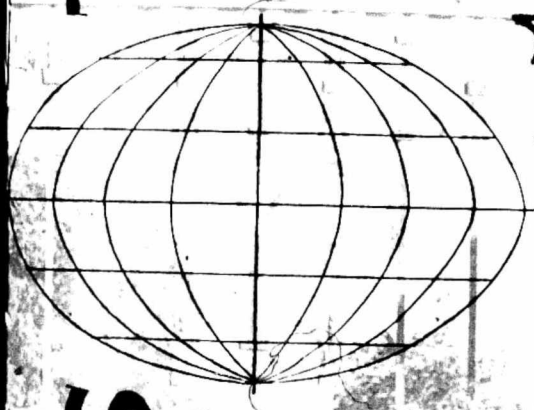


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The Miracle of Spring

by Velora Griffin Hanna

In the gentle stillness of a moon-bathed night
The dormant life underneath the verdant sod slowly awakes again.

'Tis the returning miracle of spring
Before my doubting eyes
A star-tipped brush in the hands of God,
The Master Artist, gilds
The wintry trees with soft mantles
Of green lace;
Bright flowers fill the meadows,
Turn each gray, empty space
Into a living carpet.
He puts a tiny dewdrop
In the heart of a ruby rose;
While vibrant beauty around me lies
The Master Artist paints, with one swift stroke.

Little sailboats on a mist-blue sea
Like butterflies poised
On a mammoth pearl;

Before my doubting eyes
The earth and skies form
A supreme masterpiece.
By the returning miracle of spring.

Again, in the gentle stillness of a moon-bathed night,
As the Master Artist wields
His star-tipped brush,
My doubting heals, and a reverent hush
Envelops the soul of me;
A whispered voice reiterates:
"Yesterday, and today, and forevermore,
I am the same to thee."



*Out of spring's wonder
the heart rejoices. . .*

MY EASTER WISH

May the glad dawn
Of Easter morn
Bring joy to thee.

May the calm eve
Of Easter leave
A peace divine with thee.

May Easter night,
On thine heart write,
O Christ, I live for thee.
—AUTHOR UNKNOWN

O, grant us vision God
this year to carry
Our banner up the timeless
hills to peace;
Turn our swords to plowshares,
this we ask Thee. . .
—AUTHOR UNKNOWN

*Only the lift of the wind
will do for those who require
. . . something higher*

O, brother, lift a cry, a long world-cry
Sounding from sky to sky—
The cry of one great word,
Peace . . . —EDWIN MARKHAM

For a Woman's Reverie

. . . When I was five and three

When I was only eight years old my mother took me to the church for an hour during a Week of Prayer. It was a small church and my mother was the WMU President.

We were the only ones there. Instead of mother being discouraged and going back home she took me into my own Sunday school classroom and there she and I had the prayer hour. It was my mother's prayer that day that led me to accept Christ as my own Saviour.

I do not doubt that someday I would have become a Christian even if I had not had that experience, but this example from my mother has influenced my whole life—
LELA WARD.

*Woman's vision stretches
beyond to new growing. . .*

I am concerned to see America assume a moral leadership, a leadership of humility, so that the world may pay her glad homage and uphold her forever. She shall stay above, and the world shall not feel her weight; she shall walk in front and no one shall wish her harm. For she shall then lead in kindness and unselfishness and justice and by that secret of unused power bring a new era of brotherhood to mankind—LIN YUTANG.

One nation cannot defeat another nation today. That concept died with Hiroshima. War is like fire; you prevent a fire or you can try to put it out, but you can't win a fire, because fire is destruction—GENERAL H. H. ARNOLD.

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Cover—Take a spring tour of the Caribbean and stop off in Colombia, South America. There you will see in Cali our Seminary, where Dr. Ben Welmaker is president. In the cover photo he stands at the gates of the new property purchased for the International Seminary in Cali. Out of this school Christian young people will go to work in local churches.

A missionary becomes more effective when he is properly trained; so does a national. Our missionary witness overseas is greatly advanced through educational work. In your missionary program this month you will study about the topnotch training and preparation of our missionaries and the value of such preparation. One result of your missionary program this month should be a renewed interest of WMS members in encouraging mission volunteers in your church. There are mothers who need to come to the place where they are willing that their sons and daughters be called of God as missionaries. Is that your need?

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Roy and Martha Chamlee at work on . . .

THE FINAL REQUIREMENT— *Language Study*

by Martha Chamlee, Peru

LANGUAGE STUDY is indeed a formidable prospect to the newly appointed missionary, and yet there is the joy of knowing that it is the final step of preparation. It was actually frightening to me when I finally found myself on foreign soil, where the people spoke words that I could not understand. Spanish has always been a beautiful language to me, but I temporarily forgot its beauty in a struggle to put the correct meaning behind those sounds.

We were fortunate in having a little Costa Rican girl waiting to help us in the home, to do the cleaning and cooking while we spent the day in school and studying. Fortunately she had worked for "green" language school students before, and understood our needs better than we did. I did manage to get her confused one

day, however. Dorothy Sledge who had preceded us to language school was visiting me. Antonia, the maid, somewhat perplexed, called Dorothy into the kitchen and asked her if I really wanted banana and tuna fish in sandwiches for lunch! For a while our diet was limited to our vocabulary.

Language study involves work, but it is rewarding. One feels that being able to say a few words, make purchases at the grocery, and finally converse in a foreign language is a most gratifying experience and well worth whatever effort must be expended to reach the goal!

We, as many other students, listened to the radio in whatever spare moments we had. It was helpful in training our ears to hear and understand. It also helped us build a vocabulary. Reading a Spanish

The Final Requirement—Language Study

newspaper or magazine was quite another thing. Learning to read them was a real struggle, for here we found a different kind of vocabulary.

Our formal study of the language consisted of four hours of classes with Spanish-speaking teachers each morning. Each class was limited to four students in order to give us more time for individual help. We were separated into classes, being placed with others of similar ability. In the afternoons we studied, listened to phonetic tapes, and sometimes made tapes so that we could hear how we actually sounded.

Before going to Costa Rica, everyone had told us not to worry about the children, that they would learn faster than we would. This I believed, and was therefore somewhat disappointed when it did not actually happen that way. There are perhaps several reasons why ours did not. Nearly all the children in our neighborhood spoke some English. Also, our chil-

dren went to a kindergarten, which was attended by other children of language school students, and of course, they all spoke English. Actually I don't think any of the children learned Spanish faster than their parents during that first year of study. Notice that I say "during that first year." We have just finished our second year of language study which the Board requires after one gets to his field of service, and while perhaps our children cannot conjugate a verb, they are speaking the language with better results than their parents. The phonetics come much easier for them. Though they sometimes ask us how to say something in Spanish, I'll have to admit that sometimes we have to ask them for a word. They learned a number of Spanish choruses in Sunday school in Costa Rica. Later we spent a few weeks at home in the States before our trip to Peru. One day I heard our older son, Roy, then five, using his new knowledge for material profit. He was singing the Spanish choruses at five cents a song for the University students who lived next door to his grandmother! Later he hustled around to the corner grocery for popcicles.

During the final term in the language school, it falls the lot of the men students to introduce in Spanish guest speakers for the chapel and to preach in Spanish. When it came Roy's turn, the speaker failed to show up at the last minute. This Roy explained in his best Spanish. Then in his mounting confusion, he used the wrong verb form. He meant to say "*Vamos a cantar un himno*," (Let's sing a hymn), but instead he said, "*Eoy a cantar un himno*," (I'm going to sing a hymn). Of course, that delighted the other students. There are numerous incidents when a student's words do not coincide with what he means to say, you can be sure!

We shall ever carry in our hearts the memory of our friends and brothers in

Christ in the Costa Rican churches. Our family found its place in the Guadalupe Baptist Church. Even though we could not speak or understand at first, our friends there made us feel their Christian welcome. When I think of the rapid change in students in Costa Rican churches, I am even more thankful for the warmth with which they received us. We could not help but wonder at their patience with our efforts to speak. They were all anxious to help, and seemed pleased with the progress we made throughout the year.

We have been increasingly thankful for the countless ways in which our Foreign Mission Board makes provision for the missionaries. When we finally stepped off the boat in Lima, Peru, we were especially grateful to the Board, this time for our language training. We were able to greet in their own language the Peruvian Baptists who came to meet us. While our mission board makes allowances for a second year of language study on the field, which is helpful, it is a thrill to arrive at one's station, and be able to begin preaching and teaching immediately. Roy has been preaching daily on the radio, and we are encouraged by the many favorable comments we hear. We are happy for the homes we can reach with the gospel of Christ in the Spanish language.

