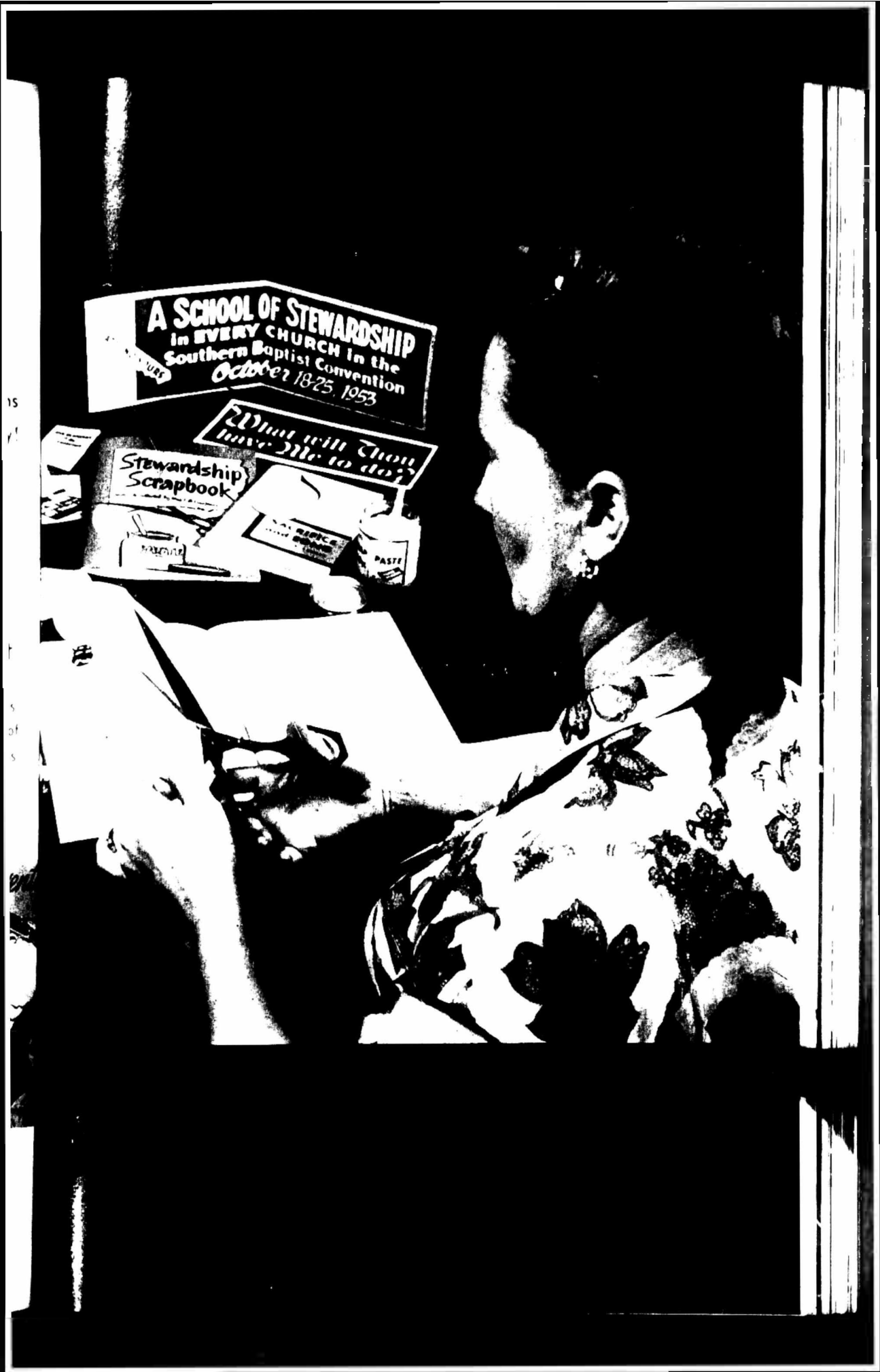


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Reservations are made through state WMU offices. Write to yours to see if you can be one of the limited number from your state to attend this meeting.

## Here's Our New Treasurer



Miss La Venia Neal

ON June 15, Miss Mattie Morgan of Memphis, Tennessee, brought the treasurer's books to Birmingham. With appropriate words and a period of prayer, she turned them over to the new treasurer of Woman's Missionary Union, Miss La Venia Neal. For the first time since WMU left Baltimore in 1921 the treasurer lives in the headquarters city. And for the first time in her history Woman's Missionary Union has a full-time treasurer day by day in her offices. When in Baltimore the work did not require a full day every day, and Mrs. W. C. Lowndes' office was in her home. While Mrs. W. J. Cox and Miss Mattie Morgan served they lived in Memphis.

Miss Neal was actually born in Nashville, Tennessee, but Alabama claims her because she lived in the state during her school days, and graduated from La Fayette High School. She stepped across the country to Furman University in Greenville, S. C., for her college work, then took two years of business training.

She has "always played in banks" because her grandfather was a bank president and she enjoyed running in and out, and doing jobs a growing girl could do on Saturdays and in vacation times. Then when trained, she worked two years with Farmers and Merchants Bank of La Fayette, and ten with First National Bank of West Point, Georgia. She came to us from the West Point Manufacturing Company where she was private secretary to the president, Mr. Joe L. Lanier.

She has always maintained an eager devotion to her church. She was superintendent for two and one half years of the only class standard Adult department in the state of Alabama and the first standard Adult department in our entire Southern Baptist Convention last year. She has been Business Woman's Circle chairman, and at intervals held various offices in the BWC Federation.

Her mother, Mrs. Ozella Greer Neal, is active in local, association and district WMU affairs. She has one brother, Mr. Howard W. Neal, and he is cashier of First National Bank, West Point, Georgia. So she knows about money and finances and she knows Christ and loves missions; what more does Woman's Missionary Union need in a treasurer!

Miss Neal will follow in the line of a great succession. During the first half century only six women served as treasurer; the fourth one, Mrs. W. C. Lowndes, for almost forty years. Then Mrs. W. J. Cox, Miss Morgan, and now Miss Neal. We appreciate the service of all these and welcome Miss Neal into their gracious tradition.

## "Thoroughly Dedicated to the Truth"

AS the news of the death of Dr. M. Theron Rankin moved around the world grieving people bowed in submission to God's providence.

Dr. Rankin had set devoted example for loyal acceptance of the will of God. Insofar as he could by the power of the indwelling Holy Spirit, he sought God's plan for himself and for others for whom and with whom he must make decisions. Having found, he followed the divine direction. It was not always easy. There was the call to the ministry, the call to China, then after twenty years the call to the secretaryship of the Foreign Mission Board. Imprisonment, hunger—a gnawing hunger so cruel that he shed involuntary tears, yet many days denied himself the scant prison fare to give his portion to a woman with child; "journeyings oft," taxing itineraries of speaking and conference, of surveying needs, of guiding developments, away from the wife and daughters who were his loved joy; writing, studying, thinking, praying; committee meetings, discussions of projected plans, urging an awakening of Southern Baptists to fulfill God's expectations of them—always the demand was on him to know more of Christ, do more for Christ, to advance in his way, the way of truth.

At the time of the dedication of our WMU building January 21, 1951, Dr. Rankin's remarks stemmed from John 17, "In my Father's house are many mansions." He referred to the beauty of our building, then broadened the idea to speak of the significance of "dwelling places of the spirit that are a part of God's arrangement for his grace in today's world. . . . The Foreign Board rejoices in what you are doing for Home Missions as we rejoice for what you are doing in Foreign Missions. We are grateful not simply for the dollars you provide to the Foreign Mission Board—that is important. . . . But that is not the deepest thing. Where do these dollars come from? It is that which we are most grateful for—that out of which the money comes—the vision, the dedication, the purpose."

Woman's Missionary Union will not fail to be stimulated in vision, dedication and purpose by every remembrance of Dr. Rankin who, thoroughly dedicated to the truth, without faltering crossed the final frontier into life eternal early in the morning on June 27, 1953.



Dr. M. Theron Rankin

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Mrs. Ralph Clark of the circulation department of WMU headquarters, demonstrates the usefulness of the *Stewardship Scrapbook*. The book *Sacrifice and Song* is available from your Baptist Book Store and the School of Stewardship poster should be up in your church by now.

# A Well-Watered Garden

WHEN our mission secretary of the Orient, Dr. Baker James Cauthen, made a survey trip to the island of Java and flew over her lush green fields and curving rivers, he described it as a "well-watered garden." That is the best description of this new Southern Baptist mission field that I have heard. It is a beautiful place, whether viewed from a train puffing across rice paddies and through little villages, from a plane soaring upward above its highest peaks, or pausing for a closer look at the rubber and tea estates along its scenic roads—roads shared by slow-plodding oxcarts, bicycles, automobiles of ancient model and the latest, and humans with their burdens.

From the air it looks like the pattern of a patchwork quilt or a lovely mosaic. Terraced rice paddies furnish the ever-varied pattern. With a year-round summer because of her proximity to the equator, the rice crops are seen in many stages at once. Tiny sprouts are a vivid light green; then there is a symphony of many shades until the grain is golden for the harvest. Water stands in many paddies adding patches of brown to the pattern and with the streams that meander toward the sea, this gives the the "well-watered" appearance. Nor is it all appearance for the rainfall in Java averages eighty inches per year and in some sections it is much higher than this average. The two seasons are the wet and dry, and when it rains it really rains! Our gauge has often measured five inches in two hours!

Little villages line the streams and are seen from the air as only a few thatched roofs in clusters of trees. Palm and banana trees give both shade and food. A train trip offers a closer view of this village life. Women stop their preparation of meals and children pause in their play to watch the train go by. Men and women with the faithful carabao work in the fields. The brown bodies of the men glisten in the sun and the colorful sarongs (skirt-like garments) and kebaya of the women add a bright accent to the scene. The harvested crop is borne homeward on the head falling about the face like the hair on a Raggedy Ann doll, or on the ends of a pole over the shoulder, or in the slow-moving carts. Vegetables and gay baskets of flowers are carried to market in the same way. Occasionally neat rows of trees, each having a little cup on the side, indicate a rubber plantation.

AS we climb higher into the mountains the rice paddies struggle upward also, carefully terraced to make use of all possible land. Java which is about the size of Louisiana, has a population of nearly fifty million! That means an average of over 1,000 people per square mile, and feeding them is no small task. Many tasty tropical fruits add variety to the basic rice diet. When hills are too steep for rice and where the weather is cooler tea and coffee estates are located. These products are high on the list of Java exports.

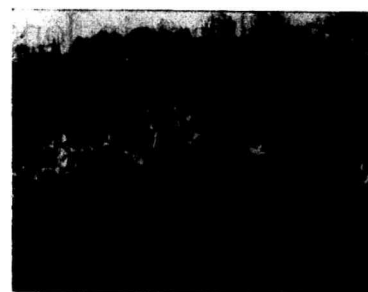
The pasar (market) is the center of ac-

by Darlyne Sears

tivity in the larger towns. Many little shops (toko) line the main streets. Often the owners are Chinese for two million have found homes in Indonesia and they are especially talented as merchants. Businessmen from India have come also. Missionary Catherine Walker's observation on the day of her arrival was that Java is "a mixture of China and India in an African setting." It is a land where many cultures have met and fused. This is nowhere more obvious than in the newly emerging Indonesian language—Dutch, Arabic, English, Spanish have all made their contributions to the basic Malay.

NEARLY a fifth of Java's millions live in her five largest cities and already Southern Baptists have entered three of these with a witness for Christ—Bandung, Djakarta (pa-car-ta) and Surabaja. We trust before this year is over to be established in a fourth—Semarang. Here mingle the people of many nations and our work has of its own accord assumed an international aspect, using English, Indonesian, Chinese and Dutch languages. Here too the rivers and canals are centers of activity—laundry, kitchen and bathroom for many. Children for whom there are not enough schools loiter along the banks. Mosques and temples call those who stroll along the sides to come and worship, but sadly lacking are those who offer to the people of this lovely land the Water of life—even Christ.

