your conversion?"

"Soon after we were married," he answered, "the Lord blessed our home with a



Mrs. George Wilson Mrs. B. Frank Belvin

little child. But he soon sickened and died. I went to the priest and asked him to pray for my dying child. The priest said that if I gave him \$10 he would pray. I am a poor man and I didn't have the \$10 so the priest refused to do anything for my child. As I left him that day I decided that if that was religion, I would have nothing more to do with it as long as I lived. But I see how mistaken I was, and I am so happy now that I have Christ as my Saviour."

Immediately Mr. de Leon began witnessing to his relatives and friends, and was able to win several of them.

Since his conversion he has been very ill. His friends have tried to persuade him that God has sent this as punishment to him because he has left the Catholic Church. But he remains firm and cheerful and realizes that with his sufferings the Lord has sent him many rich blessings also. Recently he said, "I used to tell my wife that if I didn't work on Sundays and took time to go to church, the Lord wouldn't feed us. But now I know that the Lord does provide. During my illness we have never been hungry. I could never doubt the miracle of the feeding of the five thousand. We are not five thousand, but we are eight, and the Lord has provided."

Sometimes when the weather is bad and he can't sell bananas every day, he makes only \$12 a week, but he always brings his little first to the Lord.

Mrs. Belvin: How wonderful!

Mrs. Wilson: Oh, here comes Miss Margaret Bruce. Come and join us, Margaret!

Miss Bruce: (Pulling up a chair) I'm too happy for words! I just got my mail, and I want to read some excerpts of letters from some Ridgecrest Y.W.A. campers of the past few years. (Have copies made of each letter on different stationery, such as girls might use; each should have a different

handwriting, and postmarked envelope.)

Here's one from a counselor in Louisiana! Y.W.A. camp has certainly helped her to see the seriousness and sacredness of her home life. Listen to this.

"I came from Ridgecrest determined to do many of the things suggested there. I started out with family worship.

"When I asked my husband if he would like for us to have devotional reading and prayer together, he said, 'If you want to.' He did not take part at first but I kept on. My heart overflowed with thanksgiving to God when he too read and prayed with me. He takes part every day now. I know it has been a help to both of us.

"If God blesses us with a family I will do all that is possible to rear my children in his steps. When they have reached manhood or womanhood I pray that God will call them into his service and that they will answer the call wholeheartedly.

"Pray that God's will may be done in my life, and that through me others may have life and have it more abundantly.

A Friend in Christ,
Joan Jordan"

(Thumbs through mail, selects another.) Here's one from Georgia.

"I have so many wonderful things to tell you I hardly know where to start. Since I saw you two years ago at camp, John and I have married. We have certainly found that the family altar is one of the main sources of our strength.

"At the present time John is considering a position that has just been offered him. Please pray for us, as he makes this big choice.

"My father's health is improving every day and God is blessing him. While he was ill, he and mother lost nearly everything they had.

"After Daddy realized he was lost and needed God, he began to get well. The nerve specialists had dismissed him after eight months of treatments and told him he would never walk again. In two months he began to walk again, and now he is doing his own work in his own service station. He gives all the credit to the Lord.

"We had misfortune this summer but I am sure it is the Lord's will. I have had a mild case of polio and it affected my neck and spine.

"It has been hard to be away from John,

but I am here now for treatments. Of course I am pretty lonesome, but I will stay until I gain more strength. After the doctor dismisses me here I am going to Hot Springs and take the pool baths and other exercises, that will build my muscles and give me strength. John will get to come up to see me there. I miss him so much but it is better to get the treatment now so I won't be affected for life. Please pray for me, because I do want to serve the Lord in every way I can, wherever he leads.

Ever devotedly,
Clara Lovelace"

When I read letters like these from young people we have touched in camps I realize how much they all need our prayers. Teenagers have daily problems that stagger them, and we must support them with our prayers!

But it's time now for the book exhibit. Let's go! (All exit.)

Seven Encouragements to Pray

This past summer a mother of eight children attended a revival service. She had twins twenty-three years old who had never been to church and Sunday school. Earnest Christians prayed for her, and at the last service of the revival she was converted. The pastor said later that three W.M.U. members had been in such agony of prayer, and under such physical exertion making intercession for this particular lost sinner, their bodies were weak with exhaustion when she stepped forward, accepting Christ.

The new woman in Christ Jesus wrote the following week, "I feel much better now than I ever did before in all my life. I just pray that I will ever hold out and do what Jesus wants me to do. I pray that I will ever do his will and that my family will come to Jesus in a short time."

A discouraged pastor unexpectedly opened the door of a Junior boys' Sunday school class one morning. He stopped instantly, for the boys were praying. The pastor's heart was revived, and his ministry was strengthened when he heard one of the juniors praying, "God bless our pastor and help him to help us win more people to Jesus. We pray that he will preach a good sermon today and that we may listen well."

