

WEATHER FORECAST

General rains November 2-3; 8-13;
18-20; 23-24; rain and snow November 30

November predictions indicate rain, snow, and cold but you will weather the elements and create a warm atmosphere by your world awareness, spiritual life development, Christian witnessing, and sharing of possessions.

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Forecaster

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Mrs. President, you will want to read and study the entire Forecaster each month. It will help you in your preparation for planning committee meetings, leadership of the total Woman's Missionary Union plan of work in your church. Add your ideas as well.

ON CALL, Mrs. President

The transfer of Royal Ambassadors from Woman's Missionary Union to the Brotherhood has just been completed. This does not mean, however, that Woman's Missionary Societies have no more interest in the missionary education of boys but that there has been a change in promotion of the work. Woman's Missionary Societies have been seeking the help of the Brotherhood in their work with boys. Now societies are ready to help the Brotherhood whenever requested. We must keep on working and praying that the boys in our churches may continue to become

THIS MONTH

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ambassadors for Christ engaged in the King's business.

During the week of November 3-9 Woman's Missionary Societies will be "on call." This is the week when the entire church will focus attention on Royal Ambassadors. The Brotherhood will need the help

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of women in carrying out plans for Royal Ambassador Focus Week. Alert members of your society so they will be on call.

Mr. Edward Hurt, Royal Ambassador secretary says "the WMS membership can make a wonderful contribution by helping the men plan an effective Royal Ambassador Focus Week. We are anxious that they do so." For suggestions order the free RA Focus Week leaflet "Behold, I Send You Forth . . ." from Brotherhood Commission, 1548 Poplar Ave., Memphis 4, Tenn. See also October Ambassador Life.



International Geophysical Year began July 1, 1957. The purpose of IGY is to study the earth, to have a united understanding of its substance and functions.

Scientists of sixty-four nations hope by the end of 1958 to know much more about the earth. For two years now the scientists have been tuning up for IGY.

As the population of the world increases "it appears that we cannot afford to waste a handful of earth, a drop of water, nor a ray of sunlight. We must learn how best to use the earth and to replenish and restore it."

This is also WMY (World Missions Year.) The purpose of this significant year is "the speeding up and expanding of our present progress of evangelization and missionary advance."

World Missions Week in your church should be October 28-November 3. (See cover three October Royal Service.)

Here are some of the objectives of this significant year. How many has your church achieved?

Dedicated Youth—at least one person surrendering for world missions service.

Enlightened Minds—through a school of missions and a world missions conference.

Directed Prayer—by the use of the calendar of prayer in church meetings and private devotional periods.

Increased Gifts to Missions—by increasing number of tithers, percentages given through the Cooperative Program (at least \$1.00 per member.)

Increase your efforts during these last two months of World Missions Year 1957.

YOUTH

Girls' Auxiliary Harvest Time!

November weather prediction good for harvest of all GA benefits! Harvest help wanted, needed, necessary!

Be sure GA director and GA committee members are getting Tell and Royal Service regularly. Also that they have all GA materials, free and priced (see current WMU Year Book for prices).

Auxiliaries need help in purchasing sufficient number of current mission study books on Africa: for Juniors, *Tales from Ire*, for Intermediates, *The Bead-Maker's Son*.

At WMU executive committee meeting discuss time, place, teacher, helps and supplies needed for mission study. WMS Mission Study Chairman and circles may provide needed help to make Africa and her needs and possibilities come alive.

If not already done, some opportunities should be made available for each counselor, assistant, director, and each committee member to

experience the leadership training course, clinics, conferences, etc.

Each WMS member can aid the GA membership committee by urging every girl in her home, ages 8 through 15, to be actively engaged in the auxiliary for her age group.

At the WMU Executive Committee meeting, plans, materials, helps, needs, supplies can be shared by WMS prayer chairman and GA director for the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

—Betty Brewer, GA director

Directives About YWA Director

Yes, she is a new officer of the WMU. And so new that a few directives regarding her are retold here.