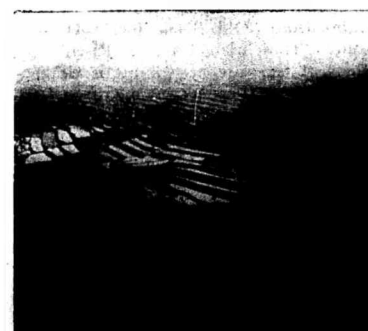
There is a thirst for a better way. In his name may, Southern Baptists send out more laborers to give this living Water.



Rice paddies and banana trees—  
a familiar scene in Java



Youthful herdsmen work with  
the faithful carabaos



Terraced rice paddies struggle  
upward in a varied pattern

## Captain Jones and "Music"

by Mrs. John Abernathy

ONE night Captain Jones brought his family pictures for us to see. There was the wife, brothers three and the adorable little sister. He pointed proudly to the three tinted pictures of the sons riding the photographer's pony and of the two and one-half-year-old baby girl mothering her dolly. Captain Jones smiled and said, "These were morale lifters when I was in Africa." The outlook was dark and the atmosphere depressing, but the entire picture changed for him as he looked at his lovely children.

Again Captain Jones has left his home and family and is located in Pusan, Korea. While packing the few things which seemed necessities, the youngest son, Donald, came with his musical bear (bears are his hobby and this one his favorite) and offered him to his father, saying, "Here, Daddy, take Music with you and keep him close to you. I'm sure you will bring him back."

Last night "Music" came over for a visit with our family. After winding him up we heard a medley of familiar tunes: strains from "Old Black Joe," "Humoresque," "Hallelujah, Christ is Risen" and others. I feel sure his volume is weakening, but he still spends his nights on Captain Jones' pillow, making the music that sends him to dreamland. "Music" also brought pleasure to Captain Jones' little Korean friends who live in our yard. The little girls were sorry they couldn't keep "Music" forever. Grandmother Lee, over eighty, loved the toy bear and marvelled that he could make such lovely music. The nurses in the hospital beamed as they heard familiar tunes coming from the heart of the Teddy bear. Captain Jones hugged him lovingly and said, "I think I couldn't stand it if anything should happen to Mu-



Captain Jones and his little Korean friends playing with "Music"

sic. I want to return him to Donald looking as nearly normal as possible."

The plan now is that the family will join Captain Jones in Japan. We shall miss him here at the mission station. He comes often and is always doing something nice for us and the Korean people. When he came for "Music" one of the Baptist pastors from North Korea was present but could not understand English. Later we tried to explain that we knew Captain Jones was a real Christian. This dear Mr. T'swei smiled and said, "Anyone can tell he is a Christian just by looking at his face."

Captain Jones has been able several times to get army trucks to take our church people out to the sea when we have baptismal services. He helps our mission work in many other ways and is a real soldier at the cross while a soldier in the army of our country.

## If You Could Not Hear

by Mrs J. A. Saunders

THE Citadel Square Baptist Church of Charleston, S. C. has a number of silent women (deaf mutes) among its members and congregation. Feeling that a WMS circle would mean much to them, we organized a circle in February, as a WMS Focus Week project. They seem interested in missions and want to be a part of our WMU.

We ordered ROYAL SERVICE, *The Commission*, and *Southern Baptist Home Missions* for them and gave them three copies of the mission study book, *The West is Big*. We gave them a WMU Year Book and one of our local year books.

I do not know the sign language, so most of my communication has been in writing. Each month I write the necessary information for the circle chairman. Then I phone the circle chairman's mother, who is a WMU member, and she explains the various activities so the communications are thoroughly understood. Children of our silent friends frequently convey messages to their mothers and then give us their answers so they are wonderful help.

When we are together in small numbers our program chairman can read my lips and interpret what I say; she can talk with me about things they do not understand.

We serve light refreshments for our social period. They all enjoy the Christian fellowship.

Our community missions project is to make scrapbooks for the children's ward of our local hospital.

Mrs. Charles Pollock, our program chairman, has this to say about the new WMU work: "We have had four meetings and I like them because I am learning more about what people in other countries are doing. It makes me happy to be a part of this great organization that is serving God. I want to do all I can for our missionaries, those at home and in foreign lands. This is proving to be a great blessing for me. The WMU magazines are so interesting, I do enjoy reading them."

I would like to know if other WMUs have anyone working with the silent people and if there are other circles.



# I Wish You Could See for Yourself

by Elizabeth Hale

**H**ERE in Malaya I have not sensed a hunger for the message of the Bible, but, instead, a very marked indifference. Singapore is a great modern city with the same problems as any other city. Far be it from me to judge those who spend their days in a fever of laboring for the bread that perishes. As one sees the crowds and the conditions under which many live one's heart aches for them—as it does for many who live here in extreme luxury.

Yet, watching the mad rush of buying and selling, the hurry of traffic, the long cues before the many picture shows, thinking of the comparative handful in the churches, one yearns that these multitudes might have a longing for the true God. If only those nations from whom the bearers of the message mainly come, or even the representatives here from those nations, and the members of these very churches were living out the implications of the word "Christian," do you think things would be the same?

Quite evident in the city here and wherever I've been in Malaya is the soul's longing for communion with the Unseen.

Often on the streets one sees Chinese burning incense and paper articles to be used by a loved one in another world, and through the windows of countless houses, can be seen altars of worship to some god or to the ancestors. Many, many are the temples both Chinese and Indian.

Today is a Hindu Holy Day. In procession through the streets of Singapore went some hundred in whose flesh were cruel bars, through whose cheeks or tongues were skewers—you and I have read about such things many times. Sometimes I feel that "proportions" would be different if only Southern Baptists could see how people whose hearts are hungering seek to gain the peace they know so well.

But it takes more than seeing. Here in Singapore now are many Westerners who will see or hear with horror what is evident today, what goes on all the time—and tomorrow they will forget. It takes a vision of the Lord Jesus—an understanding that will cause one to cry out with the saint of old, "Turn me all into love and my love into obedience and let that obedience be without interruption." With that vision it makes a difference that thousands of Indians will go to bed tonight unsatisfied by what they found in the temples, and that the Chinese bowing down before their idols wonder if they really hear.

But it is the mosque that is seen everywhere in this land. Some are huge and very ornate; some, like a small one near the home of the Eugene Hills, have the minaret as the outstanding feature rather than the dome. Many Moslems are faithful to their services and many of them live up to the tenets of their religion in a way that should shame us. An Irish Presbyterian missionary with whom I've been studying Chinese has a Mohammedan chauffeur. She speaks highly of his devotion to his religion and of his excellent character expressed in many ways, as in real thought and courtesy for the other fellow when driving. Do we have in our hearts the Moslems, so difficult to lead to the Master?

Next to the mosque the most prominent sign of worship is the spire of a Catholic church (the temples, though more numerous, are lower and not seen as clearly from a distance). In fact, in most places in Kedah, the province of which Alor Star is the capital, the Catholic church is the only building where the name of Jesus is proclaimed. I have been amazed as I've ridden by car from one end of the province almost to the Thailand (Siam) border and over to the sea at two points, at

number of Catholic churches and the lack of Protestant meeting houses.

In Alor Star, Catholics have splendid schools for both boys and girls and one of the madames is from Ireland—so I'm not the only foreign missionary in that city as I had thought. Many of our children attend these schools.

We Southern Baptists are but a tiny part of the growing number serving in Singapore and the Federation of Malayan States. Methodists have been here over a century. Presbyterians, Brethren, Church of England and other groups have been here for years. But compared to the multitudes here, these older groups and the new

ones which have entered since China has been closed are so few. "We" are five, Lora Clement (with her faithful co-worker, Miss Lau) arrived in November 1950, Jessie Green, in November 1951, the Hills a couple of weeks later, I, in September 1952. "We" are growing much more slowly than we had hoped, but are much encouraged that Dr. and Mrs. Green Strother reached Penang, in April 1953, with the hope of beginning Seminary work and Harriett King is joining Jessie Green in Kuala Lumpur. We keep listening for news of the assignment of more old China hands here and the appointment of new recruits.

## Eleven Polished Cornerstones

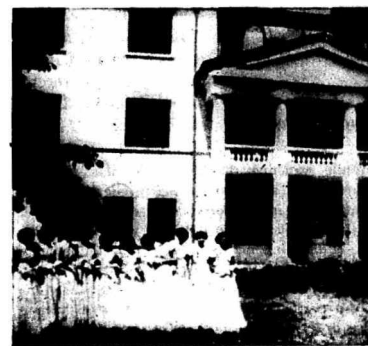
by Maye Bell Taylor

**S**UCH greetings of laughter and happiness, as eleven lovely girls in blue organdy dresses hurried down the stairway of the WMU Training School in Recife, Brazil, to march up on the stage, where later they would receive their diplomas. Eleven more trained workers for our Baptist work in Brazil, pastor's wives, teachers, missionaries or WMU workers.

Maria Lopes Moura had spent six years studying in the high school and two years in the Training School; now she was ready to return to her own state as a teacher for the Baptist school and as a capable worker in her church. A serious lovable girl, she will let her light shine for Christ.

Ruth and Dinare Rodrigues were very fortunate in making friends with some missionaries of another board who sent them to school six years. These sisters will return to teach in a Bible School directed by this Board. Both are very capable girls who should do a great work.

Irani Melo, a very small girl from a large state, Para, a thousand miles away, is so anxious to return to her city of Belém to open a small school to teach the people,



Graduating class of the Training School

especially Christians, to read and write. She is a math scholar and helped all the girls in school pass their math. In appreciation they bought her graduation dress for her, saving their money all year. She is engaged to a promising pastor.

Daisy Vasconcelos, the speaker of her class and the official speaker for our English-speaking guests (turn to page 11)



# Carver School of Missions and Social Work LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY

With the past school session Miss Claudia Edwards completed her twenty-sixth year of service at the Training School. She has served longer than any other member of the present staff. Her duties at the school have been varied, including those of resident alumnae secretary and supervisor of field work as well as teacher of music and director of the chorus. During the past few years her work has been almost altogether in the field of music. A graduate of the Training School, Miss Edwards also holds the degree of Bachelor of Music from Winthrop College and the Master of Arts degree from Boston University. The following quotation is part of Miss Edwards' most recent report to the Board of Trustees.



Claudia Edwards

While watching the developing plans for the future of our school and being privileged to have a small part in the formulation of those plans it has been a pleasure to continue with the routine task of teaching music—routine but not monotonous because of the procession of interesting personalities who come each year seeking something of this particular skill to be used in their various areas of service. The progress of those in the music classes has been gratifying this year. Many have worked hard and several who were practically beginners in September were ready in five months to play some hymns for congregational singing. One new course has been introduced. We call it *Music in Worship and Recreation*. It is really two courses dovetailed into one. We felt that each student needed at least an introduction to available hymns and hymnals for every age group and the best methods of incorporating them in her programs of worship and religious education. Also every Christian worker needs at her finger tips a store of recreational music.

Miss Virginia Burke joined the staff of the school in June of 1952 and thus made her first report to the trustees in February. Miss Burke holds the Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from Oklahoma University and the Master of Religious Education degree from the Training School. A course in arts and crafts was introduced into the curriculum this year with Miss Burke as instructor. She writes of this work:



Virginia Burke

The deciding factor as to which room would be used for Arts and Crafts was in the sink already installed in the old mimeographing room. The walls were redecorated and new furniture, tools, and equipment for twenty students moved in by September 1. The Arts and Crafts course is designed to acquaint the student with a practical and economical approach to handicraft suitable for group work. Each student achieves a basic skill in projects which use lettering, poster designing, wood, plastic, leather, metal and other media. The Arts and Crafts class has been a delightful phase of my work.

Miss Burke also directs the work at the Good Will Center.