We brought with us to Peru from Costa Rica a little remembrance—our year and a half-old daughter, Cynthia. She is the one who baffles me. I am sure she isn't speaking English, and our Peruvian friends are sure she isn't speaking Spanish. One of the missionaries in Lima, has helpfully suggested that perhaps she is speaking Quechua, the language of the Peruvian Indians. Time will tell.



The sign announcing evangelistic services went up shortly after we reached Peru—and my husband used his newly-learned Spanish!

In Peru

The Plaza de Armas is beautiful in our city of Trujillo where we already feel at home



Roy holds fast to brother Joey's hand as they go to Spanish Sunday school

WE'RE GLAD WE SAW THE

Psychiatrist

by Mr. and Mrs. J. Earl Posey, as told by Mrs. Posey, Philippines

TERRIFIED BY TALES of a psychiatrist's pin-pricks and tricky questions, my husband and I made our appointment by long distance telephone with Dr. Robert Leyman's secretary in Louisville, Kentucky. We arranged for a berth on the night train to be refreshed for our long dreaded interview with the psychiatrist the next day. Seeing a psychiatrist is an essential step for missionary appointment, but the extra money for a berth, was money wasted, for I could have slept just as well perched upon a *calesa* (a horse-drawn carriage) lumbering its way unhurriedly through Manila's frantic traffic!

The next day we swallowed our lunch whole in order to be prompt for our important appointment. Earl and I sat in Dr. Leyman's quietly furnished waiting room for what seemed hours! Finally, an impressive and surprisingly human-looking Dr. Leyman appeared and ushered me first into his private office. Left behind, my husband, began nervously to finger the pages of his laboriously written life history. I wondered if we could ever convince the psychiatrist that we were acceptably normal! We were sure God wanted us on the mission field, and that assurance did calm our nerves for this visit, and to our delight the psychiatric interview turned out to be—yes, even pleasant!

As we reflect now, we consider the psychiatric interviews some of the most en-

joyable and helpful experiences along the road to missionary appointment. In this doctor we found a sympathetic person who helped us to understand ourselves and our own reactions to various situations. In a very real sense, the psychiatrist helped to prepare us for the many adjustments that have confronted us here in the Philippines.

Adjusting to life in a different environment thousands of miles from home, living in a house without many of the simple stateside conveniences you just take for granted, and spending long wearisome hours studying a difficult language when one really longs to be active in service requires a well-balanced personality, extreme discipline, and an unmistakable sense of God's call. To work with people just as they are and right where they are, even in the midst of needless fifth, without seeking first of all to change them and their environment, requires a flexible individual, who, with the plus of God's grace, can "become all things to all men that he might by all means save some." Becoming Christ's ambassador to a distant land calls for the making of many adjustments.

We disembarked in the Philippines from the *SS President Wilson* on a boiling Sunday afternoon in sticky, oppressive lowland heat, which succeeded in taking away a large measure of my zest for living! Had it not been for the stabilizing assurance that God would somehow make the scorching



Clark greets Mother and Dad as they return home from language study

rays of the tropical sun seem less intense, we might have turned right around and boarded the *Wilson* for its return trip to San Francisco!

It has been difficult, especially for me, to recognize that this is the Orient, where life moves very slowly and where few dare try to speed it up. After spending much of our time here in the Philippines just waiting, we are gradually learning to work within the slow Filipino pace of living and not be too frustrated by the *bukas* (tomorrow) fulfillment of last week's promises.

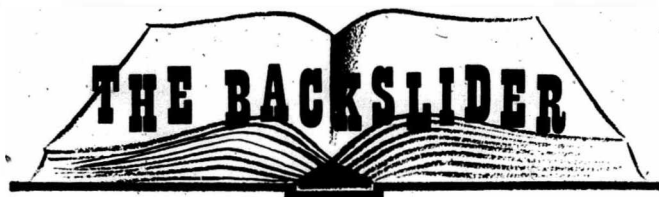
After leaving a rather active stateside pastorate, one of our most difficult adjustments has been that of contenting ourselves with language study when actually we long to be out in evangelistic work. Now that we are able to converse in Tagalog whenever we end trips carry us to the *barrios*, where Tagalog is spoken almost exclusively, we

Seeing a psychiatrist is an
essential step in missionary
appointment to overseas stations

can see the wisdom of intensive language study in preparation for active service.

The purpose of the psychiatric interview, as we interpret it now in retrospect, is not to scare off or cull out would-be missionaries, but rather to help the prospective missionary determine whether he can be happy and useful weathering the trials when the glamour of faraway places is suddenly transformed into stark, and sometimes disturbing, reality. The Christian psychiatrist seeks to ascertain that the candidate has unmistakable balance and assurance of God's call to the mission field, the one thing that will sustain the missionary when situations seem almost overpowering.

Earl and I would never convey the idea that missionary life is a sacrifice. We would hasten to assure that we are supremely happy in our new role as missionaries. Our blessings have been multiplied, especially in times of illness when quite naturally we have longed for the nearness of loved ones and friends, as we have leaned heavily on Him who has promised to supply all of our needs. Our hearts overflow with joy and peace as we realize that "He that sent me is with me: the Father hath not left me alone." We're glad, too, that before we came we saw the psychiatrist, who helped us to see ourselves as we really are so that we may seek to fulfill the call which God placed in our hearts.



**The backslider needs to go back
to where he lost his contact with God.**

Whatever the sin, he must confess it to God

"I TRIED BEING a Christian, and I failed."

These are sad, heart-breaking words, and it is agreed by soul-winners that the backslider is one of the hardest persons with whom to deal.

There are, indeed, different kinds of "backsliders." There are many who never were truly Christians, but who joined a church or a preacher, instead of Jesus Christ. And there are others, to whom it must be said, "Ye did run well; who did hinder you that ye should not obey the truth?" (Gal. 5:7).

Question your friend enough to find out, if possible, which is his case. If the former, he must be led to see that he has had no real experience with God and therefore must receive Christ by faith. Then he can rest in the promise, "I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee" (Heb. 13:5).

If, however, it is someone who at one time was really converted, he must be convinced of the love of the Lord who says, "I will heal their backsliding, I will love them freely" (Hosea 14:4).

Backsliders are miserable in sin. "Your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you" (Isa. 59:2).

Remind him of the joy he is missing. "The joy of the Lord is your strength" (Neh. 8:10). He can have peace and practical righteousness again if he will pray, "Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation;

and uphold me with thy free spirit" (Psalm 51:12).

The backslider must do like the man who lost the ax. He must go back to where he lost it (2 Kings 6:5). The backslider must go back to where he lost contact with God. What sin separated him from God? Neglect of the Word? Lack of church attendance? Unkindness to a neighbor? Petty dishonesty in business?

Whatever the sin, he must confess it to God. He may admit his sin to you. This, however, is not necessary. He must confess his sin to God. He must pray with deep sincerity, "Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin" (Psalm 51:2).

Having admitted his sin to God, he will be ready to make restitution if his sin hurt someone else. The backslider will not find complete peace with God until he has righted, as far as possible, whatever wrong he has committed. If he cheated someone, he should repay the money. If he hurt someone's feeling, he should apologize. If he publicly injured someone's reputation, he should make a public retraction.

John the Baptist warned, "Bring forth therefore fruit worthy of repentance" (Matt. 3:8, ASV).

When he has made right all that he can, the backslider can rest assured that "a broken and a contrite heart, O God thou wilt not despise" (Psalm 51:17)—DOROTHY HASKIN.

Today



by Cyril E. Bryant, Editorial Staff
Baptist World Alliance,
Washington

Our American Neighbors

YOU MAY HAVE MISSED this wonderfully significant news: 21 American Republics, constituting the Organization of American States, are pooling their scientific know-how for development of peaceful uses of nuclear energy.

It is the latest chapter in a developing story of the world's oldest international organization of political states—an organization that has devoted itself to peace and to the security and betterment of all people of the Western hemisphere.

OAS has its headquarters in Pan American Union, a massive but beautiful Hispanic style marble building at the intersection of Washington's Constitution Avenue and Seventeenth Street, just across the Ellipse from the White House. Inter-American harmony is evidenced by its landscaped gardens, its patio and impressive exhibits from member nations.

Citizens of all its member nations will celebrate April 14 as Pan American Day, and church, civic and other community organizations in both North and Latin

America will devote programs that week to a study of our common culture and common aims.