Her Position:

Nominated by WMU nominating committee and elected by the WMS Chairman of Young Woman's Auxiliary committee.

Assumes major responsibility for the developing of the YWA program in your church.

Her Promotion:

Through regularly planned committee meetings on YWA work.

Through close contact with the counselors and assistant counselors.

Through fostering program of the WMS and the executive committee.

Through assistance (upon director's request) from fundamental chairman.

Through reports from YWA counselors each quarter.

Through securing and using available materials.

Her Plans:

Organize and maintain a graded Young Woman's Auxiliary program.

Seek to provide an Ann Hassel-

tine and Grace McBride YWA wherever possible.

Train leadership through study of Year Book, regular reading of missionary magazines, completion of leadership course, and attendance at WMU and YWA conferences.

—Doris DeVault, YWA director

Working with Parents

Parents are an important part of the Sunbeam Band program. In the home they can help teach missions. Inform them about Beginner and Primary Sunbeam Band units of study for October, November, and December. Information for parents:

- *Sunbeam Activities* for these months outlines the Beginner purposes on page 8 and the Primary purposes on page 44. Give these to parents.

- Purchase for each child a copy of the Primary mission study book, *The Lost Monkey* by Marjorie Stephens from the Baptist Book Store, 35c.

- Give to parents a list of Bible verses and songs for this quarter; see *Sunbeam Activities*, pages 37 and 38.

- In December, children bring their love gifts of money for foreign missions through the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Parents can guide the child in giving.

- Missionaries to Africa can be remembered in prayer at home. Give to parents a list of names of missionaries studied in the units.

- How do you inform parents? Have you tried letters, phone calls, visits, and parent banquets?

—Elsie Rives, Sunbeam Band director

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Eight Steps to an Honor WMS

Face reality and analyze your WMS. Is your goal an Honor Society or are you satisfied with less than the best?

World Awareness

World Awareness Do the women in your society have "Know in their heads, glow in their hearts, and go in their feet" because of your programs, missionary reading and classes? Or are they disinterested, indifferent, and concerned with other things?

Spiritual Life Development Is your society planning for a five-day observance of the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions? Are your members urged to use the *Royal Service* calendar of prayer daily? Or are you and the members of your society cramming a week of prayer into one day and giving no emphasis to the calendar of prayer?

Christian Witnessing Do the members of your society know the spiritual level of their community and are they making efforts to lift it higher? Or are they satisfied to let non-Christian ideas and practices persist?

Sharing Possessions Do your members know that "there is only one place where they can invest life and money and not lose it—in people" or do they seldom give thought to tithing, giving through the Cooperative Program and to the weeks of prayer offerings?

Educating Youth in Missions Is your society educating its youth in missions through adequate fostering? Or is it limping along with mini-

Table Talk for World Missions

Prayer and Stewardship chairmen will suggest that at the breakfast, dinner or supper table talk be about World Missions Year 1956-57 and World Missions Week October 28-November 3 (see IGY-WMY). They will also help families to know that Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions is December 2-8.

Southern Baptists have 1,185 overseas missionaries in 38 different countries. (Use a world map to point out countries.)

The salaries of 125 of these missionaries will be paid through the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering; the goal is \$5,000,000. How much of this will each family give? Talk of ways to make extra money to help reach the goal:

Big sisters baby sit
Junior take magazine subscriptions
Mother make fancy aprons, towels,
or other Christmas gifts for sale
Little sister sell Christmas cards
Dad share his Christmas bonus

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Reporting Advancement

The year has just begun—Aim toward highest score Honor WMS: 18 basics, 18 electives; Advanced WMS: 18 basics, 9 electives; Approved WMS: 18 basics.

ment leadership and organizations, with no committees on YWA, GA, and Sunbeam Band work?

Enlistment for Missions Has your society accepted the challenge of every resident woman in the church enlisted through visitation, organization of new circles, and a program of work which keeps them coming? Or has your society allowed the defeatist attitude to overcome it and to accept the fact that the women of the church are busy about good things to the exclusion of the best?