June 2, in 1952 was a rare day, indeed, because that was the day on which I made my acquaintance with Good Will Center and Portland community. Plans were to be started for vacation Bible school and also for the new Arts and Crafts courses to be offered in the fall curriculum. . . . One of the Center's difficult problems was the gang of teenage boys who stood on the street corner or teased the younger children on the playground. Those boys needed wholesome occupation and needed it quickly. One of them was limping because of a gun wound inflicted by an entangled restaurant manager. Within a few weeks the Executive Committee approved the construction of an outdoor basketball court and high fence around the playground. The entire back yard was surfaced with asphalt so that outdoor play can be

## Eleven Polished Cornerstones

(from page 9) (she speaks English well), will return to her city of Natal, Rio Grande of the North to teach in our Baptist primary school. Her speech for graduation was quite good and we were proud of her.

Maria Lourdes da Silva was so happy to receive her engagement ring from a young Seminary student just before school was out. She has been our librarian for the past four years. A very lovable country girl who is now a polished young worker, she will teach a year or so until her fiancé finishes his course in the Seminary.

Alice Casado Lima and Euridice Falcao, two lovely girls from Alagoas, will return to their city of Maceio to teach in Baptist schools. Alice will direct the girls dormitory and teach in our Baptist college. Euridice will have charge of a small primary school. Both girls faced sorrow this year as one lost her father and one her brother three days before graduation. Alice was a monitor of a study hall. All of the students and teachers loved her.

Enerina Ribeiro chose nursing as her career. She will go to a Nursing School in Rio de Janeiro next year. Brazil has such a few trained nurses especially Christian nurses. She will let her polish shine in the hospital here in Brazil, while caring for the sick. Her sister is directing an orphanage of the Home Mission Board. She, too, is a graduate of our school.

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ceased within a few minutes after rain has stopped. The fence protects nearby property from stray balls and mischievous boys. It also adds safety by preventing balls from going into the street. The boys are delighted with our court and have become a group of ball players instead of a gang on Portland Street. . . . During the last seven months of 1952 we drove over 3000 miles to lead 332 group meetings, conduct three weeks of vacation Bible school and make 639 visits in the Portland community. The total attendance was 4,831. When the station wagon bringing Training School students stops in front of Good Will Center the smiling children run eagerly to greet their leaders. Each of our twenty-five students working with groups has made an outstanding contribution to this mission work.

## Trusting

You ask how you learn to trust him?  
Dear child, you must let go!

Let go of your frantic worry  
And the fears which plague you so;

Let go each black tomorrow  
Which you try to live today;

Let go of your fevered planning;  
He knoweth all your way.

Fear not, lest your slipping fingers  
Let go of your Saviour too.

Trusting is only knowing  
He'll not let go of you!

—MARTHA SNELL NICHOLSON

Alcione Benilde Nogueira, a charming and pretty girl from a small country town, 900 miles from Recife, will teach in a Baptist school and study at night in the Teacher's College, as she wishes to teach in high school later and needs more education. She is a splendid worker with children. She finished the school year wearing black, as is the custom here, as she lost her father a few months before.

Susana Dantes, who won the Ann Bagby Scholarship last year for being first in her class scholastically and for good conduct, will return to her small city Terizina, Piaui, to teach a year. Later she hopes to study nursing; she was our school nurse and wants to make it her profession. I have never known a more faithful Christian or worker in any Baptist church, than Susana.

These eleven "polished cornerstones" are grateful to the WMU of the Southern Baptist Convention for giving the Training School building where they were able to study, grow spiritually and prepare themselves to become leaders in our Baptist work.

Psalm 144:12 "That our daughters may be as corner stones, polished after the similitude of a palace" comes true every year here.

# Hints to Committee Chairmen

## To Stewardship Chairmen

The stewardship emphasis for 1953 will reach its climax in Christian Stewardship Week to be observed in most states October 18-25. The chief activity of this week will be a School of Stewardship when all the church will be studying new books especially prepared for this emphasis. We hope that your church is planning to observe this week.

Of course, as stewardship chairman you will be responsible for your Woman's Missionary Union's participation in this School of Stewardship. See that it is attractively announced in all circle meetings and in the meetings of the young people's organizations. The ROYAL SERVICE program for this month is on stewardship. You will co-operate with the program chairman in making this as interesting and helpful as possible. This will furnish opportunity for publicizing the activities of Stewardship Week. Begin now planning to have one hundred per cent of the members of the WMU attending the classes of the School of Stewardship. Remind fostering circles that they can help by providing transportation for the young people. It may increase the attendance if leaders and young people understand that participation by Woman's Missionary Union can be counted for the Correlated Church Study Course on the Achievement Chart. However, we hope that every organization will plan two other classes as usual with this as an extra.

The observance of Church Night of Stewardship will be a splendid preparation for Christian Stewardship Week. It may be that your church will want this on the Sunday evening preceding the School of Stewardship.

This month brings the end of the WMU year. That means you will be making both your quarterly and annual reports. We hope that you will find that you have

made a real advance in stewardship. Be sure that your record of tithers is accurate. Offer another opportunity for signing the covenant cards. Let the society know its year's record in stewardship and try to inspire it to do better in another year. The year designated for special advance in stewardship will soon be over, but there will always be need for stewardship advance in your society. Remember that you are working toward the goal: EVERY MEMBER OF WMU A TITHER.

*Mrs. C. D. Chairman*

## To Community Missions Chairmen

How many people whom you know personally have moved to another town within the last year? And what about your own community? Are you mindful of the moving vans that roll by week after week and empty their contents into houses and apartments near you? America's people are on the move from the city to the suburbs, from the country to the town, from city to city. This shifting pattern brings within your reach new neighbors, future friends, potential fellow church members.

Southern Baptists are aware of this shifting population and are concerned that many Baptists who move their residence and place of work fail to move their church membership.

Last September, Southern Baptist churches made a united emphasis to reach unenlisted Baptists through a Transfer Church Membership Week. During 1952, 481,879 people joined Southern Baptist churches by letter or statement. An estimated one and a half million Baptists are still unreached. What a reservoir of Christian service and witnessing lies untapped in these lives! How many of these unenlisted Baptists live in your community? Some may have just moved, others may

have been there twenty years. You have a responsibility toward all.

The dates for Transfer Church Membership Week in 1953 are September 19-20. Its purpose of reaching displaced Baptists will be achieved only as everyone does his or her part. Through the community missions program you can lead your members to:

1. Help locate non-resident Baptists, and turn in names for follow-up visiting. Make a thorough search of your community, house by house and block by block.
2. Visit. Participate in church plans for visitation day September 12. Take definite names of prospects found in the search for daily visiting throughout the week. Have workers on hand for Roundup Visitation Day on September 19.
3. Plan cottage prayer meetings preceding the week, praying definitely for those visiting and those you are trying to reach.
4. Furnish transportation. Give the church office a list of members who can be called on to bring unattached Baptists to the church services Sunday, September 13; Wednesday, September 16; and Sunday, September 20.
5. Befriend new members. As prospects join your church, ask different women to see that they meet other church members, that they find their places in the life of the church.
6. Continue to visit prospects who make no decision during the special week.

Rich experiences in Christian fellowship and friendship await you and your members as you welcome to your community Baptists on the move.

*Edith Stokely*

## To Mission Study Chairmen

Let's try advertising the new foreign mission series at the general meeting preceding the study of the adult book. Here is one way you can do it.

Using three pieces of cardboard construct a poster in the form of a three-way mirror. Paint with silver and frame in a narrow band of black. Print across the panels

Take a	good look	at yourself
WMS	Mission	Class
Date	Study	Place
	Time	

(See Leader's Helps of *As Others See Us* for another poster idea. Order Leader's Helps free from Foreign Mission Board, Box 5148, Richmond 20, Virginia.)

Arrange the series books on a table under the "triple mirror." Introduce the theme something like this:

What do you do when you look at yourself in a mirror? Powder your nose? Fix your hair? Pose? Smile? Frown? Become self-conscious? Determine to go on a diet, improve your posture, buy more becoming clothes?

In previous years our foreign mission study books have held up the mirror to the people of the rest of the world for us to look at them. This year we are to look at ourselves through their eyes.

For the past ten years the world has grown increasingly critical of the United States. Nations look at us with thinly veiled contempt or with positive hatred. Few countries regard us sympathetically. To a degree these attitudes are reflected in the opinion of fellow Christians from many nations and continents. Southern Baptists have come in for their share of scrutiny by other Baptists around the world. Their opinions and reactions are stated in the new series books which are here on this table.

Dare we take a look at ourselves through the eyes of the rest of the world? It should be an exciting experience. (Enter twelve women each wearing a streamer to indicate her country and holding a mirror on which has been pasted the picture of a person typical of the country or area she represents. The effect will be better if the mirrors are reversible so that the picture side is next to the audience. In this way the audience can feel that it is being "looked at" too.)

1. *Italian:* You Americans are too American. You have a strong desire to do all you can to lead others to be like Americans.
2. *India:* The United States sees security

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## It's Happening Now

by Marjorie Moore Armstrong

**Wanted:** Women specialists, in nursing, teaching, child welfare, midwifery, nutrition, domestic science, and secretarial work, between thirty-five and forty-five years of age to serve in the Point Four Program in thirty-five countries where half the earth's people suffer from perpetual hunger, disease, and ignorance. Assignments require robust health, courage, patience, professional competence, ability to work with foreign people on the basis of mutual respect, and a missionary heart. No other need apply. For further information write:

Mr. John T. Forbes, Personnel Officer  
Technical Cooperation Administration,  
Department of State, Washington 25,  
D. C.

No such "Help Wanted" ad has ever appeared in a newspaper or professional journal, and none ever will—the State Department like the mission board, gets recruits through more personal channels—but Point Four needs workers. And some Southern Baptist business and professional women need the kind of job which demands their spiritual as well as physical and mental selves.

The 304 women technicians at work for Point Four today are from the eastern states largely. The South and West have able-bodied, well-trained, highly-experienced nurses, doctors, teachers, welfare and social workers who would respond, if they knew of the opportunity. In this region are wives of excellent agriculturists, professors, medical technicians, welfare directors, and industrial engineers who would willingly follow their husbands into foreign service under this Technical Cooperation Administration. It is the most truly "missionary" service possible under a political name.

What exactly is the Point Four program? In half a column, this is it. Former President Truman in his inaugural address January 20, 1949, stated four points of American foreign policy—the last one

calling for a "bold, new program" of help for the underdeveloped areas of the world. The Department of State was immediately assigned the responsibility for planning, and by June, Congress approved and passed the proper legislation. In September the Executive Order was given, placing Point Four in the hands of the Secretary of State. In December the Secretary made Baptist layman Henry G. Bennett, president of Oklahoma A. & M. College, the Administrator. Dr. and Mrs. Bennett lost their lives barely a year later in line of duty with the TCA, and Stanley Andrews succeeded Dr. Bennett.

Today the Technical Assistance Program is under a new agency known as Foreign Operation, headed by Baptist layman Harold E. Stassen.

The amazing success of the program in three years has won the confidence of Congress and the approval of so many foreign governments that it is likely to continue for some years to come. Church groups see in it most sincere expression of the American people's longing for peace and for peacemaking, and have given Point Four their whole-hearted support. The American Friends Service Committee has entered into partnership with the TCA on one or more projects. Dr. Frank C. Laubach is working with the TCA in the worldwide literacy movement.

The total cost to the American people for the year which closed July 1 was \$156,576,000—that's less than the price of one battleship! For the entire three years, the cost has been only \$2.17 for each of us.

Two features of the Point Four program make it unique. Workers are sent to a country only on invitation of that country. Iran was the first to sign an agreement on the Point Four Program; when other nations saw that it worked there, they were eager to have TCA help. The second thing is that Point Four workers deliberately set about to work themselves out of their jobs: train local experts in modern techniques

## Is this your question?

*We want to have an installation service for our new officers. Can you suggest one?*

See your WMU Year Book. The new one, 1953-54 is available from Woman's Missionary Union, Birmingham 3, Alabama, for 15c a copy. Page 87 begins an effective installation using a tree symbolism.

*Should we have a Year Book for our WMS? I notice some societies do but is there real value in it? It looks like a lot of bother.*

Yes, it is a bit of bother but it is usually helpful to have the information compactly in hand. Put into such a year book a list of officers and chairmen with addresses and phone numbers, put in circle membership by circles or a roll of society members with addresses and phone numbers.