The Organization of American States traces the conception of its ideals to a dream of Simon Bolivar in 1815, who visualized a greatness for the New World "not so much by virtue of her area and wealth as by her freedom and glory." Bolivar's dream first took shape in an assembly of nations known as the Congress of Panama in 1826.

It was 1890, however, when the first international conference of American states met in Washington to create the permanent organization now known as OAS. The OAS Charter, adopted in 1948 after two world wars had drawn the people of the Americas closer together, expressed its aims as:

To strengthen the peace and security of the continent;

To prevent possible causes of difficulties and to ensure the pacific settlement of disputes that may arise among the member States;

Ambassador Sevilla-Sacasa of Nicaragua is shown with some of the members of the planning committee to organize the Inter-American Nuclear Energy Commission for peaceful use of atomic energy



Today...

To provide for common action on the part of those States in the event of aggression;

To seek the solution of political, juridical, and economic problems that may arise among them, and

To promote, by co-operative action, their economic, social, and cultural development.

Teachers, engineers, architects, nurses, and doctors from all the countries pool their knowledge and experience to provide our American people with more and better schools, better health, better crops and food supply, better housing and city planning, better transportation, better industry and trade.

And now that the world has entered the atomic age and unfriendly nations wage a battle of brains for destructive uses of nuclear power, it is extremely satisfactory to learn that OAS uses its scientific manpower to turn the new-found sword into plowshares.

The Council of OAS has set two groups in motion to accomplish this end. First, it named a special commission of seven members in charge of drafting the statutes of the Inter-American Commission on Nuclear Energy. And it instructed the office of Secretary General to make an initial study of needs in Latin America for research and training in the peaceful use of nuclear energy—his findings to be considered at first sessions of the new IACNE and also made available to governments and private industries in the American countries.

Ambassador Guillermo Sevilla-Sacasa of Nicaragua is chairman of the special organizing commission. It was he who presided, early last year, over a subcommittee on atomic energy of the Inter-American Committee of Presidential Representatives. Ambassador Juan Bautista de Lavalley of Peru is vice-chairman, and the representatives from Argentina, Brazil, Mexico, the United States and Venezuela are members.



HAVE YOU EVER eaten breakfast, lunch, and supper with nearly three thousand women from all over the world? Have you ever seen an oven that bakes three thousand biscuits at one time?

Eaten meals served by some of the choice Christian boys and girls from throughout the world—seen their patience and kindness extended to women of all shapes, sizes, and nations?

Stood in line for thirty minutes to get a letter from home and your child in her baby scribble has written: "I love you—come home. I drank three Pepsi's today."

Walked straight up the mountainside to your cabin, shared a bunk bed—shared a room with two women who snored different tunes?

Wished you were a half-dozen people in order to attend—learn—all that was offered to help you grow into a more mature Christian woman?



Have you ever gone to bed at night so tired you felt you could never move again—but with a heart so full of inner joy and peace—with the assurance of our Master's promise "As thy days, so shall thy strength be."

Sat in conferences on WMU work and become so ashamed of the little you have done for your Lord?

Heard missionaries tell of roaches gnawing at their mouths?

Of pulling worms three feet long out of children's feet?

Of being tossed about in a fishing boat for days in a storm?

Heard missionaries give testimony of the power of prayer and faith?

Have you actually wept over the sins and heartaches of the world?

Have you come back home with the sacred vow and promise to your Maker that with his help you will give your life—

your soul—your all—through service to others, through daily devotion to him, through meditation on his Word so that he might lead, so that all the world might know him as Saviour?

All of this and much more was my personal experience during WMU Conference last year. I hope you don't let another year go by without attending this mission conference for Southern Baptist women.

Make reservations now!

Ridgecrest—August 7-13

Write Mr. Willard K. Weeks, manager

Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly
Ridgecrest, North Carolina
Glorieta—July 17-23

Write Mr. E. A. Herron, manager
Glorieta Baptist Assembly
Glorieta, New Mexico



HOME for Our First Furlough

by Lila Mefford, missionary in Valencia, Spain

IT IS EXCITING to be preparing for a journey. More exciting still when that journey is a trip home after our first four years of missionary service.

Sylvia, Tony, and Janie are studying extra hard on their Calvert lessons in order to have a vacation on the ship. They have grown so fast, all have to have new clothes; warm clothes for New York and Colorado. I fear our blood has grown thin in sunny Spain and there is no doubt that our wardrobe has. We don't want to arrive back home looking like refugees.

We've all had a slight reaction to the typhoid shots which we had last week. Now comes the job of packing up and deciding what is to go, what must be stored, and where and how to store it. As I go about putting things away in tissue paper and moth balls, so they will "keep," I'm reminded of the verse in Proverbs which says, "Keep thy heart with all diligence: for out of it are the issues of life." It is a simple matter to take care of the "things," but the heart is not so simple and I find that I must pray for constant divine help in the matter.

What a change the grandparents will see in the children. They have grown so tall and learned so many things. I wish I could speak Spanish as fluently as they do. Missionary children have educational advantages in regard to languages and travel. No one ought ever to feel sorry for missionary children. Ours are looking forward to knowing and playing with their cousins. They can hardly wait!

Under the bustle of activities of getting ready to go home and the thrill of seeing our families and loved friends again is a deep spiritual need for a furlough; a time of drawing apart, so to speak, to rethink our values, to rest from the strain of trying to understand and make ourselves understood in the midst of a different language and culture. Spanish is one of the easiest of languages and certainly the difference in culture doesn't begin to compare with the pagan cultures that so many of our missionaries face, yet the strain of adjustment is great.

I have heard from various sources that the first term is the hardest. Without a doubt it has been a testing time. A testing of our faith, ability, and love. I thought that I loved as Christ loved, but I find that I have just scratched the surface. I have found in the testing time that I am not the self-sufficient Christian that I thought I was. Perhaps the Lord has had to show me that he doesn't need self-sufficient Christians, but children that rely upon him. In many of the tests I have come up wanting, but wiser and I must admit, weary mentally and spiritually.

The prospect of a year of rest in our "Land of the Free" looms like a spiritual oasis. A time for rest and recuperation spiritually, and of preparation for greater service among our Spanish brethren whom we have learned to admire and appreciate.

There will be the spiritual refreshing that comes from the singing of joyous hymns and of listening to inspiring ser-

mons in good old American English. I have a longing to hand out reams of tracts and to talk to people about the Saviour. Those activities are strictly against the law in Spain. I'm afraid too many of my countrymen take their great liberty for granted. It will be a blessing to read the news in the daily newspapers and know that it is not all subject to one man's point of view.

One of our missionaries has aptly said that the Lord doesn't always call ten-talent missionaries but he often calls them to use their one talent ten different ways. We are looking forward with pleasure to the opportunity to study in the New Orleans Seminary. There are so many things we need to know how to do better.

Then there is the privilege of being able to share some of the experiences that we have had during these four years in Spain. Spanish Baptists have done a great deal with very little materially speaking, and they are grateful for every bit of help that Southern Baptists have sent them. It is true that there are difficulties but the work is on a sure foundation and is growing slowly and steadily. Our prayer is that we will be able to impart a true picture of the work in Spain as we have opportunities to tell about it.

So it is with great anticipation and happy hearts that we make preparations for our journey home, yet we cannot forget that our Spanish brethren face the difficult problems, like the rising cost of living, and the lack of liberty. And they cannot get away for a rest even though they grow weary beneath the load. Please keep on praying for them and pray for your furloughing missionaries, that their strength may be renewed so that "they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint."

SOUTHERN BAPTISTS now are becoming increasingly aware of world need and responsibility for worldwide witness as we have experienced unprecedented growth because of the outpouring of blessings from our Lord. It is axiomatic that much is required of him to whom much is committed. We cannot evade the fact of the multiplied blessings we are receiving. . . .

We must keep prayer altars aglow in each church that many may volunteer to go as missionaries. Some churches have never had the joy of seeing a missionary go from their midst, even though their history may go back a hundred years or more. Others have seen one, two, and even four or five of their members go abroad.

A LONG ROAD

Each church should yearn for the blessing of being the mother church of a missionary. Remember that the smallest church, just the same as the large one, can experience this blessing. If each church, large or small, would earnestly pray for some in their midst to go, we would see some thrilling strides in world mission advance. . . .

There is a long road between dedication to go and actual appointment. . . .