Leadership Training Look at your officers, committees, and counselors. Are they efficient because of leadership training, regular committee meetings and representation at association, state, and convention-wide meetings? Or is your WMS hindered, not helped, by its leadership because of no effort to develop leadership ability, lack of co-operation with pastor and other church leaders?

Reporting Advancement And now you are ready to report your advancement. Check on your Aims for Advancement. Has your society made such progress your officers are eager to record advancement and report systematically? Or has your society done such inferior work you are ashamed to report? Look yourself right in the eye. Make up your mind that you will try to raise your score. Things we need to work on are

Every member of the family watch the budget, do without the unessentials, pay less for Christmas gifts, dig deeper into purses and give more to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions!

Suggest that an offering box be made to keep on the table during the month of November. The box may be covered with red foil. Cut an opening in the top and mount on sides pictures of the world clipped from current magazines.

The greatest gift of all is the gift

of life. As the Christmas season approaches and the world turns its attention to God's Gift, parents can talk with sons and daughters about giving their lives to world mission service.

J. Lewis Shuck, a pioneer missionary to China, had no money to put in the missions offering as it was taken but as the plate was passed to him he placed a card in the plate on which he had written "I give myself." Encourage young people in your home and church to

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bring this greatest gift during the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions.

Table talk can also include the reading of the life story of Lottie Moon, "Big Love Heart," free from your state WMU office.

"Finding a Worthy Career" free from the Education Commission, 127 Ninth Ave., North, Nashville 3, Tenn. (enclose a stamped addressed No. 10 envelope) will help young people in making decisions about life work. From the Department of Missionary Education and Promotion of the Foreign Mission Board, Richmond 20, Va., these free leaflets give information concerning types of mission work on overseas mission fields: "The How of Missionary Appointment," "You—A Missionary?"

FOR Thanksgiving Day

The prayer chairmen can make suggestions that as your WMS members and their families gather 'round for Thanksgiving feasting they may have at each place verses of Scripture tucked into small cornucopias, turkeys, or bunches of grapes. Before expressing thanks family and guests may read the prayer and Scripture verses below:

Dear Father, There are so many things for which we might give thanks today, but I ask first that we may think on the meaning of the feast rather than on the feast itself. I thank thee that this day has been set aside for this purpose; that it means the worshipping together of grateful people, the reunion of families and friends all across the land. I do not know why we are blessed so richly while others struggle and starve, but help us always to remember these others and feel a responsibility toward them in their need. May we

regard our resources as a trust, not to be hoarded, but to be put to use; and may we be ever grateful, not only for our food and well-being but for the great blessings of love and life's rich experiences. Amen.

—From *Prayer for a Woman's Day* by Josephine Robertson. Copyright 1957 by Abingdon Press.

Grateful People—Psalm 100:4, 5; Psalm 92:1; Psalm 95:2
Reunion of families and friends—John 13:34, 35; Ephesians 4:31; Deuteronomy 6:6, 7
Remember those in need—Romans 12:13; 1 John 3:18.

During the meal or after dinner family may gather around the piano to sing hymns: "Come, Ye Thankful, Come;" "Now Thank We All Our God;" Thanksgiving holidays will be a wonderful season to invite to your house some of those young people who are studying in the states from other lands. Help them to understand the Christian meaning of Thanksgiving.

FOR YOUR AFRICA study

Are you studying Africa in your circles or is your study of this intriguing continent being done by the entire society? Whichever plan you and your committee have decided upon, make your study a real success.

The October, November, December suggestions in *Royal Service* are excellent for teacher preparation in the circles. If you are having a society-wide study use the leader's guide for Adults free from Foreign Mission Board, Box 5148, Richmond 20, Va.; also "Your Mission Study Packet on Africa."

Fashion Notables FOR COMMUNITY MISSIONS

The closed toe will go everywhere this fall, in myriad variations—from noon to midnight.

That's good, for closed toe slides are easier on feet that keep busy making your community more Christian.

Favorite glove lengths—sight buttons for day, sight to wrist buttons for evening.

This won't interfere with the hand that's doing for others.