Put in meeting days, show program responsibility for each, put in mission study class dates, dates for Weeks of Prayer. Put in names of young people's director and

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and methods adapted to local conditions, and let them take over as soon as possible. Putting first things first, Point Four tackles the greatest need at once—poverty, starvation, epidemics, drought—and less acute needs later.

The list of Point Four countries reads a bit like a Baptist foreign mission report: All Central and South American countries (except Argentina); Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, and Saudi Arabia; Iraq, Iran, Afghanistan, Pakistan, India, Nepal, Burma, and Indonesia; Liberia, Libya, Egypt, and Ethiopia.

Every one of them needs the contribution that a devout Christian woman can make to international co-operation. This program will continue to enlist the competence, enthusiasm, and idealism of American women to the greatest possible degree.

counselors, and if you wish members of WMU young people's organizations—all with phone numbers.

Such year books can be printed or mimeographed. GAs or YWAs would paint design on cover or you could decorate with large WMU seal, price 15c a dozen from Birmingham headquarters.

A local year book is not compulsory but it is convenient.

*My society has a hard time getting young people's counselors. The best leaders are grabbed for circle or other chairmanship responsibilities and nobody is left for young people. What can we do?*

Why not secure your WMU president and WMU young people's director, then let the nominating committee help the young people's director secure the counselors before the other WMS officers and chairmen are selected? Why not study *The Way of Missionary Education*, price 60c from your Baptist Book Store, in your WMS so the women will know what the young people's work is, its joys, its fruitfulness?

Why not talk more earnestly with choice women about what they could accomplish for the Lord in leading young people?

Why not pray more for more leaders?

*If only we had more mustard seed people in the world, we could remove mountains of prejudice and hills of misunderstanding. If there were enough mustard seed people — housewives, clerks, schoolteachers, businessmen, ministers, factory workers, just people of good will—the world would be transformed in ten years.*

—Dr. W. J. FAULKNER

## Our Young People

### What Will Your Record Be?

September closes the 1952-1953 WMU year. Have you written a good record with your young people? Will you have an A-1 full-graded Woman's Missionary Union to report? What can you do now?

Being A-1 is not everything but it does signify that good work in missionary education has been done in all grades for all ages. There is always more to do beyond A-1 so that if your WMU is going to rate that distinction you will have more to achieve next year. But what is your record now?

Look squarely at your work and see where any weak spot stepped in. Was it failure to have regular meetings? That cannot be made up. The average attendance in each organization must be at least half your enrollment. It might be with extra care you could pull up an almost-reach 50% average in this last month.

Have you neglected enlistment? There is scarcely a situation where there are not many more young people who need to be won to mission zeal. Could you win some even in this last month?

Of course Point 4 cannot be made up because it reads "giving regularly" and a final spur could not cover that. Nor could "regular reports" be checked if the reports did not go in according to your state plan. You could not make up "observance of the seasons of prayer" but you could have another mission study class right now in September if you have had only one. And your members who haven't done so could each read a missionary book to reach that two-thirds requirements. Community missions must be done monthly so if you have failed there, it is just too bad.

What will your record be? Maybe you can pull up even in this last month while you resolve that next year you will keep up on every phase of missionary education every month. Each one is too valuable to overlook.

The young people's director will secure her full roster of counselors and leaders

before the choicest women accept other responsibilities. There will be clinics and schools of instruction which she and the counselors should attend. Having their own magazines in the hands of all your young people will set you on your way toward A-1 in 1953-1954. Promotion service and Church Night of Stewardship are immediately ahead for emphasis and each creates renewed mission interest. Use all these helps in looking forward to the next WMU year.

### To Mission Study Chairmen

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ty in guns and money. Power means peace. Asia thinks differently.

3. *English*: You Americans have a pitiable standard of values. Americans seem to judge a man by his gadgets.

4. *Lebanon*: You people in the United States think you can buy good will. We do not resent your policies as much as we resent your condescension.

5. *Argentina*: America is a land of silk and money.

6. *Indonesia*: We do not understand your practical approach to problems. Why did you threaten to withhold grain from India unless she backed United States policies—in Korea for example?

7. *Pakistan*: Racial discrimination in the United States is the number one obstacle to American foreign policy.

8. *Dutch*: You American women are like candy bars—half sweet, half nuts.

9. *Mexico*: Some of the churches . . . are rapidly abandoning the principles of the Scriptures to adjust themselves to doctrines and commandments of men.

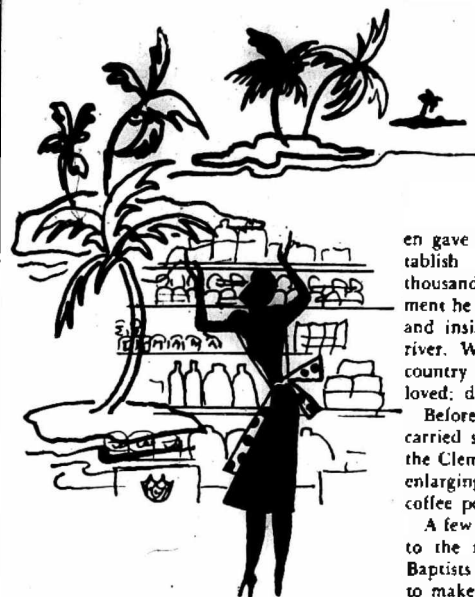
10. *Brazil*: It is ridiculously easy to join a Baptist church in the United States.

11. *Guatemala*: The Baptists in the United States have centers of too much pleasure, excessive use of the picture show and the use of nicotine.

12. *Others*: American ideals are set by Hollywood rather than by the Bible. North American Christianity has too much machinery.

For more and different angles be sure to take a second look at yourself on (date, time, place of mission study class).

*Miss William M. Murray*



## Coffee Time

by Alice Routh

en gave him a launch he was able to establish headquarters at Manaus, one thousand miles from the sea. On retirement he came home but was unhappy here and insisted on returning to his beloved river. Who can regret that he died in the country he loved; among the people he loved; doing the work he loved?

Before his death he saw the torch he had carried so bravely passed to the hands of the Clem Hardys who are carrying on and enlarging the work in this long neglected coffee pot of the world.

A few years ago the Elton Johnsons went to the most remote station of Southern Baptists in Brazil. It took days and days to make the journey. I think Dr. Everett Gill traveled muleback much to his discomfort. Now airplanes (bless 'em) have made this far place reachable. But don't forget that Elton and Elizabeth did not wait for comfortable convenient transportation.

I want to drop in on Kate White's cooking class in Brazil. At least that's one part of my dreaming that might suggest my errand to my pantry.

Farther north in Venezuela and Colombia our newer Baptist work is growing in the face of much opposition which in some instances approaches persecution.

We're getting away from the coffee country but we must let our "carpet" take us to that long string-bean country where Baptist work progresses well. And there's neighbor Argentina, so different in attitudes to missionaries. Our newest work "down under" is in Peru, that strange country up the coast from Chile. Then there's our small beginning in Ecuador. In all our South American enterprises we find progress and heartwarming success: schools, publishing houses, churches, these are our joy and pride in every field under the Southern Cross. It's coffee time right now!

AT our house breakfast time is coffee time. But often a can of coffee on my pantry shelf becomes a magic carpet, breakfast is forgotten and I'm off to where coffee grows. Where does coffee grow? Central America? South America? And many other places, too, but South America seems to beckon me.

Years ago Dr. Maddy said he dreamed of a day when South America would be encircled by Baptist mission stations. His dream has come true, except for the Guiana region. Today we have work in every republic in South America except Bolivia, and Canadian Baptists have work there.

Rivers fascinate me and in Brazil are many many fabulous rivers; first, of course, is the Amazon, the mightiest river in the world. It was among the Indians along the Amazon that the E. A. Nelsons began their work going in small boats with native boatmen to well nigh inaccessible villages in the vast reaches of the inland sea of rivers and inundated areas.

This man who was to be known as "The Apostle of the Amazon" accomplished the impossible. When Murray, Kentucky wom-



from Mrs. R. G. Van Royen  
... Panama Canal Zone

Cocoli Baptist Church has gone through a remarkable period of growth. The town was civilian, then the Navy bought it and all civilians moved out and Navy in. Meanwhile, a general military shift moved those who had been on duty three years back to the states. One Sunday there were fourteen in Sunday school. But soon the "faithful few" enlisted newcomers and Sunday school was up to ninety-six. Then the church was up to one hundred fifty and the WMS grew to a WMU. There are twenty-two Royal Ambassadors, nineteen GAs and a lively Sunbeam Band.

Last March the goal for our Annie Armstrong Offering was \$104, equal to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering of December. The goal was surpassed. Neighboring Balboa Heights church gave over \$300 through the Cooperative Program during the year.

GAs, Sunbeams, and Royal Ambassadors of the Cocoli Baptist Church, Panama



So we are growing! The great need is for more missionaries, more church buildings and naturally that means more money to provide them.

from Russell and Fay Bowren  
... Gallup, New Mexico

Our All-Indian Camp was June 15-25 at the Inlow Youth Camp grounds in the Manzano Mountains. There isn't a more beautiful place anywhere. The altitude at the camp grounds is 10,000 feet, so even in the middle of June each camper needs at least three blankets. The Lord has always provided for and blesses our camp. Although campers are charged only \$1 for the week, and many cannot even pay this small fee, the expenses of the camp have always been met.

Many young people attend the camp because of our recreational program, many for the three good meals daily which they receive at camp and are not privileged to have at home. Regardless of what their motive is for attending all are taught about the love of Jesus for their souls. There, high in the mountains, away from the family and social pressures and religious persecutions of their homes and communities, many, many young people find Christ as their Saviour. We feel that camp is well worth all the work, effort and expense that it entails because through it many people are saved. We wish that we could convey to you what a privilege and joy it is to us to minister to our Navajo people.

from Mrs. Eugene Kratz  
... Gatooma, Southern Rhodesia

Someone has told the story of a little girl in Sunbeam Band who was asked to explain why we have missionaries in Africa. Her explanation was very simple—"Jesus said 'Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel,' and this means Africa, too." We are so thankful that God has called to us that "... this means Africa, too!"

As the Mississippi River fog lifted the morning of our sailing, a tug pulled our ship, the S. S. Stella Lykes, from the wharf in New Orleans. For about seven hours we

enjoyed a pleasant river ride and as the sun set across the mouth of the Mississippi that afternoon, we saw the continental USA disappear behind us! The waters of the Gulf of Mexico underneath us gave promise of a smooth journey ahead. But as we entered the Atlantic that promise was broken.

I wish you could have seen our daughter, Rebecca Gayle! Our freighter was loaded very lightly, so rolled only a little less than a barrel going down Niagara Falls, but to "Becca's" chubby legs this was only a new experience to be enjoyed. She scampered all over the decks, leaning this way, and then that in order to counteract the roll of the ship. Guess we have a born sailor in the family!

After land disappeared we saw nothing but ocean, sky, ocean, the ship, ocean, flying fish, and ocean for nearly three weeks. But what ocean it was! Can you use your imagination and see the colors laid into each other as we passed over the depths... brilliantly jade near the coast line, shifting into azure to match that of the skies above, then at last, the slowly heaving, rising and falling indigo blue of the ocean itself as the bottom slid from under us, leaving us sailing over the lands and sights unseen by the eyes of men?

## Your Circle Program

Stewardship  
"Sacrifice and Song"

Are you finishing up your study of *Sacrifice and Song* in your September circle meeting? Remember a mission study course requires at least three hours of study.

This stewardship book will be preparatory to the Christian Stewardship Week emphasis in which all WMU organizations join in all-church courses.

If you did not have the study of *Sacrifice and Song* in July and August, can you pick it up now and devote several circle meetings to it? If you must reduce it to one period of review, be sure each circle member reads the book throughout. You

Surely if there is one place in the world which can make a person feel his own insignificance and minuteness, it is out on the middle of the ocean, late at night, as he gazes into the blackness of the water beneath, seeing occasional bits of phosphorescence drift past, and then looks up into the limitless heavens above, sprinkled with the dust of millions of stars. Then can we sense in some small way the vastness of our God... then can we appreciate the Psalmist's words, "When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars which thou has ordained: what is man that thou art mindful of him?" When one is out on the water that way it is a comforting thought to know that as big as all that expanse is, God is even bigger!