Wonderful opportunity for honoring Christ is presented to each father and mother as the Lord calls their children for His service anywhere in the world—BAKER JAMES CAUTHEN.



Archbishop of Canterbury Questions Church Union

The Archbishop of Canterbury in an address before the bi-annual meeting of the British Council of Churches warned Christians to consider the dangers involved if every branch of Christendom were united. He said that if the denominations could speak with one united voice "thrones and crowns might falter."

"You can also realize what a terrible danger we ourselves could be in," the Archbishop told the audience. "I mean this sincerely because if we were all one and united, the danger of the freedom to differ from the majority in power would be threatened and there has always been great value in minorities and differences of opinion."

"Please God some day there will be a united church--in some sense united. But it will not come until we are all strong enough in the Christian faith to bear with one another's differences and to refuse to exterminate them by force. We are not yet fit enough in the sight of God to be a completely united church."

The Archbishop, a former president of the World Council of Churches, states that the work being done by representatives of the World Council and the International Missionary Council at the United Nations is significant. Staff members on the Commission of the Churches on International Affairs are always present to give delegates the benefit of Christian opinion as reflected by this body. At one time, he said, these representatives had to creep about trying to find someone to listen, but now delegates seek out the churchmen who often have trouble in finding them to answer all their questions.

National Council Elects American Baptist President

Dr. Edwin T. Dahlberg, pastor of the Delmar Baptist Church in Saint Louis, is the new president of the National Council of Churches. Dr. Dahlberg is the first Baptist to head the Council. In describing his church which is affiliated with both Southern and American Baptist Conventions, Dr. Dahlberg called it "the Northern church with a Southern exposure." When the new president was asked by reporters if he thought Southern Baptists would affiliate with the National Council he said, "There is no indication at present."

The out-going president, Dr. Eugene Carson Blake, in his final message to the Council asked the members "to re-examine theologically the whole Council movement and its various programs."

The Testimony of Dr. Teller

Dr. Edward Teller's testimony before the Senate Preparedness Committee in Washington brought to light many disturbing facts. As the primary builder of the hydrogen bomb this distinguished scientist talked with all seriousness of the waging of wars by exploiting minerals on the ocean beds and by the deliberate control of weather which could affect rainfall over the grain areas of the world.

Dr. Teller dispelled the myth about Russian science. He conceded that the genius of Russian science was fully equal to the standards achieved in the United States or in any Western country. Because Russia is a Slavic country living under communism, it has become fashionable to picture the Russian as "a sort of barbarian knocking at the gates of civilization." The truth is as Senator Stuart Symington frankly said Russia's scientific tradition is more than two hundred years old. Progress, then, cannot be attributed to the period of liberation from political control which her scientists have known for only about eight years.

As the Washington commentator for the "Manchester Guardian Weekly" pointed out, the American people need to know that it is dangerous to national security to underestimate the strength and distinction of the Russian mind.

Home Library at the White House

At a ceremony at the White House early this year, representatives of the American Booksellers Association presented President Eisenhower with 200 books to be added to the official home library. The idea of the library originated with a California bookseller who learned that Herbert Hoover could find no books in the mansion for an evening's relaxation. He told the story to the ABA and in 1929 the association made the first gift of 500 titles. Since then every four years 200 title additions to the library have been made. The books chosen emphasize American history, the American scene in fiction, lives and letters with a sprinkling of juveniles. Many titles reflect national trends in the four-year period covered by the selection.

Among the 1953-57 books are seven titles which have appeared on the WMS Round Table Booklist. They are A Single Pebble, My Lord, at a Morning, Ambassador's Report, North from Malaya, India and the Awakening East, Inside Africa, and Too Late the Phalarope.

"Books are to be read and every library should be a circulating one," wrote Emerson. Any mind will become bored without the stimulation of new thoughts.

The Glory of the Resurrection

Over a hundred years ago a vase was found in a mummy pit in Egypt and was sent to the British museum. The librarian having accidentally broken it, discovered in the bottom a few peas-- old, wrinkled and as hard as a stone. The peas were planted under a glass and carefully watched. At the end of thirty days green shoots appeared. The seeds were springing into new life. They had been buried probably three thousand years and had slept all that time in the dust of the tomb.

If the life principle of a seed can be preserved for many centuries so can the mysterious something within us which is not touched by the loss of a limb nor by the chemical change the body undergoes every seven or eight years. But in our minds we cannot separate personality from the body. We cannot imagine a purely spiritual existence. The apostle Paul encourages us to believe that the future life will not be a mere spiritual abstraction but that the future will continue to have its body as the plant has its seed. However, the argument for our resurrection does not rest on an analogy but on the empty tomb in Joseph's garden.

"And how do you know that Jesus rose again?" asked an irreligious young man of an aged saint of God. "Well," said the old man, "I know it because I was talking with Him this morning." Experimental truth is hard to deny.

Circle Program

by Hermione Dannelly Jackson

PLAN ONE: Mission Study, page 39

PLAN TWO: Program below

What you will need for circle program:

Ask all members to bring their Bibles.

Order Community Missions Packet (25c from Woman's Missionary Union, Birmingham 3, Alabama). Perhaps you will want to examine these, and later order additional copies for a tract rack in your church, the bus or train station. Some of them are of practical value to be placed in your Bible for reference as each one engages in personal soul-winning. These tracts can also be used to supplement the different discussions given by members at the time of the program.

Make individual colored program folders with big and little question marks all over them.

Pray that this program will deepen the conviction of your circle members that they should be "labourers together with God" in this matter of personal witnessing.

Read "The Backslider," page 8. You may wish to use it also in your program

Hymn: "Jesus Saves" or "Let Others See Jesus in You"

Prayer: using the Calendar of Prayer

Leader's Introduction: This is a program of questions and answers. The questions are short, but many of the answers depend on you. The program deals with what is unquestionably the most important job of every Christian—personal witnessing. How is this to be done? Just as Jesus gave us a model prayer, he gave us an example of the master soul-winner at work. We find the answer to the "How" in the fourth chapter of John.

Personal Witnessing: How?

Scripture Reading: John 4:1-42

Why?

Webster's dictionary says why means "for what cause, reason or purpose, on what account, wherefore."

Why witness? The chief cause or reason is love for Christ and for the lost person, for everyone. Paul wrote Philemon "For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain." Also read John 14:21, 23.

Christ used as a soul-winning example a Samaritan woman who belonged to a race looked down upon by the Jews. She herself was considered an inferior member of these despised Samaritans. Why did Jesus spend his time on such a woman? The answer is simple—she was lost.

Those who try to win to Christ must realize what it means to be lost. A lost person is without God or hope (read Eph. 2:12), he is condemned before God (read John 3:18), he is facing an eternity in hell (read 2 Thes. 1:7-9).

Use tracts "How to Live for God" and "It Does Matter" from the Community Missions packet.

Add your personal testimony on why you were led to witness to someone.

Who?

Webster's dictionary defines who as "It is used as an interrogative: what or which person or persons?"

Who needs our witness? Anyone who is lost. Members of a WMS circle were handed a visitation list prior to a revival meeting. One woman commented, "I wouldn't be seen going into that house." Jesus' disciples had much the same attitude toward the Samaritan woman. They were amazed that he talked to a woman (read John 4:27) and that he accepted drink from

a Samaritan.

Who needs to witness? All Christians are commissioned soul-winners (read Acts 1:8). We must bear our witness by word and by the life we live (1 Peter 4:10). We must be consecrated (read Rom. 12:2).

Use tracts "Just a Moment," "When You Need a Friend" and "4 Things God Wants You to Know" from your packet.

Add your personal testimony as to who influenced you to be a Christian or who has strengthened you in your Christian living.

When?

Webster gives the definition of "when:" "At what time? in what period? how long ago? how soon?"

When is the best time to approach a lost person? The answer to this depends upon the individual and emphasizes the fact that we must know the person to whom we are witnessing. The haphazard approach to a perfect stranger, "Sister, are you saved?" seldom gets results, but rather often antagonizes. We must know the needs and problems of the person whom we seek to win; we must help him to feel our genuine love and concern.

Jesus made a simple request of the Samaritan woman, "Give me to drink." The woman had come for water, and Jesus approached her on a matter vital to both their lives. His approach to Zacchaeus was through an interest in his home (read Luke 19:5-6). Philip's approach to the Ethiopian eunuch was through the eunuch's desire for knowledge (read Acts 8:30). God won Jacob by answering his longing for material possessions, a family, and fellowship (read Gen. 28:13-15).