1957-58 fashion notables for community missions chairmen, committee members, and all WMS members are *The Christian and the Alcohol Problem*, and *Ministry to Minority, Racial, and National Groups*.

The Christian and the Alcohol Problem

"What you can do about the Alcohol Problem" is a leaflet free from your state WMU office; use head, hands, and feet to attack the alcohol problem.

Keep a gloved hand when the cocktail is passed.

Distribute leaflets that give facts on alcohol.

Post the following statistics and place on church bulletin board.

Chronic alcoholics costing District of Columbia almost \$2 million a year
Nearly 40,000 arrests for intoxication
Police processing of drunks \$360,000
Court salaries \$76,000
Prison room and board \$1,204,000
Alcoholic rehabilitation \$75,000
Psychiatric services \$80,000

This is the story in just one city—our capital.

Show films in your church. The

following may be used: "The Choice," \$5 rental from your Baptist Book Store.

Work to keep the sale of alcoholic beverages out of your town or city.

Ministry to Minority, Racial, and National Groups

Order "Ministry to Other Races and Nationalities," leaflet free from state WMU office.

Study the organization of the United Nations, its purpose, its accomplishments. Secure a copy of the Declaration of Human Rights 5c, Charter of the United Nations 10c, from American Association for United Nations, 345 East 46th St., New York 17, N. Y.

Encourage women to show themselves friendly to people of other nations living in the community; invite them to your homes, help your families and others come to know them; invite people of other national and racial groups to your church meetings.

Work for Christian Americanization—teach English classes using the Bible as one of the textbooks; have fellowship meetings to help those from other countries understand our customs and ways.

Learn of the foreign students in or near your community; seek to know them personally; show an interest in them and their country; discover a home in the church that will be to each foreign student a "home away from home;" arrange a church banquet honoring the foreign students. There are more than 40,000 students from other lands studying in our country; many of these are not Christian.

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Communications Workers ENLISTED

Today about one third of the labor force in the United States is made up of women. Indications are that there will be more and more women employed outside the home.

Our WMS plans include enlisting these women as "communications workers," who are communicating with others for the purpose of making Christ known around the world. Woman's Missionary Society provides the best way for women to get the message through because of community missions, activities, prayer and financial support of missionaries and leadership of youth.

It has been recommended that the office of Business Woman's Circle adviser be discontinued, the reason being that the BWC chairman's relationship to the society should be the same as that of all other circle chairmen, and the president's relationship to the Business Woman's Circles should be the same as to other circles.

This, of course, will necessitate changes for some societies. There will need to be times when the BWC chairmen can meet with the executive committee. Some executive committee meetings may be held at noon, at night, on Saturday afternoons, or at times when all chairmen and officers can arrange to be there. Some general missionary society meetings should be planned for the entire society.

Unify all WMS circles: minutes of the executive committee meetings can be made available for all circles; BWCs and other night circles may arrange to have separate circle meetings once a month and general missionary program meet-

ings once a month. Then the president, other officers and chairmen may attend these general missionary program meetings and give the BWCs and other night circles the benefit of their leadership. Such intercommunication will generate a powerful spirit of co-operation and togetherness.

Extension Circles are also being promoted. These are for women who cannot attend WMS meetings because of personal illness or confinement to home by illness in the family. Yet they desire membership in Woman's Missionary Societies. The Extension Circle is the responsibility of the enlistment vice-president.

Extension Circles will give members all the benefits of the WMS which their situations will permit. These will include reading missionary books, *Royal Service*, and other mission magazines; individual participation in the weeks of prayer and daily following of the calendar of prayer; praying for unsaved in the community and for seasons of revival in the church; giving tithes and offerings through the Cooperative Program and gifts through the weeks of prayer offerings; praying for directors, counselors, leaders, and for the dedication of youth to the cause of missions; and participating in telephone visitation.

All Baptist women must be enlisted as communications workers. Such an undertaking can be accomplished only as we promote morning, afternoon and evening circles, and by all WMS officers and chairmen feeling the same responsibility for all circles.



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