Twenty-two days passed, and at last we knew that when we awoke the next morning we would be able to see Capetown, located on the Cape of Good Hope, which Sir Francis Drake described as "the fairest Cape in the circumference of the globe." Just before dawn we sensed in our sleep a subtle difference in the movement of the ship, so we hurriedly glanced out the porthole of our cabin. As we did, our whole beings were thrilled to see, sparkling in the distance, myriads of tiny lights, winking at us to say, "Hurry. Africa is waiting."

may order copies from your Baptist Book Store at 35c each, Teachers' Edition, \$1.

In connection with your circle meeting do not overlook articles on stewardship in *The Commission* and in *Southern Baptist Home Missions*. In the latter is an article by John D. Freeman on "Stewardship At Work" especially for use in your circle meeting. Don't miss it! See also "Eleven Polished Cornerstones" in this ROYAL SERVICE.

See the "Stewardship Questions" in September, 1953 *Tell*, pages 20 and 21. See how well your circle does on answering.

# What Is the Advance Programing To Us?

*Program*

by Mrs. C. D. Creasman

former Stewardship Director of WMU

## Program Plans

The devotional period is planned for three participants, the Leader, a Reader for the Scripture passages, and a Soloist. They should stand together. The Scripture selections and songs should be ready so that the service will move along smoothly, in a worshipful spirit.

The program is presented as a panel discussion. The members of the panel sit at a table facing the audience, the chairman in the center. While definite assignments are made to each member, the discussion can be informal with questions and comments interspersed. For best results rehearse one time.

The slogans suggested are those which have been used in promoting the Advance Program. Many churches have had them up so they should be available for use in this program. If not, it would be easy to print them on strips of paper. A woman seated to one side of the panel group can hold up the slogans as indicated, or the chairman may hold them up. Or they can be written on the blackboard, one at a time as mentioned in the program. The slogans are as follows:

Every Baptist A Tither  
Fifty-fifty By 1950  
That The World May Know  
What Wilt Thou Have Me To Do?  
The Tithe Is The Lord's  
A School of Stewardship  
Give an Account of Thy Stewardship

Your pastor probably has "A Catalogue of Stewardship Materials," leaflet distributed through state Baptist offices. Ask him to let you select from it leaflets to order in quantity to distribute to your WMS members. Some of the leaflets named which you can use well are:



Mrs. Creasman

"The Bible Teaches Me to Tithe"  
"What is the Cooperative Program?"  
"Where Shall I Give My Tithes?"  
"Give All He Asks, Take All He Promises"  
"Tithing Excuses, Bible Answers"  
"A Farmer Can Tithel"  
"Cooperative Program, 1955"

A new song has been prepared especially for 1953 use, "Bring Ye All the Tithes." It should also be available through your state Baptist office.

Display map of our mission fields, order free from Foreign Mission Board, Box 5148, Richmond 20, Virginia. Point out countries mentioned.

Members of the panel can tell the three stories but it will be more effective if women rise in the audience unannounced and come to the front to tell them. Or one storyteller could sit by the one who holds up the slogans and rise unannounced to tell the stories.

Make large letters to be placed on board as acrostic to illustrate topic "WMU in Stewardship Advance."

## Program Outline

Hymn: "Onward Christian Soldiers"

Devotional Thoughts: Advance

Prayer

Hymn: "Lead On, O King Eternal"

Panel Discussion:

Southern Baptist Advance

What is the Advance Program?

Have We Advanced?

Is Advance Needed?

Story: Sharing the Light

Stewardship Advance

Story: The Unused Key

School of Stewardship

WMU in Stewardship Advance

Story: What Tithes Can Do

Closing Meditation: A Personal Matter

Hymn: "Take My Life and Let It Be"

Closing Prayer

## Advance

Devotional Leader: Advance is the Southern Baptist word of the day. It is a word which belongs especially to Christianity. Someone has said that the Christian life is like riding a bicycle—one must go on or he will go off. A Christian who is in the will of God will continually advance in Christian growth, Christian service and Christian achievement. Jesus set an example of advance.

Reader: Reads Luke 2:52; Luke 4:43

Soloist: Sings chorus of "Follow On"

Leader: Paul expressed his purpose to advance.

Reader: Reads Philipians 3:13-14.

Soloist: Sings first verse and chorus of "Forward Through the Ages"

Leader: The Great Commission is a command to advance.

Reader: Reads Matthew 28:19, 20.

Soloist: Sings first verse of "Ye Christian Heraldsl"

Leader: The missionary program is one of continued advance.

Reader: Reads Acts 1:8.

Soloist: Sings first verse of "Jesus Shall Reign"

Leader: Missionary advance depends on the missionary gifts of God's people.

Reader: Reads Romans 10:13-15.

Soloist: Sings second verse and chorus of "Christ for the Whole Wide World"

Leader: The history of missions has been a story of advance from country to country, from people to people, from race to race, from ideal to ideal in an ever expanding concept and program of winning the world to Christ. God has promised ultimate success to those who advance with his message of salvation.

Reader: Reads Matthew 24:14; Revelation 11:15; Habakkuk 2:14.

Soloist: Sings first verse of "The Kingdom is Coming"

\* Panel Discussion:

## Southern Baptist Advance

Chairman: During the last few years we have heard much of Southern Baptist Advance. Today we want to make a close study of this Advance Program. We want to see what it is, what it is doing, why it is needed and to inquire into the special advance emphasis of 1953.

Six other women will help me in a panel discussion and each one is ready to answer a question about one phase of the Advance Program. The discussion will be informal and you in the audience are invited to ask questions or to contribute facts and opinions as you wish. We will begin by asking, "What is the Southern Baptist Program of Advance?"

### What Is The Advance Program?

*First Member:* I think we can claim that Southern Baptists have always been in an advance program. Our convention was organized in 1845 for the purpose of advancing into all the world with the gospel. Our history of more than a century shows a continuing advance in evangelism, education, and in other mission work in the homeland and to the uttermost parts of the earth. But our advance has never been as rapid as it should have been.

In 1948 our Foreign Mission Board called Southern Baptists to face the inadequacy of our mission work and challenged us to enter into a greatly increased program of world missions. The Foreign Board report that year bore the title, "Mark Time, Retreat or Advance?" It ended with the challenging statement, "Six million Southern Baptists cannot continue to answer the world call with 600 mission-

aries and an average per capita gift of seventy cents a year. The God in whom we believe, the faith which we proclaim and the need of the world all call for advance."

By 1949 the Advance Program was definitely launched. Though inspired by world need and directed toward definite goals for advance in foreign missions, all phases of Southern Baptist work were included in the Advance Program. As Dr. M. Theron Rankin, late secretary of our Foreign Mission Board, said, "The program of world advance involves the strengthening and enlargement of the whole denominational structure at the home base as well as overseas, and we can safely expand our work overseas only as such expansion is based on the strengthening of all the work beginning with the local church."

The Advance Program began on the local church level with a year of special emphasis on stewardship. The slogan, "Every Baptist a Tither," called the churches to

a maximum effort in enlistment of tithers. Another slogan, "Fifty-fifty By 1950," presented a challenge for a more nearly equal division of gifts between local church and missions. A third slogan, "That The World May Know," called Southern Baptists to realize that they were in a crusade for a world evangelism. (Display these three slogans as mentioned.)

So our Advance Program began and so it has continued for over four years, challenging Southern Baptists to advance to meet the opportunities and needs of a lost world. Dr. Truett once said, "Our declared principles inexorably commit us to a large program. The whole gospel for the whole world is our God-given program." Southern Baptist Advance has as its goal just that—to give the whole gospel to the whole world.

*Chairman:* Now I think we would like to know if the Advance Program has been a success. Have we advanced?

### Have We Advanced?

*Second Member:* The answer to that question is a positive, enthusiastic Yes! We have advanced! The goal set by our Foreign Mission Board was 1,750 active missionaries on the fields of the world. When this goal was taken in 1948 there were about 670 foreign missionaries in service. Today there are over 900. The Advance Program has made it possible for Southern Baptists to enter sixteen new foreign fields which brings the total number up to thirty-two. Malaya, Thailand (Siam), Indonesia, Formosa, Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, Peru, Guatemala and Southern Rhodesia have found places on the Southern Baptist foreign mission map. (Point out countries on map.)

Our aim of a hundred missionaries in Japan has been reached, so that "for the first time in all of our relationship to Japan, we have a nation-wide witness," touching scattered key cities. In home missions, too, there has been gratifying advance. In 1948 we had 1,006 missionaries on home fields and in 1953 they number 1,274.

Not only has our mission work greatly advanced but the increase in our church membership has been the greatest in our

history. From 1947 to 1952 over two million people were baptized into our Southern Baptist churches—an average of 339,377 each year. This increase is largely due to the two evangelistic crusades of 1950 and 1951, and to other emphases on evangelism which have been a part of the Advance Program. Our total membership at the beginning of 1953 was 7,654,493.

Advance in gifts is also gratifying. Our gifts in 1947, the year preceding the start of the Advance Program, were 132 million dollars with 28 million going for mission,

### All in the Point of View

*The Ben H. Welmakers, Southern Baptist missionaries to Colombia, had soup one time too many for seven-year-old Janie. "Mother, can't we have something decent to eat tomorrow night?" she asked. "Something decent to eat like Bologna sandwiches?"*

*Eating is often a problem to American children brought up in other lands because of God's call to their parents.*

educational and benevolent causes. In 1952 we gave a total of 248 million with 48 million going for mission, educational, and benevolent causes.

Yes, we are advancing in stewardship, in evangelism, in missions. So the Advance Program is helping Southern Baptists to catch up with God's purpose.

*Chairman:* This story of advance is thrilling. We rejoice because we can see that the Advance Program is working and bringing the desired results. Now I raise the question: Is advance still needed?

### Is Advance Needed?

*Third Member:* A glance at conditions in the world today makes the affirmative answer to this question strong and urgent. Yes, advance is needed; advance is imperative! Yes, we must advance because over a billion of the world's people are still not reached with the gospel. There are still

### Mothers and Daughters Honored

The Leland WMU of the Brunswick Association in Leland, North Carolina, recently gave a banquet at the church honoring the Mary Francis Page Junior Girls' Auxiliary and their mothers.

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### What Is The Advance Program?

*First Member:* I think we can claim that Southern Baptists have always been in an advance program. Our convention was organized in 1845 for the purpose of advancing into all the world with the gospel. Our history of more than a century shows a continuing advance in evangelism, education, and in other mission work in the homeland and to the uttermost parts of the earth. But our advance has never been as rapid as it should have been.

In 1948 our Foreign Mission Board called Southern Baptists to face the inadequacy of our mission work and challenged us to enter into a greatly increased program of world missions. The Foreign Board report that year bore the title, "Mark Time, Retreat or Advance?" It ended with the challenging statement, "Six million Southern Baptists cannot continue to answer the world call with 600 mission-

aries and an average per capita gift of seventy cents a year. The God in whom we believe, the faith which we proclaim and the need of the world all call for advance."

By 1949 the Advance Program was definitely launched. Though inspired by world need and directed toward definite goals for advance in foreign missions, all phases of Southern Baptist work were included in the Advance Program. As Dr. M. Theron Rankin, late secretary of our Foreign Mission Board, said, "The program of world advance involves the strengthening and enlargement of the whole denominational structure at the home base as well as overseas, and we can safely expand our work overseas only as such expansion is based on the strengthening of all the work beginning with the local church."

The Advance Program began on the local church level with a year of special emphasis on stewardship. The slogan, "Every Baptist a Tither," called the churches to

a maximum effort in enlistment of tithers. Another slogan, "Fifty-fifty By 1950," presented a challenge for a more nearly equal division of gifts between local church and missions. A third slogan, "That The World May Know," called Southern Baptists to realize that they were in a crusade for a world evangelism. (Display these three slogans as mentioned.)