The gospel is good news, for it has the answer to all heart hunger if the sinner will hear it with an open mind.

Use tracts "The Secret of Lasting Joy," "The Lord Jesus Says," "It's as Easy as That!"

Tell when you were saved and the person who led you to know Christ as Saviour.

Where?

Webster says that where means "At or in what place? Hence, in what situation, position, or circumstances?"

Where is the best place to engage in personal soul-winning? You will find a variety of answers. Some are saved in a revival meeting, some in the classroom, others in the hospital, on an encampment, during a time of family crisis.

But more people are won by personal, individual contact than in any other way. The lost have seldom attended church in great numbers. It was true in Jesus' day (read Luke 14:16-24).

Jesus won sinners at the cemetery (read John 11:45); at the pool of Bethesda, at a place of business (read Matt. 9:9), while men fished (read Matt. 4:21).

Use tracts "Just the Ticket for You" and "Good News for You."

Add your personal testimony as to the place you were saved and the circumstances.

What?

Dictionary states: "An interrogative, referring to the nature or identity of an object or matter."

What are some difficulties in personal witnessing? There are many excuses offered. This is a partial list with answers from the Bible. "Not today" (read Luke 12:19, 20). "It is too late" (read Rom. 10:13). "Tried once and failed" (read Heb. 7:25). "I don't need a Saviour" (read John 3:18). "Too many hypocrites" (read Rom. 14:12).

Use tracts "Three Things God Has Done for Us" and "God's Way to God's Heaven: Four R's."

Tell what led to your conversion or what influence you have exerted in helping someone else to be saved.

Prayer: For yourselves that each one will become a soul-winner.

Will Community Missions Chairman assign names of the lost to whom each one will witness?

APRIL

by Kate Chenault Maddy

Entering Wide Doors

Scripture Reading: Acts 16:9-14

Hymn: "O Zion, Haste," 451. Baptist Hymnal (Stanzas 1, 2, and 3).

Devotional Period: Answering Distant Calls

On his second missionary journey, while in the city of Troas, Paul had a vision of a man who called, "Come over into Macedonia, and help us."

His original plans did not include a visit to Troas. He had planned to enter Bithynia, but his being in Troas may be explained by the expressions, "forbidden of the Holy Ghost" and "the Spirit suffered them not" (Acts 16:6, 7).

Thus, the vision which Paul had when he reached Troas left no doubt in his mind that the Lord "had called us for to preach the gospel unto them."

Paul's answer to the Macedonian call resulted in his first European convert, Lydia, at Philippi. And certainly, if Paul had been disappointed because he was "forbidden of the Spirit" to enter Bithynia, this

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The Doors Are Open: The Time Is Now

Meditation

Solo: "O Zion, Haste"

experience must have been proof to him that the Holy Spirit was at work and was directing him.

The Holy Spirit still directs dedicated Christians in the missionary cause. In recent years a call from faraway places came to LaVora Murfin who grew up on the river front of New Orleans, Louisiana. The call came to LaVora the same night she gave her heart to Jesus Christ at a youth campfire service led by Miss Gladys Keith in the backyard of Rachel Sims Mission. LaVora was thirteen years old at the time.

LaVora's father claimed no religion, although he had grown up in a Quaker family. Her mother was Catholic, and LaVora and her brother had been reared according to the marriage contract in the Catholic church.

By the time LaVora was eleven years old, her father and brother had been won to Christ, mostly through the efforts of those working at our Rachel Sims Mission. And so it was that LaVora followed her brother to the Mission, though at first she was interested only in the sewing, piano lessons,

and refreshments. She did not intend to have anything to do with the religious teaching that had already led her brother away from their mother's teaching and faith.

LaVora's mother had expected her to remain true to the Catholic faith, but after a visit to the mission, she decided it was a better place for LaVora to spend her time than on a street corner or in a public park. So when LaVora came home one Sunday night with wet hair, her mother was angry indeed that she had accepted Christ and been baptized. She was angry with LaVora for breaking her promise, and angry with Miss Keith for allowing LaVora to receive baptism.

When LaVora was fifteen, Miss Keith gave her work to do in the mission which strengthened her desire to be a missionary. Her experiences as a summer student worker for the Home Mission Board a little later gave strength to her intention. A mission emphasis week which she attended at the local New Orleans Seminary served as another "go sign" from God.

During LaVora's last year of study at the Carver School (then WMU Training School) she met Dan Sprinkle, a student at the Southern Baptist Seminary. Dan was confident that God had called him to be a pastor, and together they talked about how pastoral work fits into the needs on a foreign mission field. LaVora's husband says,

If you are planning this missionary program

FIRST Read

"We're Glad We Saw the Psychiatrist," page 4.
"Home For Our First Furlough," page 12.
"The Final Requirement—Language study," page 3.

THEN You May Want

To use the information in these articles in your program
Or substitute an article for a program discussion.



LaVora Sprinkle and one-year-old Mary Dee

"We had an understanding that we were together in the process of finding our best place of service in God's kingdom work and would together do whatever he opened to us. We would have been more interested in foreign mission service if we had taken time to study the work opportunities which it afforded."

After LaVora's graduation and marriage to Dan Sprinkle, her husband continued his studies in the seminary. Mr. Elmer West, secretary for Missionary Personnel, suggested to them that they get acquainted with the missionaries on the seminary campus. LaVora and Dan followed this suggestion, and invited many of the furloughing missionaries to dinner. One day they invited the Jack Matthews, missionaries to Argentina. That visit caused LaVora and Dan to study the needs in Argentina. Later they read that Missionary Hugo Culpepper said: "We need more missionaries to work with and strengthen the existing churches and to help organize new churches throughout the vast areas of unoccupied (by Baptists or any other evangelicals) territory in Argentina. . . ."

Dan and LaVora asked the Foreign Mission Board to appoint them to Argentina. After fulfilling all requirements they were appointed, and after a year of language and a study of Argentine culture, they sailed, arriving in Argentina the latter part of March, 1957. Perhaps it should be said that LaVora had the joy of seeing her mother become a Christian before she left.



There are many ways to witness without knowing Spanish words—Mr. and Mrs. Dan Sprinkle (left) and missionary Bryan Brasington of Peru show how a beginning missionary often serves

God calls and directs young people in his service today just as he did Paul in his early missionary journeys.

Program Chairman (these below may be written on a chalkboard as you present them):

If we would consider
"Entering Wide Doors"

it is necessary today for us to
Appreciate the long years spent in
preparation by our missionaries already
in service

Know the requirements of a candidate
for appointment by the Foreign Mission
Board

Be able to advise an overseas volunteer
on the procedures for appointment

Become aware of the part early home
and church influences play in bringing
our young people to the point of decision

Know something of the Foreign Mis-
sion Board's plan of advance in old and
new areas.

Prayer for missionaries listed in "Call to
Prayer" and for candidates in our churches
and schools who are looking toward ap-
pointment.

Those Who Enter These Doors

In propagating the gospel overseas, we
continue to follow the pattern set by Jesus
himself—preaching, teaching, and healing.

These three areas, however, may be
broken down to include many ways in
which prepared young people may serve.
Some of these are as agriculturists, journal-
ists, religious education and youth workers,
elementary and secondary schoolteachers,
school administrators, college and seminary
professors, nurses, technicians, nursing in-
structors, and hospital administrators.

For all the following basic requirements
are necessary: a calling of God to witness
to the power and love of Jesus Christ, and
a compelling drive to win others to a saving
knowledge of Christ.

"It was a foreign mission revival, not a
foreign mission conference," said many of
the 1091 people describing the Foreign Mis-
sions Conference at Glorieta Baptist As-
sembly in New Mexico, last August when
so many young people made dedications.
There were two professions of faith, 70 vol-
unteers for foreign mission service, and 255
other life dedications.

Dedication to the will of God, then, is
the very first step that leads to missionary

appointment. The dedicated person thinks
of himself in terms of living daily in a
Christlike way. He begins to participate
more actively in everything which will help
him to grow into a mature Christian. This
includes spending more time in prayer,
Bible reading, seeking opportunities for
Christian service both in and out of the
church, and talking with others about be-
coming Christians. The dedicated person
also tries to see himself in the light of the
teaching of Jesus and seeks earnestly to
correct whatever attitudes or habits in his
life which may hinder his effectiveness as a
Christian witness.

The dedicated person will also study
world needs. Recall the statement made by
Mr. Dan Sprinkle: "We would have been
more interested in foreign missions service
if we had taken time to study the work op-
portunities afforded."