Have we prayed for our pastor lately? Have we prayed for "the lost, the last, the least" in our community? God loves them

all, and he is counting on us to bring them to him.

Another aspect of prayer is illustrated in this story. A beautiful college girl was travelling on a necessary journey during the war. Her mother reluctantly put her on the train, realizing how crowded conditions were and praying earnestly that God would keep her.

Unfortunately, the young woman had to change trains at a small station, and three men in uniform attempted to attract her attention. Her heart sank within her when they boarded their train and she discovered they had berths just opposite hers. They began to tease her again, but she continued to ignore them. In a short while they got up and went to the diner. Although she was hungry, she sat quietly and prayed for God to help her—she didn't know how.

In a few minutes the porter came up and said, "Miss, if you'd like I could put you up in the middle of the car. I have an extra berth already made up and I can put you in there right now and won't a soul know where you are!"

There may be frightened, needy people near us. Are we willing to be the answer to prayer?

May God help us do these seven things to encourage our hearts in "The Ministry of Prayer":

1. Select a definite time and place for private, daily prayer.
2. Make a prayer list including family, pastor, leaders in your church, in our denomination; use prayer calendar (page 31).
3. Keep a prayer diary of petitions, giving dates when first requested, then when answered.
4. Cultivate the habit of prayer when doing housework, traveling, listening to newscasts or telecasts, reading news comments.
5. Use Call to Prayer cards with names of United Nations delegates. (Write to: Miss Frances Eshelman, Prayer Call, The Laymen's Movement, 347 Madison Avenue, New York 17, New York, for the prayer call cards [5c each].)
6. Pray for our own state and national leaders, and put feet to our prayers by writing letters relative to non-Christian conditions and actions.
7. Establish family worship, even if there is only one person to join in it.

Our Daily Bread

1 Friday "... He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do..."—John 14:12

Rev. C. C. Fuller, Oak Ridge, Tennessee, Negro evangelism, Miss Fannie Taylor, emeritus, Home Mission Board

2 Saturday "... Have faith in God... whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed... and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe... he shall have whatsoever he saith."—Mark 11:22-23

Miss Doris Knight, China, temporary assignment Abeokuta, Nigeria, Miss Irene Jeffers, China, temporary assignment, Taiwan, Formosa, educational evangelism, Dr. J. V. Dawes, emeritus, China

3 Sunday "... Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you."—Matt. 6:19, 33

Pray for the Baptist World Alliance

4 Monday "... come, take up thy cross, and follow me."—Mark 10:21

Pray for Student Evangelistic Week February 5-10

5 Tuesday "Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves: be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves."—Matt. 10:16

Rev. and Mrs. J. L. Riffey, educational evangelism, Miss Minnie Landrum, publication evangelism and executive secretary Brazil W.M.U., Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Joan Riffey Johnson, Margaret Fund student

New Tithers in Nigeria

Dr. William L. Jester preached on tithing in one of the churches in the town of Irec. In conclusion he used object lessons showing the truth. Then he asked all those who wanted to honor God by tithing to come forward. More than 100 came to sign tithing cards.

by Mrs. W. B. Pittard, Jr., North Carolina

6 Wednesday "In your patience possess ye your souls."—Luke 21:19

Rev. and Mrs. Joshua Grijalva, evangelism, Miss Estelana Trejo, educational evangelism, Spanish-speaking, San Antonio, Texas

7 Thursday "He that loveth his life shall lose it; and he that hateth his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal."—John 12:25

Miss Mary Crawford, educational evangelism, Honolulu, T.H., Dr. and Mrs. A. Y. Napier, emeritus, China

8 Friday "But we see Jesus... suffering... crowned with glory and honour..."—Heb. 2:9

Rev. and Mrs. E. Gordon Crocker evangelism, Quito, Ecuador, Dr. O. P. Maddox, emeritus, Brazil

9 Saturday "For we walk by faith, not by sight."—2 Cor. 5:7

Rev. and Mrs. James Ulman Moss, educational evangelism, Barquisimeto, Venezuela, Miss Anna Frances Todd, evangelism, Barranquilla, Colombia

10 Sunday "Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate... and I will receive you, And will be a Father unto you..."—2 Cor. 6:17-18

Pray for Y.W.A. Focus Week February 10-16

11 Monday "The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life; and he that winneth souls is wise."—Prov. 11:30

Miss Eunice Fenderson, educational evangelism, Jerusalem, Israel, Dr. and Mrs. H. M. Harris, emeritus, China

12 Tuesday "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you..."—Acts 1:8

Rev. and Mrs. Aurelio Hurtado, evangelism, Spanish-speaking, Taos, New Mexico, Mrs. Aurelia Baez, emeritus, Home Mission Board