So our Advance Program began and so it has continued for over four years, challenging Southern Baptists to advance to meet the opportunities and needs of a lost world. Dr. Truett once said, "Our declared principles inexorably commit us to a large program. The whole gospel for the whole world is our God-given program." Southern Baptist Advance has as its goal just that—to give the whole gospel to the whole world.

*Chairman:* Now I think we would like to know if the Advance Program has been a success. Have we advanced?

#### Have We Advanced?

*Second Member:* The answer to that question is a positive, enthusiastic Yes! We have advanced! The goal set by our Foreign Mission Board was 1,750 active missionaries on the fields of the world. When this goal was taken in 1948 there were about 670 foreign missionaries in service. Today there are over 900. The Advance Program has made it possible for Southern Baptists to enter sixteen new foreign fields which brings the total number up to thirty-two. Malaya, Thailand (Siam), Indonesia, Formosa, Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, Peru, Guatemala and Southern Rhodesia have found places on the Southern Baptist foreign mission map. (Point out countries on map.)

Our aim of a hundred missionaries in Japan has been reached, so that "for the first time in all of our relationship to Japan, we have a nation-wide witness," touching scattered key cities. In home missions, too, there has been gratifying advance. In 1948 we had 1,006 missionaries on home fields and in 1953 they number 1,274.

Not only has our mission work greatly advanced but the increase in our church membership has been the greatest in our

history. From 1947 to 1952 over two million people were baptized into our Southern Baptist churches—an average of 339,377 each year. This increase is largely due to the two evangelistic crusades of 1950 and 1951, and to other emphases on evangelism which have been a part of the Advance Program. Our total membership at the beginning of 1953 was 7,634,493.

Advance in gifts is also gratifying. Our gifts in 1947, the year preceding the start of the Advance Program, were 132 million dollars with 28 million going for mission,

#### All in the Point of View

*The Ben H. Welmakers, Southern Baptist missionaries to Colombia, had soup one time too many for seven-year-old Janie. "Mother, can't we have something decent to eat tomorrow night?" she asked. "Something decent to eat like Bologna sandwiches?"*

*Eating is often a problem to American children brought up in other lands because of God's call to their parents.*

educational and benevolent causes. In 1952 we gave a total of 248 million with 48 million going for mission, educational, and benevolent causes.

Yes, we are advancing in stewardship, in evangelism, in missions. So the Advance Program is helping Southern Baptists to catch up with God's purpose.

*Chairman:* This story of advance is thrilling. We rejoice because we can see that the Advance Program is working and bringing the desired results. Now I raise the question: Is advance still needed?

#### Is Advance Needed?

*Third Member:* A glance at conditions in the world today makes the affirmative answer to this question strong and urgent. Yes, advance is needed; advance is imperative! Yes, we must advance because over a billion of the world's people are still not reached with the gospel. There are still

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vast areas where no missionary has gone. There are still dangerous and powerful influences at work to enslave the bodies, minds and souls of the earth's people.

Yes, we must advance. We are told that there is only one Christian missionary to 21,000 people in Africa; only one for every 70,000 in Japan. Southern Baptists are still about 700 short of their goal of 1,750 foreign missionaries.

Yes, we need to advance for Southern Baptists are less than one-third enlisted in the support of missions. When Southern Baptists are giving only six dollars on an average per person per year to all missionary, educational and benevolent causes and only \$1.01 per person to foreign missions, we must advance in stewardship.

In a report to the Foreign Mission Board, the late Dr. Rankin said, "It is my opinion that world Christianity is standing today at the open door of this period of advance. But we have not yet entered." Are we going to enter this open door? Are we going to continue to advance to meet the world's need of a Saviour?

*Chairman:* In the face of such urgent need of advance we find ourselves saying to our Lord, "What wilt thou have me to do?" (Slogan bearing these words is held up while following song is sung.)

*Duet:* "How Long Must We Wait?"

*Story:* Sharing The Light

Miss Ethel Harmon, one of our missionaries to Nigeria, was spending the night in an African village. Too weary to do anything, she sat idly in the small room which the people had prepared for her, watching the night life of the village. As the darkness deepened she lighted two candles. By and by, an old lady came to the door. After giving her salutation she looked at the two burning candles and said, "You have two lighted candles, but I have none." She went away carrying one of the missionary's lighted candles.

We have two candles! No, we have more than that! We have Jesus, the Light of the world. Millions of people are in absolute darkness. They have no candles! We ask the Lord, "What wilt thou have me to do?" His answer must be, "Give one of

your candles. Share with a dark world the light of Jesus' love."

*Chairman:* We may discover something which the Lord would have us do in the answer to the next question: What is the emphasis of the Advance Program for 1953?

#### Stewardship Advance

*Fourth Member:* Advance in stewardship is the emphasis for this year. We have come back to the same emphasis that we had in the first year of the Advance Program. It is an emphasis which is always needed. Indeed, there is more need for

#### Speaking of Stewardship

According to the latest MacLadden survey, as of January 1, 1953, 49.3 per cent of the families of the United States earn \$3,000 or more, and 18.1 per cent earn \$5,000 or over. 26.8 per cent earn under \$2,000.

stewardship emphasis now because we have added so many new members to our churches who need to be enlisted as faithful stewards. And many who have been members of Baptist churches for years need stewardship training just as much as these new members do.

We need to advance in our missionary program, but we must realize that missionary advance depends on stewardship advance. Missionaries cannot go unless there is money to send them. The money to send them must be provided through the tithes and offerings of God's people. It is always true that missions wait on money. Progress waits on property, conquest waits on the collection, the gospel waits on gold.

Southern Baptists have the money which is needed for a greatly advanced missionary program. Riches graze on Southern Baptists' ranches, grow on Southern Baptists' fruit trees, flow from Southern Baptists' oil wells, ripen in Southern Baptists' wheat fields, whiten in Southern Baptists' cotton fields, are manufactured in Southern Baptists' factories, are deposited in Southern Baptists' bank accounts. It is estimated that the tithe of Southern Baptists would

be at least 800 million dollars annually. If that is true, we gave less than one-third of our tithe last year. If all Southern Baptists had tithed with a fifty-fifty division of funds all down the line, we would have given 100 million dollars to Foreign Missions. But we actually gave less than one-sixteenth of our tithe to all missionary, educational and benevolent causes at home and abroad, and less than one-hundredth of our tithe to foreign missions. Think of the advance which could be made if Southern Baptists brought their tithes for one year!

It is said that our nation spends a billion dollars a month on the Korean war. That is an average of \$80 per person. Contrast that with the \$6 per person which Southern Baptists gave last year to missions. And we are almost feeling happy about that for it is more than we have ever given before. If all the Christians of America would give as much a year for world evangelism as each of us is paying for war in Korea each month, would we need to be sacrificing our men and our money to the god of war? Could it be that we believe more in guns than in the gospel? More in bombs than in the Bible? More in weapons of war than in the wisdom that wins souls? It is well that in our program of advance we have come to another year of emphasis on stewardship.

*Story:* The Unused Key

(Adapted from "Stewardship in the Bible" by Orval D. Peterson)

Some years ago the editors of *Time* made a survey to learn the habits and possessions of their men readers. Among other things it was discovered that the "average *Time* reader" carries six keys in his pocket. And one key is not used. It seems to be a common experience for a man to have on his key ring one key which he never uses; he has even forgotten its purpose.

Can it be that stewardship is the unused key of our denomination, of our churches, of individual Christians? Someone has said, "Christian stewardship is the master key that unlocks the vast treasure house of the kingdom of God. Through its open door of partnership with his Heavenly Father, the Christian steward enters to share in the eternal purposes and plans of the uni-

verse. His life glows with radiant meaning for he has become with Christ a fellow builder of the divine edifice of a redeemed humanity."

*Chairman:* Now we come to a most important question: How are we promoting this stewardship advance? What are the plans for special stewardship emphasis in 1953?

## Audio-Visual Aids for September

by Mildred Williams

Choose from several motion pictures and a filmstrip with stewardship emphasis for your program. Select the film that best meets the needs of your members and plan for it in your program. Order through your Baptist Book Store.

### FILMSTRIP

**MY GIFT** is a 25-frame color filmstrip and may be purchased for \$5. It is based on Bible incidents and experiences which teach stewardship.

### MOTION PICTURES

**"THE WAY FORWARD"** shows some of the essential steps in growing a stewardship church. 20 minutes; sound.

**"HOW MUCH** is the story of Ted Miller and his real discovery of the meaning of stewardship. 11 minutes; sound.

**DAY OF MARCH** is the story of the transformation of an average church member as he discovers the significance of being a partner with God. 23 minutes; sound; rental, \$5.

**FORWARD WITH CHRIST**, 30 minutes; sound; rental, \$9. When the spirit of love and service is at work for Christ, a church goes forward. This film shows Pastor Adams and his congregation ministering to Cy Matthews who is ill. Cy is embarrassed and hardhearted at first, but the members continue to love and care for him and finally he responds to their concern. During his illness he learns the real meaning of stewardship, and donates land on which to erect a mission for a new housing area.

\*Available free of charge from your state convention executive secretary.

### School of Stewardship

**Fifth Member:** Stewardship is to hold the central place in our denominational activities all through this year. We have organized for stewardship with special committees in churches, associations and state conventions. We have presented stewardship in meetings of all kinds. We have read about stewardship in books, leaflets and all denominational periodicals. We have thought stewardship, taught stewardship, talked stewardship, preached stewardship and prayed stewardship. All of this is in preparation for Christian Stewardship Week which is scheduled for October 18-25.

The chief activity of this week is a School of Stewardship. (Display poster) This is to be an all-church project to enlist all members in classes studying new books prepared especially for this school. The classes are to be planned on age rather than organization lines, as those of the same age group in Sunday school, Training Union, Woman's Missionary Union and Brotherhood come together in the same classes. Adults will study *Found Faithful* by Merrill D. Moore; *Young People, Good Stewards* by J. E. Dillard; *Intermediates, Partners With God* by Elizabeth Evans Terry; *Juniors, The Talking Penny* by Bethann Van Ness; *Primaries, Bonny Baptist and the Sunbeams* by Martha Jo Walters Milne.

Many who attended the Southern Baptist Convention were given small plastic keys one night. On one side were the words, "Key to the Problem;" on the other side, "A School of Stewardship." Stewardship study is the key to the stewardship

### Speaking of Stewardship

Seventh-Day Adventists gave \$167.22 per member to their church in 1951. (Southern Baptists gave \$30.22 per capita). They report a Sunday school enrollment of 1,134,060. The denomination is operating 4,325 schools and academies throughout the world with an enrollment of 225,808 students. In addition 108 hospitals and 57 clinics are being operated. A total of 211 new Adventist missionaries went into the foreign fields during the last twelve months.

problem. Many Southern Baptists are not tithers because they do not know that the Lord commands them to tithe. They are not faithful stewards because they do not know the obligations and privileges of Christian stewardship. This School of Stewardship is to give to these "un-knowing" Baptists the stewardship "knowing" which will lead them to stewardship "doing." So the School of Stewardship should become the right key to unlock the door to solve the problem of poor stewardship in our churches. And it should unlock the windows of heaven for some Southern Baptists so that God's blessings, which are promised to tithers, may pour on them in overflow measure.

**Chairman:** We have talked about stewardship in relation to Southern Baptist advance and have seen what is expected of our churches in the stewardship advance emphasis for 1953. Now we face another question: What can Woman's Missionary Union do about this?

### WMU Stewardship Advance

**Sixth Woman:** Our Woman's Missionary Union is a part of our church and so a part of all that concerns our church. This is especially true in matters of stewardship because stewardship is one of our chief aims.

We welcome the denominational emphasis which gives us the opportunity to stress our stewardship work more than usual. WMU leaders have helped in making the plans for the stewardship emphasis

of this year. The School of Stewardship is included in our Plan of Work for the year. Of course we will put forth every possible effort to promote the school in our church and will have as our goal one hundred per cent of the members of WMU organizations attending the classes.