It is reasonable to assume that mission
volunteers will come from those who have
first dedicated themselves by doing the will
of God.

At the Threshold of Decision

Every missionary can look back upon his
maturing years and point to some definite
influences which helped him make a de-
cision for Christian service. We mention
some of these.

Perhaps the home is the strongest in-
fluence in helping young people decide to
be missionaries. Miss Edith Vaughn of Bra-
zil says: "The heart of preparation is to
have a wonderful Christian home, with the
sweetest of Christian mothers, my pastor-
father, ever faithful in the Lord's service,
and two brothers and sisters who daily
helped me in the adjustments of growing
up. We were made aware of the impor-
tance of serving the Lord and his plan for
missions in our church, and as we had con-
tact in our home with outstanding work-
ers."

Sometimes, a very dear friend, a pastor,
or a pastor's wife greatly influences a young
person and helps to make a decision for
Christian service possible. From Mrs. James

Short, missionary to Mexico, we have this
statement: "The encouragement of my pas-
tor's wife meant more to me than anything
else during early adolescence, and I made
my final decision after hearing Dr. Baker
James Cauthen preach one Sunday morn-
ing when I was thirteen."

The missionary organizations of the
Woman's Missionary Union, the Training
Union and Sunday school all greatly in-
fluence decisions of our young people. Dr.
and Mrs. L. C. Smith, candidates for ap-
pointment to Africa (they hope to be ap-
pointed in the spring of 1958), grew up in
Fuquay Springs, North Carolina. They
both came from Christian homes, and each
had felt the call to be a missionary even
before they started dating. Mrs. Smith says,
"The missionary organizations of our home
church played a large part in bringing us
to this decision. The stories of people all
over the world impressed me a great deal
as I attended Sunbeam Band meetings. I
began to work on forward steps in Girls'
Auxiliary and advanced to Queen Regent,
and caught a vision of the tremendous need
of the world for the gospel. I believe at-
tending state GA camps as a GA for four
years and as a counselor for three more
years were important influences in my life.
Each year I was more certain that God had
a place for me. The opportunity of hearing
missionaries and getting to know them was
another priceless treasure.

"I know my husband would say that a
big influence in his decision was a study
course on Africa. When he was an RA,
the book, *So This Is Africa*, was taught and
he was impressed with the medical need of
that continent. It has been about twenty
years since he first felt the call to go to
Africa as a doctor and he has almost com-
pleted his training in surgery in prepara-
tion for service there."

Christian schools also influence students
in making decisions. The influence may
come through school activities, professors,
or other students. Ronald Hill, missionary
in Thailand, became a Christian when he
was very young. He grew up in a Christian

home. He says that although he had been interested in missions as a Junior RA, he had never considered the fact that the Lord might want him to be a foreign missionary until he attended Baylor University. In his own words, "It was at Baylor that I first became seriously concerned about the challenge of foreign missions."

Before Entering Open Doors

A call of God to special service is also a call to preparation for that service. Certainly one who feels the call to represent Christ overseas needs specialized training. He needs to be informed and guided as he prepares. The Foreign Mission Board is the spiritual agency for guiding, placing, and protecting appointees. It is interested in the one who feels that God has called him for this service and likewise interested that the growth of Christ's kingdom will be sure. Since God's will for any life may be a progressive revelation, it is possible sometimes to misunderstand some of our experiences. The important thing we should all remember is that as surely as God speaks to an individual, he also guides our Foreign Mission Board. Because of the great responsibility of our Foreign Mission Board, certain procedures and requirements have been adopted and are practiced.

The initial step of one who feels that God has a place for him to serve as a missionary is to write to the Department of Missionary Personnel, Baptist Foreign Mission Board, Box 5148, Richmond, Virginia. Even a young volunteer should do this. Those in high school who write to this department receive a card to fill out and after writing a sketch of his life, he will receive a free subscription to *The Commission*.

Mr. Bill Cody serves as assistant secretary for the volunteer division of the Department of Missionary Personnel of the Foreign Mission Board. Miss Edna Frances Dawkins and Rev. James Stertz are assistant secretaries for the candidate division. They spend a great deal of time visiting colleges and seminaries and in interviewing

and directing those who are beyond college age such as pastors, teachers, doctors, nurses, etc.

About twelve months before a candidate plans to seek appointment he fills out information reference blanks. Then six months later, he gives the Board the names of twenty-two references. After these have been contacted, the candidate may request final forms—one which gives his qualifications and the other, a biographical sketch of himself to be used for publicity purposes by the Department of Education and Promotion.

A brief of all information is prepared for the physician and psychiatrist, looking toward examination of the candidate.

The members of the Personnel Committee with the executive secretary and area secretaries and personnel secretaries meet. Here the interviews with the candidates are discussed by the secretaries of the different divisions; the references and reports of the physical and psychiatric examinations are reviewed. If the candidate is approved, he is invited to a monthly meeting of the Foreign Mission Board and appointed.

It is interesting to note that eventually seven out of eight candidates who follow through on all appointment procedures reach the foreign fields as missionaries.

Mrs. Jane McRae, missionary to Jordan, expressed her appreciation for the requirement to be examined by a psychiatrist as

well as by a physician: "I am glad there are men who can help us probe deep into our minds, and help us go out with genuine convictions. I believe they can help us avoid many errors in our thinking, in getting along with people, and in facing problems."

"Just as it gives me confidence to hear a good doctor say after examining me, 'You are sound,' so it gives me confidence to be examined by a psychiatrist and pronounced sound."

Mrs. McRae says that the very fact that her psychiatrist had pronounced her sound was a great comfort to her during some of the testing times in the Near East—"times of illness, times of riots and shooting and

Program Plans for "Entering Wide Doors" Kate Chenault Maddy

Interest Center: Dress dolls to represent young people preparing to be missionaries (teen-ager, student, nurse, doctor, preacher). Arrange them on a table facing a large globe.

Or, build miniature steps leading to wide open double doors. Print above the doors, "The World." Then place the dressed dolls on the steps.

Build the program around an imaginary interview with Miss Edna Frances Dawkins, assistant secretary of the Department of Missionary Personnel. Arrange for the interview to be with a missionary volunteer or more than one missionary volunteer. Prepare a list of questions from the program which the volunteer will ask during the interview.

When the program begins, Miss Dawkins will greet the volunteer and make brief explanation of the procedures which lead to a missionary appointment, in answer to questions which have been prepared for the volunteer to ask. During the interview some missionaries on furlough may be present in for a visit and assist Miss Dawkins in explaining the importance of preparation before going to foreign fields.

Or, like the story of LaVoro Martin (see her picture, page 19.) from the devotional thoughts and dramatize it with the material in the program down to "From Doors Recently Entered." The setting might be LaVoro's home. The time, the day LaVoro leaves home to sail for Argentina. Friends

and one out-of-town visitor bring gifts. This visitor will ask questions in such a manner that LaVoro's mother will tell something of her daughter's early life. LaVoro will come in during the conversation, greet the friends and meet the visitor, show a great deal of excitement over the presents brought, and say something about the fact that at last every requirement has been met and she is ready to go to Argentina as a missionary.

The out-of-town visitor may inquire what she means by "requirements" and LaVoro will explain, including something about the feeling she had about the requirements until she talked with other missionaries (Mrs. McRae, and others) who helped her realize how important it was to follow all the instructions and suggestions of the Foreign Mission Board.

Someone will raise the question concerning what she will do immediately and she will tell of plans to attend the language school in Costa Rica and quote from missionaries who have been convinced of the importance of language school.

For Variety: 1. Use a missionary who is home on furlough if one is available to tell how she feels about the requirements of the Foreign Mission Board, and perhaps about the influences which helped her decide to be a missionary (see tell Home for Our First Furlough," on page 12).

2. Use one or more mission volunteers in the room to tell of the influences that led to decisions.

3. In presenting the information "From Doors Recently Entered," one person turns on lights on a large mission map, indicating the places mentioned. Or, a flashlight may be used to illumine each area as it is mentioned.

Or, have a young person looking seriously at a map or globe as the information is given. If this idea is used, it may be varied by having the person point to the area while the second person is seated or is a "voice" and only the one person would be seen.

Or, cut colored outlines of little doors, or little churches and let an assistant pin these on a map as the one giving the part mentions the new doors which have been entered.

Poster Suggestions: Draw and label open doors (Europe, Africa, Indonesia, etc.). In the foreground draw or paste the picture of a young person looking at these doors. Print at the top, "Entering Wide Doors."