13 Wednesday "... ye have not, because ye ask not."—James 4:2

Pray for ROYAL SERVICE, The Window of Y.W.A., World Comrades, Ambassador Life, their editors and staff

14 Thursday "Delight thyself also in the Lord; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart."—Ps. 37:4

Rev. and Mrs. S. L. Isaacs, Pawnee, Rev. and Mrs. Thomas Wade, Ponca City, Oklahoma, Indian evangelism

15 Friday "Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in him: and he shall bring it to pass."—Ps. 37:5

Miss Margaret Marchman, educational evangelism, Shaki, Nigeria, Rev. and Mrs. Quinn P. Morgan, evangelism, Tamale, Gold Coast, West Africa

16 Saturday "... behold, I am with thee, and will keep thee..."—Gen. 28:15

*Rev. and Mrs. Charles L. Culpepper, Jr., evangelism, China, *Miss Ruth Ford, medical evangelism, Canton, China

Praying people hold the real balance of power in the world.

17 Sunday "Ye are the salt of the earth... Ye are the light of the world..."—Matt. 5:13-14

Rosalind and Robert F. Owens, William B. David, Margaret Fund students

18 Monday "... Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself..."—Matt. 19:19

Rev. and Mrs. Celso M. Villarreal, Albuquerque, Rev. Jose and Mrs. Enriquez, Roswell, New Mexico, evangelism, Spanish-speaking

19 Tuesday "Ye are our epistle... known and read of all men..."—2 Cor. 3:2

*Rev. and Mrs. J. E. Lingerfelt, Jaguapara, Miss Dorine Hawkins, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, educational evangelism

20 Wednesday "And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving each other, even as God also in Christ forgave you."—Eph. 4:32

*Rev. and Mrs. Edward D. Galloway, Bangkok, Thailand, Miss Gladys Hopewell, China, temporary assignment, Bangkok, Thailand, evangelism

21 Thursday "... Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin... and yet Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these."—Matt. 6:28-29

Rev. and Mrs. Paul S. Cuevas, Albuquerque, Rev. and Mrs. D. Bejarana, Artesia, New Mexico, evangelism, Spanish-speaking

22 Friday "For this God is our God for ever and ever: he will be our guide even unto death."—Ps. 48:14

Miss Annie Hoover, Miss Dorothea Lane, Rev. and Mrs. William H. Jackson, in language school, Tokyo, Japan

23 Saturday "The king's daughter is all glorious within..."—Ps. 45:13

Rev. and Mrs. S. T. Smith, Golden Meadow, Miss Evelyn Stanford, Montegut, Louisiana, French evangelism

24 Sunday "A worthy woman who can find?... She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and the law of kindness is on her tongue."—Prov. 31:10, 26

Rev. and Mrs. W. L. Jester, educational evangelism, Ogbomoso, *Dr. and Mrs. H. B. Canning, medical evangelism, Eku, Nigeria, David Jester, Margaret Fund student

25 Monday "A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches, and loving favour rather than silver and gold."—Prov. 22:1

Rev. and Mrs. Marcus Duron, Carrizo Springs, Rev. and Mrs. Benito M. Villarreal, Houston, Texas, evangelism, Spanish-speaking

26 Tuesday "... For all things are yours; and ye are Christ's; and Christ is God's..."—1 Cor. 3:21, 23

Rev. and Mrs. Grayson Tennison, Campina Grande, Rev. and Mrs. Dan N. Sharpley, Santa Maria, Brazil, evangelism

27 Wednesday "... I will put my law into their mind, and write them in their hearts..."—Heb. 8:10

Rev. and Mrs. Juan B. Ferrer, San Antonio de los Baños, Cuba, evangelism

28 Thursday "Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let... us run with patience the race that is set before us."—Heb. 12:1

Rev. and Mrs. Raul Gonzalez, San Jose de Guasimal, Rev. Juana Luz Garcia, Havana, Cuba, evangelism, Moises Gonzalez, Margaret Fund students

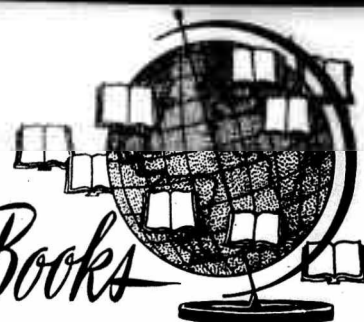
29 Friday "... We would see Jesus..."—John 12:21

Rev. and Mrs. Clyde J. Dotson, evangelism, Gatooma, Southern Rhodesia, Dr. and Mrs. Everett Gill, Sr., emeritus, Europe, Betty and John Dotson, Margaret Fund students

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by Thelma Brown Rutland

World in Books



The United Nations and Power Politics
by John MacLaurin, Harper, \$3.00

The challenging thesis of this book, is that there can be a peaceful alternative to war if we understand and follow the positive policy envisioned by the United Nations Charter. Dr. MacLaurin tries here to help the layman understand world affairs. In easy language he explains what the United Nations is and what it is not. He describes its machinery and shows how it is serving in various fields.