Inspired by the emphasis of this year we will go on promoting the stewardship plans of Woman's Missionary Union with renewed interest and intensified effort. We will put nourishing S-T-E-W in stewardship as we:

**Study—**Stewardship study is not something we do one time and then are through with, but something which must go on and on. Woman's Missionary Union has a graded course of stewardship study books: *Sacrifice and Song* by Foy J. Farmer for WMS and YWA; *These Dared to Share* by Amy Compere Hickerson for Intermediate GAs and Royal Ambassadors; *Genny, Penny and Kan* by Edith Huckaby for Junior Girls' Auxiliary and Royal Ambassador Chapter; and *Bonnie Baptist and the Sunbeams* by Martha Jo Walters Milne. We are laying all of these aside (excepting *Bonnie Baptist and the Sunbeams*) for the fall months in order to study the books provided for the special churchwide School of Stewardship. But other years are coming and members of WMU will be having classes in stewardship study using our own books. The inspiration of this year's emphasis will make us more faithful in all of our plans of stewardship study—the use of our leaflets, our stewardship programs and especially the promotion of our stewardship education plans for young people.

**Tithe—**Yes, we will tithe! We believe that "The tithe is the Lord's." (Display slogan). With our tithes we pay God what he claims as his own. With our tithes we take the first step in acknowledging God's ownership and our stewardship. With our tithes we prove our honesty, our trust and our love. With our tithes we help advance the work of Southern Baptists from our church to the ends of the earth. From tithing we go on to giving and living as faithful stewards, winning the approving words of our Lord, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."

**Enlist other tithers.** Next in importance to winning a person to Christ is that of winning him to tithe. Knowing the joys of tithing ourselves, we will be eager to help others to know those joys. Motivated by this purpose, we will aid in all of the stewardship plans of our church and Woman's Missionary Union. As we have opportu-

### WMU Watchword and Hymn

Watchword for 1953-54—Psalms 96:3

"Declare his glory among the heathen, his wonders among all people."

Hymn for 1953-54—"Jesus Saves"

WMU Watchword—1 Cor. 3:9 "Laborers together with God."

Woman's Hymn—"Come, Women, Wide Proclaim"

nity we will talk to others about tithing. We will pass on to others what the Bible says about tithing. We will give our personal testimony as to the blessings of tithing. We will demonstrate in our daily living the joy of Christian stewardship, and thereby enlist others to become stewards found faithful.

**Work—**We must work at the stewardship task. It will take work to make a success of the School of Stewardship. It takes work to promote Woman's Missionary Union stewardship plans. Those who work for stewardship have the satisfaction of knowing that they are "Laborers together with God."

Story: What Tithes Can Do

While Dr. Samuel E. Maddox was personnel secretary of our Foreign Mission Board, he found he was riding one day with a medical student who was preparing to be a missionary of the Seventh Day Adventists. As they talked he learned that Seventh Day Adventists with a membership of less than one-twentieth the number of Southern Baptists at that time, had more than twice as many missionaries on the foreign field.

### Speaking of Stewardship

Americans paid \$433.56 per capita in 1952 through the various channels in which Federal taxes are levied. State and local taxes increased this to more than \$450 per capita; and Southern Baptists gave \$32.48 per capita through their churches. "Render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's; and unto God the things that are God's."

"How do you do it?" asked Mr. Maddox. "Our church teaches tithing and almost all of our members tithe," explained the young man. Then he went on to say, "We give our first tithe for the support of the ministry. Our second tithe goes for the support of our mission work around the world. Then we take up offerings to finance our schools, seminaries and other denominational institutions."

"Does anyone in your church actually give the first and second tithe, then the offerings above that?" asked Mr. Maddox.

"My father has done so for many years, and he is one of the happiest Christians I have ever known."

If Southern Baptists demonstrated equal faithfulness in Christian stewardship how far and fast would be our missionary advance!

*Chairman:* We have asked and answered questions about the Southern Baptist Ad-

vance Program. Now, for our closing meditation, we want to ask the question of our program topic: What is the Advance Program doing to us?

### A Personal Matter

*(This talk may be given by the panel chairman or she may call on some woman from the audience to speak.)*

It has been said that the gospel does things to us, in us and through us. The same thing can be said of the Advance Program. The members of the panel have shown that it is doing wonderful things through us, bringing advance to all of our Southern Baptist work. Now we are asking what it is doing to us and in us.

We believe that the answer is found in the realm of stewardship and that every individual must find it in her own heart. Am I advancing in my sense of stewardship obligation? Do I realize that I can hinder the advance of the kingdom of God

by failing in my Christian stewardship? Am I rejoicing because I know that my faithfulness in stewardship is helping the gospel to advance?

The slogan poster for 1953 is a very beautiful one and a very personal one. The words are from one of the parables of Jesus, but is he not saying them to every one of us? "Give an account of thy stewardship." (Display poster.) The emphasis is on the word, *thy* and each one of us must take that word to herself. I must give an account of my own stewardship! You must give an account of yours. There is no shirking of responsibility. Quoting Dr. Albert McClellan, "You can employ a man to build your house, you can hire one to fix your car, but you cannot buy one at any price to perform your stewardship. It is like the beating of your heart, either you do it or it isn't done for you."

The crosses at the bottom of the poster remind us of the price that Jesus paid for

our redemption. "Ye are not your own. . . . For ye are bought with a price." What price? The blood of the Lord Jesus. Surely, the cross is a call to every Christian to accept stewardship as a way of life. And as the cross takes all mankind into its love, so must our stewardship include the whole wide world in its scope. Then we would advance in stewardship! Then we would advance in missions!

The Advance Program in me will enlarge my heart toward loving as Jesus loved. It will enlarge my stewardship toward giving as Jesus gave. With my eyes on his cross and my ears hearing his words, "Give an account of thy stewardship," I must advance.

*Advance—It is the Lord's command,  
Advance—To those of every land,  
Advance to tithe, Advance to give,  
Advance to serve, Advance to live,  
Advance—our Lord will show me how,  
Advance for Christ, and do it now!*

## Monthly Missionary Program Topics for 1953-1954

Theme for Year: A Sinful World—A Sufficient Saviour

Scripture: "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God."  
Romans 3:23

"Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them." Hebrews 7:25

October: A Sinful World—A Sufficient Saviour (Enlistment)  
November: Advance Through Suffering in Korea  
December: The Gift of God's Love (Soul Winning)  
January: Revealing the Saviour to Students from Other Lands  
February: Meeting the Need of the Migrant  
March: A Saviour Sufficient to Lift America's Morals  
April: Medical Missions in South America  
May: Educating for Truth in South America (Baptist Schools)  
June: Proclaiming the Saviour in Formosa  
July: Seedtime in the Philippines  
August: The Challenge of Indonesia  
September: A Saviour Sufficient for Leaders of Youth

## Program Topics for Circle Meetings 1953-1954

Theme: Let's Go To School

October: Let's go to School (getting organized for the new year, WMU fundamentals)  
November: Arithmetic and Geography Lesson (Lottie Moon Christmas Offering preparation)  
December: Christmas ("and on earth—peace")  
January: Reading Lesson (missionary magazines, leaflets, and books)  
February: More Arithmetic and Geography (Annie Armstrong Offering preparation)  
March: Laboratory Period (community missions)  
April: Carver School of Missions and Social Work  
May: Lunch Time Around the World (need for relief)  
June: 150th Anniversary British and Foreign Bible Society  
July: Mission Study (alcohol education)  
August: Mission Study (alcohol education)  
September: Mission Study (alcohol education)

# "PRAY YE"

by Mrs. W. B. Pittard, Jr., Virginia

The missionaries are listed by birthdays. For detailed addresses, see directory in *Southern Baptist Home Missions*, and *Directory of Missionary Personnel*, free, Foreign Mission Board, Box 5148, Richmond, Va.

**1 Tuesday** "They that be with us are more than they that be with them"—2 Kings 6:16 Rev. Gil Aldape, ev. among Spanish-speaking, Eagle Pass, Tex., \*Mrs. James P. Kirk, ed. ev., Vitoria, Brazil, Rev. C. L. Neal, em., Mexico

**2 Wednesday** "Whatsoever he saith unto you, do it"—John 2:5 Miss Mary Ruth Carney, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Mrs. Theodore H. Dowell, appointee for Korea, Mrs. Robert L. Harris, Lima, Peru, Dr. A. B. Oliver, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, ev., Mrs. R. C. Moore, Santiago, Chile, ed. ev., Joyce Oliver, MF

**3 Thursday** "Arise, therefore, and be doing, and the Lord be with thee"—1 Chron. 22:16 Rev. B. P. Emanuel, ev., Takamatsu, Japan; pray that the Christians in China, who must undergo "brain-washing" because of their loyalty to Christ, will be upheld by his spirit

**4 Friday** "The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus"—Phil. 4:7 Rev. Ralph Davis, ed. ev., Port Harcourt, Nigeria, Rev. W. B. Glass, em., China, Mrs. E. Milford Howell, RN, Port Harcourt, Nigeria, \*Rev. Charles W. Whitten, ev., Spain

**5 Saturday** "Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free"—Gal. 5:1 \*Dr. George A. Bowdler, Jr., Guatemala City, Guatemala, Rev. Ralph T. Bowlin, Gatooma, Southern Rhodesia, \*Mrs. E. F. Holmes, Concepcion, Chile, ev., Rev. W. B. Sherwood, em., Brazil, Miss Pauline White, ed. ev., Jagdaquara, Brazil

**6 Sunday** "The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much"—James 5:16 Rev. Homer A. Brown, Ibadan, Nigeria, Rev. Tucker N. Callaway, Fukuoka, Japan, Miss Edith West, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, ed. ev., Mrs. Charles E. Compton, Jr., Cel Galvao, M.T., Brazil, Rev. Jose G. Diaz, Balboa, Canal Zone, Rev. James Lee Garrett, Recife, Brazil, ev., Miss Virginia Miles, RN, Dagupan, P.I.

**7 Monday** "For the kingdom of God is not in word, but in power"—1 Cor. 4:20 Mrs. Frank H. Connely, ev., Tokyo, Japan, Mrs. L. C. Smith, em., HMB, Mrs. T. B. Stover, pub. ev., Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

**8 Tuesday** "Every man's work shall be made manifest; for the day shall declare it"—1 Cor. 3:13 Rev. William P. Andrews, ev., Concepcion, Chile, Rev. Donald Cortey, Emergency Home, New Orleans, La., Mrs. Paul S. Cullen, med. ev., Eku, Nigeria, Rev. C. F. Frazier, ev. among Indians, Coolidge, Ariz., Rev. Carlos Garcia, ev. among Spanish-speaking, Waelder, Tex.

**9 Wednesday** "The God of patience and consolation grant you to be likeminded one toward another"—Rom. 15:5 Mrs. Emilio Barry, ed. ev. among Spanish-speaking, Los Angeles, Calif., Mrs. C. A. Leonard, em., China, Miss Mildred Womack, GWC, New Orleans, La.

**10 Thursday** "As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me"—Rom. 14:11 Rev. W. Neville Claxton, ed. ev., Oyo, Nigeria

**11 Friday** "God hath shewed me that I should not call any man common or unclean"—Acts 10:28 Rev. Harvey O. Headrick, Mandaguari, Brazil, \*Rev. T. L. Neeley, Caracas, Venezuela, ev.

**12 Saturday** "He must increase, but I must decrease"—John 3:30 Rev. Fay Askew, ed. ev., Parana, Argentina, Rev. Ralph V. Calcote, Rev. Carl Halvarson, Miss Johnna Johnson, language school, Tokyo, Japan, Mrs. Buford E. Cockrum, Jr., Ogbomoso, Nigeria, Dr. F. T. Woodward, Honolulu, Hawaii, ev., Miss Amanda Tinkle, RN, Shaki, Nigeria

**13 Sunday** "Bless the Lord, O my soul . . . who walketh upon the wings of the wind"—Psalm 104:1a, 3b Pray for faculties of Christian colleges and seminaries during this opening month of school. Pray for the success of Transfer Membership Week, Sept. 13-20, 1953

**14 Monday** "Bless the Lord, O my soul . . . who crowneth thee with loving kindness and tender mercies"—Psalm 103:1a, 4b Mrs. Desiderio Calzoncit, ev. among Spanish-speaking, Las Cruces, N.M., Miss Minnie D. McIlroy, Buenos Aires, Argentina, Miss Virginia K. Terry, Recife, Pernambuco, Brazil, ed. ev., Mrs. A. J. Naquin, ev. among French, Montegut, La.