Or, make a poster giving the different steps leading to missionary appointment which may be taken from, "Before Entering Wide Doors." Steps may be drawn and labeled according to those found in the material.

A Suggestion: Two helpful tracts are available if you will write to the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, Box 5148, Richmond 20, Virginia. Ask for "Get Ready for a Real Job" and "The HOW of Missionary Appointment."

death, the pressure of Communist propaganda, the 'brick wall' of Moslem resistance which leaves no triumphant successes in evangelism to keep one encouraged." (Tell experiences from "We're Glad We Saw the Psychiatrist," page 6.)

"Perhaps one of the real tragedies in missions is to find on the field a person who simply cannot 'take' what life offers there, or who cannot fit in."

Although the language study is hard, it is essential. Missionaries come to realize more and more how handicapped they would be without this year of study. However, they do not learn it all in language school; that is just a start, for they labor continually to learn more and more words in a foreign tongue and to practice for fluency.

One missionary expressed it this way: "I had to become as a little child and learn to speak in another language, Portuguese, so that I might tell the story of Jesus."

Another, in preparation for missionary work in Mexico said, "I have never felt more useless in my life than I did the first few months in Costa Rica. I not only could not teach a Sunday school class, give a Training Union part, carry on a conversation with my pastor or a neighbor, but I could not understand what they were saying to me when I heard them speak."

"When I was asked to be a pianist for the church, I was thrilled that at last I had found one thing I could do without knowing Spanish, but alas! I found that in order to put the Spanish words to familiar music, many times extra notes were required!" (Use article "The Final Requirement—Language Study," page 3.)

From Doors Recently Entered

Kenya is the home of the Mau Mau, which was organized to rid the country of the white man whom many Africans feel has stolen their land. This country has opened its doors to Southern Baptists. The Davis Saunderses will be in charge of a good will center in the city of Nairobi in Kenya. The site of this center is located in

an immediate area where about ten thousand people are not yet reached by any evangelical Christian influence. About 50 per cent of the African people in this area pass by the center on their way to and from work. Very soon the center ought to have a seven-day-a-week challenge and be a great powerful witness.

Dar es Salaam, capital city of Tanganyika, means "Haven of Peace," but if you could visit the Webster Carrolls there, you would discover for yourself that this is not truly descriptive of this city. For in this city, made up of seventy tribes which have left the countryside to seek a livelihood among the commercial life dominated by Europeans, Asians, and Arabs, you would see a people with little or no home life. You would be impressed with high illiteracy and low morality.

The desire of the Africans to learn to read and write and their interest in hygiene and baby care inspired the plan for our work in this city to begin with a church and good will center. However, our missionaries did not wait for the buildings before starting activities which will eventually grow into some type of program for every day in the week.

Mr. Carroll writes: "We have two soccer teams with admirable winning records. Their dream is for uniforms with the name 'Baptist Center' printed on the front, which we may help supply by some plan whereby they can earn them as they work on the new buildings. About 75 smaller children also come for games. This has helped open the doors and assures us a hearing for the gospel."

The Carrolls have also started a week-day storytime and Sunday morning service. The meeting place has been under large mango trees where the buildings will be erected. Most of those who come are children, though some parents have accompanied them.

This missionary couple is looking forward to having a fine African couple work with them. The man will help with translation, and his wife with the women's work.

Already Mrs. Carroll has begun to teach her English, sewing, arts, and crafts.

Missionaries Sammy and Teny DeBord must have found Christmas, 1956 the most exciting of any Christmas in all their lives. For it was on Christmas Eve that they reached Tanganyika—the reality of years of dreaming, planning, praying, and working.

Beautiful scenery, unfamiliar customs, strange language, startling dress, and peculiar odors were unlike anything they had imagined. They have given an enthusiastic account of a 600-mile trip from Dar es Salaam to Mbeya, where our 50-bed hospital is being built. Especially did they enjoy the animals they saw—elephants, hundreds of baboons and monkeys, a herd of gazelle, and other animals.

In your imagination, stand beside these missionaries and try to feel something of what they must feel as daily they hear bells that tell of religious rites and festivals. Look with them as they watch an important Hindu procession which celebrates the renovation and consecration of Lord Shiva and Goddess Ambaji. Hundreds of people marched in a procession to take these "dolts" to the shore of the Indian Ocean where they are bathed in the salt water. The sacrifices of a pitcher of water and a coconut are carried on the heads of women and girls who march in the procession. They are then returned to the temples where the sacrificial fires are lighted by the priests. One hundred and thirty-one different ceremonies, extending over a period of four days complete the ceremonies.

If your imagination is keen, you must know that these missionaries need the prayers of all of us to help them endure the sight of men and women praying to painted idols when they have a loving, living Saviour to share.

Compassion for the 46,000,000 people of East Pakistan fills the heart of Mrs. Troy C. Bennett who is a new missionary there. She says weariness seems to hover over the citizens. And although poor diet, diseases, and heat may be contributing factors to

such a malady, even those who are materially secure seem to be weary also.

Perhaps Mrs. Bennett's greatest desire is to help the women of East Pakistan. Legally they have been granted social freedom, but other than to discard the veil, which many still have not done, the majority have made little advance toward freedom.

She was invited to a wedding supper in Faridpur. This wedding was true to the customs of the past. Although both the bride and the groom were well educated, the marriage had been arranged by their families. As was the custom, the bride did not speak to any of the guests, but received presents and sat among those who enjoyed the wedding supper. Mrs. Bennett sat with the wife and daughter of the district magistrate, who were Moslems. The guests did not look upon a smiling, excited bride as we know her. Mrs. Bennett was so impressed by the sad look on the bride's face that she turned to her Moslem neighbor and asked if this was not supposed to be a happy occasion. "Happy?" came the reply, "What's there to be happy about?"

New Doors Behind Old Doors

Kwame Nkrumah, prime minister of Ghana (formerly Gold Coast), contends that he is a nondenominational Christian and will keep the doors of his nation open for any missionaries who wish to come. This attitude makes it possible for Southern Baptists to advance in the work which has already been started.

Perhaps the medical work started by Dr. George M. Faile, Jr. will extend both physical and spiritual healing to thousands of sick and unredeemed people. The mobile dispensary is already proving a valuable aid to Dr. Faile. Dr. Faile will also work in the newly erected hospital and with several thousand lepers in the vicinity of Nalerigu, Ghana.

In northern Ghana there is a large tribe, the Dagomba, which does not yet have in its midst a Christian who is qualified to lead his own people. However, some Yor-

uba men who have learned to speak the language of this tribe have become interested in starting work in some of the Dagomba villages.

One of these was Gideon Adediran who served as interpreter for Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Cather at the Sunday services at Tamale. Gideon soon felt that the Lord wanted him to give his full time in Christian service and resigned a well-paying job to work at the mission. It was through his influence that the Yoruba church in Tamale shared the gospel with the residents of a small Dagomba village about twenty miles away. At first, services were held near the chief's compound. Then a plot of land was secured and the members from the Tamale church erected a small frame, grass-roof church. The Dagombas were thrilled over this move and sat for the first service as proudly on logs as if they had been beautifully finished pews. Six men in this village are now awaiting baptism.

Southern Baptist missionaries did not enter Southern Rhodesia until 1950, but the efforts have been so blessed that the work is being expanded to Northern Rhodesia and Nyasaland.

Pastors and laymen, numbering 64, met recently at the African Baptist Theological Seminary near Gwelo, Southern Rhodesia for evangelistic conferences. These conferences lasted four days. A great deal of emphasis was placed on how to become more spiritually minded and win others to Christ. There were several rededications at this conference and some felt the call to go into the ministry.

Surveys are now being made to ascertain whether we should begin mission activity in French West Africa. Dr. Cauthen writes, "and although definite plans are not yet made as to specific locations, it can be stated that a fresh study is being made of the entire continent of Africa with a view to much greater extension of Baptist work."

In Latin America, advance steps call for 600 missionaries by 1965. These steps include strengthening the work in all the countries which we have entered, especially the newer areas.

In Peru, where over nine million people live, Southern Baptists have only fourteen missionaries now under appointment. About half this number has been on the field less than two years. The missionaries who are there feel that thirty-five mission-

aries are needed now to do what they see is urgently needed. Rev. M. D. Oates, pastor of the only church in Arequipa, puts the willingness of his members to work above that of most churches in the states. He is proud of the Wolman's Missionary Societies and Royal Ambassadors especially.