To show how U.N. works, he takes a number of actual problems and traces their handling from start to finish. One of the most interesting from the standpoint of missionary-minded Christians is the dramatic "Michael Scott" case. This is a detailed report of the way a missionary from England who served Africans in Shantytown on the outskirts of Johannesburg, South Africa, fought a two-year, one-man battle for his people.

Scott's victorious appeal made an overwhelming impact upon all who heard. More than that it illustrated that a single individual can influence and effect reforms in even this highest and most complex governmental framework for the benefit of people who cannot speak for themselves.

The Family Scrapbook
by Dr. Ernest G. Osborne,
Association Press, \$3.95

The subtitle to this lively volume reads: "An album of experience on how to get and give the most fun and love in your family... parent-saving and child-saving tips on how to be a modern old-fashioned family." And inside the jacket: "How parents can be mothers and fathers!"

It is difficult to put in a few lines my enthusiasm for this delightful scrapbook on how to make a happy family and home. Here are a few of the 13 chapter headings in the Table of Contents: Family Beginnings—When They Were Very Young—Children Grow Older—Dads Are Necessary, Too—Family-Centered Activities—Hints For Handy Homecrafts.

It would take pages to list the 401 page topics, each with an appropriate pen sketch, showing how Mom, Pop, children, activities and problems can be blended to make lots of happiness. This book will be a dependable guide and much appreciated reference for every member of the family.

Brain-Washing in Red China
by Edward Hunter, Vanguard, \$3.50

About the time this book was published last fall, a news story from the Far East appeared in Time magazine giving a hint of what is told in Mr. Hunter's book. Here is the first full account of the terrifying Communist strategy to conquer the free world by a calculated destruction of men's minds.

The Communists in China are utilizing the most sinister combination of misapplied psychology and perverted evangelism to make over Chinese minds to suit Red ideology.

One plan has been graphically named brain-changing. Another practice is a bit different. "Brain-washing is indoctrination, a comparatively simple procedure," says Mr. Hunter, "but brain-changing is immeasurably more sinister and complicated. Whereas in brain-washing you merely have to undergo a brain-cleansing to rid yourself of imperialistic poisons, in order to have brain-changing you must empty your mind of old ideas and recollections... Hypnotism and drugs and cunning pressures that plague the body and do not necessarily require marked physical violence are required for brain-changing."

In Europe, as in the case of Vogeler, brain-changing is widely practiced. In China this process has not been used as much as brain-washing. When this fails, the simpler system, the purge, is resorted to.

There are many other insidious, evil methods of brain control disclosed in this book. "Thought-Seduction," "Self-Criticism," "Self-Exposure." Tremendous programs of the People's Democratic Dictatorship working through universities, schools, the press, through party movements, through recreation, the theatre, romance, sex, even religious organizations, promise democratic rights to all the people, with dictatorship only for those who refuse to "conform."

Mr. Hunter, whose experience in the Far East began over twenty years ago, is a correspondent who has been distinguished for accuracy and objectivity. He has shown the vast possibilities of psychological warfare, practiced at this very hour which should be understood by every sane man and woman everywhere while there is time.

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Visual Aids for February

by Mildred Williams

The visual aids listed below will help your members to see the importance of prayer in the lives of other people and how they were faithful in spite of opposition.

DANIEL IN THE LION'S DEN—Shows how Daniel continued to pray and was obedient to God even in the face of persecution. 17 minutes; sound; rental, \$5.00.

God commanded Abraham to sacrifice Isaac. The motion picture, **ABRAHAM'S FAITH**, portrays the events as recorded in Genesis 22. 16 minutes; sound; rental, \$5.00.

BIBLE ON THE TABLE is the story of an average Christian family and how they

come to realize the importance of family worship in maintaining a Christian atmosphere. It can be used in your program as a substitute for Scene 1. 30 minutes; sound; rental, \$8.00.

To introduce or conclude the program on prayer, one or more of the following slides may be used. The slides may be purchased for 50 cents each unless otherwise stated.

- Cm 986 Sallman*—Christ in Gethsemane (\$1.00 with Study Guide)
- Cc 713 Durer—Praying Hands
- Ha 781 Christ's Prayer for Unity (John 17:20-21)
- Ha 708 Daniel's Prayer (Dan. 6:10-11)
- N 169 Jesus Teaching to Pray (Luke 11:1-13)