**15 Tuesday** "My days are like a shadow that declineth . . . but thou, O Lord, shalt endure forever"—Psalm 102:11a, 12a Mrs. Russell Bowren, ev. among Indians, Gallup, N.M., Miss Troy Cunningham, ev. among French, Montegut, La., Mr. William Graves, language school, San Jose, Costa Rica, Miss Florence Jones, China, Mrs. J. B. Parker, HMB, Rev. C. F. Stapp, Brazil, em., Rev. Robert C. Sherer, ev., Kobe, Japan, Robert and John Parker, MF

**16 Wednesday** "Let every man prove his own work, and then shall he have rejoicing"—Gal. 6:4 Rev. J. J. Cowser, pub. ev., Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Rev. E. M. Cross, ev., Wahiawa, Oahu, Hawaii, Rev. Pedro A. Hernandez, ev. among Spanish-speaking, San Jose, Calif., Mrs. Attie B. League, em., China, \*Miss Wilma Weeks, ed. ev., Java, Indonesia

**17 Thursday** "He that gathereth not with me scattereth abroad"—Matt. 12:30 Rev. Fred A. Bloomer, Ft. Cobb, Okla., Mrs. Robert Sieg, Cubero, N.M., ev. among Indians, Dr. J. E. Low, med. ev., Ogbomoso, Nigeria

**18 Friday** "I will have mercy, and not sacrifice"—Matt. 12:7 Mrs. Lorne E. Brown, med. ev., Ajloun, Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, \*Rev. W. E. Craighead, Encarnacion, Paraguay, Mrs. Max E. Pettit, Keelung, Formosa, Mrs. J. Wilson Ross, Torreon, Mexico, ev., Mrs. C. K. Dozier, em., Japan, Rev. Jonathan B. Durham, ed. ev., Port Harcourt, Nigeria, Mrs. Camara Guerra, ev. among Spanish-speaking, Pharr, Tex., Rev. Wiley Henton, field worker, HMB, Globe, Ariz., Evelyn Craighead, MF

**19 Saturday** "Watch ye . . . and pray always"—Luke 21:36 Mrs. James E. Wood, Jr., ed. ev., Fukuoka, Japan

**20 Sunday** "If God be for us, who can be against us?"—Rom. 8:31 Pray for Southern Baptist and State Foundations and their secretaries

**21 Monday** "God shall bless us; and all the ends of the earth shall fear him"—Psalm 67:7 Mrs. J. L. Hart, Chile, Mrs. G. Lee Phelps, HMB, em., Miss Irene Jeffers, ed. ev., Hsin Chu, Formosa, Rev. Enrique Pina, ev., Havana, Cuba, Miss Rebecca Tarry, GWC, Tampa, Fla., Rev. George Wilson, ev. among Indians, Albuquerque, N.M.

**22 Tuesday** "Thou crownest the year with thy goodness"—Psalm 65:11 Mrs. James D. Crane, ed. ev., Torreon, Mexico, Rev. Reinaldo Medina, ev., San Juan y Martinez, Cuba. Pray for the European Baptist Women's Union Meeting in Rome, Italy, Sept. 22-25

**23 Wednesday** "Awake thou that sleepest . . . and Christ shall give thee light"—Eph. 5:14 \*Mr. R. A. Jacob, ed. ev., Honolulu, Hawaii

**24 Thursday** "Be perfect, be of good comfort . . . live in peace; and the God of love and peace shall be with you"—2 Cor. 13:11 Mrs. Merced Becerra, ev. among Spanish-speaking, Hondo, Tex., Rev. and Mrs. C. P. Cowherd, ev., Bandung, Java, Indonesia, Miss Jewell Morrisette, ev. among Negroes, Mobile, Ala., Miss Lucy Smith, sec. ev., Tokyo, Japan, Mrs. S. T. Smith, ev. among French, Golden Meadow, La., Miss Mary Edith Vaughn, language school, Campinas, Brazil

**25 Friday** "By faith ye stand"—2 Cor. 1:24 Rev. Cleofas Castano, ev., Jacminio, Cuba, Miss Lillie Mae Hundley, ed. ev., Honolulu, Hawaii, Mrs. Milton Leach, Jr., ev. among Spanish-speaking, Ft. Worth, Tex., Mrs. Julian Reyna, ev. among Spanish-speaking, Tucumcari, N.M.

**26 Saturday** "God is faithful, by whom ye were called"—1 Cor. 1:9 \*Mr. Thomas H. Francis, special appointee, Jerusalem, Israel, Miss Hazel Moon, RN, Iwo, Nigeria, Rev. Paul E. Sanderson, ev., Belem, Brazil, Miss Martha Tanner, sec. ev., Ibadan, Nigeria

**27 Sunday** "In due season we shall reap, if we faint not"—Gal. 6:9 Mrs. Paul C. Bell, Sr., em., Canal Zone, Rev. Juan B. Ferrer, San Antonio de los Baños, Cuba, \*Mrs. J. C. Powell, Oyo, Nigeria, Rev. Nelson Rodriguez, Carlos Rojas, Cuba, ev., \*Miss Dorina Hawkins, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Mrs. D. F. Stamps, Honolulu, Hawaii, ed. ev.

**28 Monday** "Let us draw near with a true heart"—Heb. 10:22 Mrs. Clarence F. Clark, Tokyo, Japan, Mrs. Wyatt W. Lee, Guadalajara, Mexico, RN, \*Miss Ona Belle Cox, Jaguaquara, Brazil, \*Miss Fern Harrington, Manila, P.I., Miss Mildred Matthews, Havana, Cuba, ed. ev.

**29 Tuesday** "The truth shall make you free"—John 8:32 Mrs. Ralph Davis, ed. ev., Port Harcourt, Nigeria, Miss Mabel Malone, ev. among Indians, McAlester, Okla., Miss Ondina Maristany, student sec., Havana, Cuba, Rev. Max E. Pettit, ev., Keelung, Formosa, Rev. D. M. Regalado, ev. among Spanish-speaking, Rio Grande City, Tex.

**30 Wednesday** "The Lord of peace himself give you peace always by all means"—2 Thess. 3:16 \*Dr. W. C. Taylor, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Miss Lillie O. Rogers, Java, Indonesia, ev.

* en. furlough	ev. evangelism
MF. Margaret Fund student	cm. emeritus
HMS Home Mission Board	pub. publication
med. medical, RN nurse	GWC Good Will Center
ed. educational	sec. secretarial

#### Virginia

The Federation of Baptist Business Women of Norfolk and vicinity has supported a recent clothing drive for Korea. To date 7,435 pounds of clothing have reached Korea. Through the co-operation of Navy officials, some of the clothing was sent direct by one of the large battleships. Mrs. H. F. Fenstermacher, treasurer of the Norfolk Federation, has served as chairman of the drive. Her husband is serving with the Chaplain Corps in Pusan, Korea.

Reports from Korea indicate that the clothing has reached Baptist, Methodist and Presbyterian missions of the Pusan area. Mrs. L. S. Oversure is president of the Norfolk Federation and was elected Virginia state president last March.

## NEW BOOKS TO READ

by Anne Crittendon Martin

(Order from your Baptist Book Store)

### MIRACLE IN THE HILLS by Mary T. Martin Sloop, M.D. with LeGette Blythe, McGraw-Hill, \$3.50.

The "miracle in the hills" referred to by Dr. Sloop in her book is the beautiful Christian school campus in the North Carolina mountains built by prayer and hard work. However, the reader is apt to feel after only a few pages that Dr. Sloop herself is also a miracle.

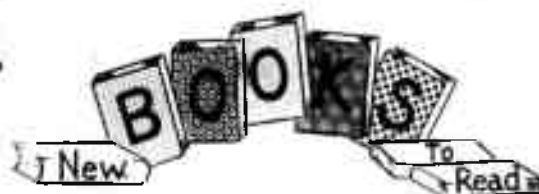
Such a truly amazing and genuine woman you meet once in a lifetime of reading! There is no one like her, no one likely to prove her match in wisdom, humor, energy and faith.

As a girl she felt called to be a foreign missionary but while her medical education was delayed she passed the age limit for appointment by the Presbyterian board, so became a missionary to the hills instead. She and her fine doctor-husband chose the hard lot of ministering to the mountain folk of North Carolina. A sense of dedication and love for God and the people has kept them there over forty years.

They brought not only medicine, but education, electricity, improved economy, new farming methods, better roads, adult education, hospital care, new churches, and a real love and interest in the people themselves. In fact, when the Drs. Sloop arrived at Crossmore miracles started happening which haven't stopped yet.

With unflinching vision Dr. Sloop turned her interest more and more to the school, while continuing to assist her husband in difficult operations and office visits. She has seen one barn-like structure grow to a modern twenty-five building campus where mountain children from miles around can come and get an education and inspiration for better living. As she says, "I firmly believe that Christian education is the cure for all the ills of this sick world."

She declared her personal war on moonshiners and tracked them down with a reluctant sheriff in tow. She had herself appointed attendance officer and went after offenders, even



*Two women, on opposite sides of the world,  
yet bound together by a love for fellow man*

to jailing unco-operative parents. She fought against child marriages in a region where girls were married before they were fourteen. She revived the weaving trade, established a barter store, where second-hand, ready-made clothing raised the women's morale and fashion sense.

Having spent her life at Crossmore, she was honored in 1951 by being chosen as American Mother of the Year, an honor she greatly appreciated but insisted belonged to her beloved mountain people. Her two children are also doctors—one in charge of the Crossmore hospital in daytime; and the other, the dentist there.

Running like a thread through the book is Dr. Sloop's firm belief in and dependence upon prayer. Stated in her own words this philosophy is, "I believe that prayer is tremendously important in life. I believe that God not only gives us moral strength to resist wrong, but he gives us the ability to think and act when in need . . . that when we have done all we can, we tell him so, and ask him to make possible what seems to us impossible. Then we see the way open. To the utter truth of this I can testify."

### THE BROADER WAY by Sumie Seo Mishima, John Day, \$3.50.

The shaking changes which have come to the people of Japan in the past twelve years are set down faithfully in this enlightening book by an American-educated Japanese housewife. Some parts are not easy reading for Americans whose consciences cannot but feel pangs at seeing the bombings of Tokyo through the eyes of one of the victims on the ground. However, though the Mishimas lost everything in the last big Tokyo raid, they poke in the ruins of their home with no feeling of personal bitterness toward America or Americans.

Regained with their adjustment to total war, their courage and ingenuity en-

abled the family to survive and surmount other hardships as they come. Mrs. Mishima's American college friends of Wellesley days send food packages and clothing which are a big factor in their recovery. Through her eyes we see the importance of a spool of thread, a needle or a bar of soap. The constant hunger and threat of starvation is ever near, making the aftermath of war in many ways worse than the hostilities.

Then at last Mrs. Mishima's American education becomes an asset when she is able to get a good job as English-language interpreter in the War Crimes Trials. Her appraisal of the Americans serving in the occupation and of their policies is always charitable and generous, to such an extent that it could be called definitely pro-American.

Stories from the lives of her family and friends show the changes that are taking place in Japan—old family traditions shattering, the rich becoming poor and the servant often rising above his former master, the organized prostitutes prospering, the Communists seeking new converts, the rise of the labor unions, the friendly GI's favorable impression for democracy.

Writing from a distinctly feminine viewpoint, Mrs. Mishima hails the liberation of women as the greatest change in Japanese society brought about by the new constitution and new laws. Though all her family—including four children—had been baptized into a Protestant church in Tokyo, she touches only lightly on her Christian beliefs. She writes most warmly of her people's hope for a peaceful place in the world.

For the reader seeking enlightenment and information about details of present-day Japanese life and thought, this book is an excellent choice. Written in more personal terms than the recent "Five Gentlemen of Japan," it also presents more of a woman's view of this country struggling to take her place among the free nations of the world.



A street scene in Korea —Baptist church at left

## They Need Help in Korea

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