The greatest need is for national pastors and the missionaries are developing those who have an interest in becoming pastors, but facilities and more help are needed. Mr. Oates sums up his concern in these words: "We must realize that we can get missionaries into Peru now—the doors may be closed tomorrow."

In Europe, Dr. George W. Sadler, former Secretary for Africa, Europe, and the Near East, will locate in Zurich to act as a special adviser for Baptist activity.

In the Near East, present conditions are such that little can be done in the way of advance. However, advance plans have been made, and the work in this area will be strengthened by sending additional missionaries to each of the established missions in both Israel and the Arab countries. These plans will be carried through as rapidly as conditions permit.

In Japan, Advance calls for 150 mission-

aries by the end of 1964. The aim is to place missionaries in each of the forty of that country's prefectural capitals, many of which have not yet been entered.

The Japan Baptist Convention and the Japan Baptist Mission are planning for a city-wide evangelistic campaign in Tokyo in 1959. This will also mark the 70th year of Southern Baptist work in Japan.

In Korea, it is the plan of the Foreign Mission Board to place at least sixty missionaries in this country by the close of 1964. After that, the staff will still need to be greatly enlarged.

In Formosa (Taiwan), the Baptist Seminary has done a good job, but in a congested area and in an inadequate building. A new location for this seminary has been planned and is being developed.

The Taiwan Baptist Convention is composed of only sixteen churches, but these churches are gripped with the spirit of missions. This convention has recently sent out its first missionary to a nearby island. One old grandmother wanted so much to help that she sold the gold filling that came from her tooth and gave the money to missions.

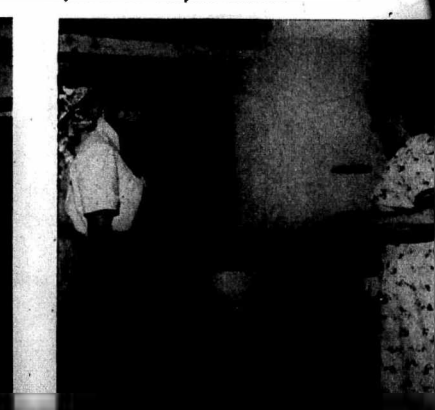
In Hong Kong, the Hong Kong Baptist

What Else Do Missionaries Do? . . . All talents and skills are put to

- (1) Missionary M. D. Oates organized a Royal Ambassador Chapter in Arequipa, Peru and found that boys are the same enthusiastic fellows everywhere.
- (2) Ronald Hill, interested in missions as a Junior RA, now passes out tracts

in situations lend themselves to witnessing . . .

- in Thailand. (3) Garreth Joiner directs a play rehearsal in First Baptist Church of Quito, Ecuador. (4) In Guatemala, Mrs. A. S. Scanlon exchanges cooking ideas with pastor's wife while her husband visits pastor of Tecpan church



College, only two years old has an enrolment of 300 students. Within two more years this college will be operating a full-scale four-year senior college. The college is a project of the Hong Kong Baptist Association, assisted by the Foreign Mission Board. The emphasis at present is on leadership training.

In Indonesia, we now have forty-four missionaries. And while we have recently entered this field, the program of Advance calls for placing at least 100 missionaries there by 1964. These plans include opening work in Sumatra and Bali, and perhaps Borneo.

According to Grace Wells, Indonesia needs literature desperately. Because of such a dearth of literature, busy missionaries have had to work together in translating, typing and mimeographing stories and Sunday school lessons. Each week it has been necessary to run off more than two thousand pieces of material.

In the Philippines, our work has been limited to the northern island of Luzon and the southern island of Mindanao. There will be further advance in these two islands. Surveys have also been made on the central islands, and it is the hope that we may soon be able to enter doors on Samar and Leyte.

GIFT to Your Pastor

If you can't go, you can read about a place or people.

Your pastor, your WMU president, or you would thrill to read what Baptists around the world are doing. Read *The Baptist World*, monthly bulletin of Baptist World Alliance. \$1.00 a year, 1628 Sixteenth Street, N. W., Washington 9, D. C.

The Doors Are Open: The Time Is Now

(The person who gives this also leads the meditation.)

The doors are open. The plans have been made. The needs are urgent. The time is now!

Our progress in the Advance will be accelerated in proportion to the number of volunteers for appointment and the money available to finance their going. In Mr. Elmer West's report to the Foreign Mission Board in October, 1957, he pointed out that there are 1200 young people graduat-

ing from our seminaries each year, and more than 28,000 ordained preachers in our Convention, hundreds of these under the age limit of thirty-five. There are hundreds of others trained in various professions whose skill and witness are needed in many parts of the world. He pointed out further that during 1957 it had taken 80,000 Southern Baptists to produce one new witness for world evangelism.

And in Dr. Cauthen's report to the Foreign Mission Board in December, he said, "When God's people pray, advance will follow. Power is provided, and the energies of God's servants are concentrated upon efforts under the direction of the Holy Spirit."

Meditation

Let us bow our heads and answer these questions honestly:

Do you pray daily for our missionaries on the "Call to Prayer"? (Pause)

Have you ever asked a schoolteacher, or journalist, or a youth worker, or a hospital administrator, or nurse, or doctor, to consider seriously whether God wishes his services overseas? (Pause)

Have you ever prayed earnestly that God will call at least one young person from your church, to enter doors which have

HOW DO YOU SAY IT?

Goddard Ambaji	Am-bah-yoo
Arequipa	A-re-ko-pe
Bali	Bah-lee
Borneo	Bor-noo
Dagombo	Da-gom-bo
Dur es Salaam	Dur-es-sah-lahm
Faridpur	Fa-rid-poor
Gwelo	Gwa-lee
Kenya	Kahn-ya
Kwame Nkrumah	Kwam-n-crow-ma
Leyte	Le-tee
Luzon	Loo-son
Mbaya	Em-bah-yah
Mindanao	Min-da-nao
Nyasaland	Na-as-a-land
Samar	Sah-mar
Sumatra	Soo-mah-trah
Tanganyika	Tang-gan-ya-ka
Thailand	Tie-land
Yoruba	Yo-roo-be

been opened to Southern Baptists? (Pause)

Have you ever said, and meant it, "Lord, if you want my son or daughter to serve you overseas, I gladly give him"? (Pause)

Solo: "O Zion, Haste" (Last stanza as heads are still bowed)

What Else Do Missionaries Do? . . . Leadership skills and experience used to train national leaders

- (1) Howard Shoemaker, missionary in Guayaquil, Ecuador, assists the national pastor, Teofanes Olmos, as a sermon is recorded for radio evangelism.
- (2) Burton deWolfe Davis organizes a Sunday afternoon Bible school in home of a man who was converted as he worked on construction of Baptist church in

- Fortaleza, Brazil.
- (3) Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hurst bring flowers for funeral of a baby, they made all the arrangements, including decorating, in small church in Honduras.
- (4) Also in Honduras, John Ratliff teaches Sunday school lesson to the teachers.



Spring Psalm

This is the day which the Lord hath made: we will rejoice and be glad in it. The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament sheweth his handy-work.

O Lord, how manifold are thy works! In wisdom hast thou made them all: the earth is full of thy riches.

Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever the hills were, thou hast formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting thou art God. The glory of the Lord shall endure for ever: The Lord shall rejoice in his works. He looketh on the earth and it trembleth: he toucheth the hills, and they smoke.

He sendeth the springs into the valleys, which run among the hills.

He turneth the wild

Who is so great a God as our God?

The earth is full of thy riches.

also.

For God is the king of all the earth: sing ye praises with understanding.

Who can utter the mighty acts of the Lord? Who can shew forth all his praise?

When I consider thy heavens . . . the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained: What is man, that thou art mindful of him?

He hath been mindful of us: he will bless us . . . He will bless them that are small and great.

Many, O Lord my God, are thy thoughts which are to me.

Those that be planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish.

And he shall be like a tree, planted by the water, which shall bring forth his fruit in his season.

Gracious is the Lord, and righteous; yea, our Father.

For he satisfieth the longing soul, and filleth the hungry soul with goodness.

His merciful kindness is as a shield for ever.

Let all thy ways be known, O Lord, for ever.

God is our Father, and we are his children.

Therefore will I call upon him as long as I live.

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help.

My mouth shall be open, and my lips shall be filled with praise.

My meditation of him shall be sweet: I will be glad in the Lord.

I will pay my vows unto the Lord now in the presence of all his people.

O give thanks unto the Lord; for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever.

THE PSALMS



CALL TO PRAYER

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions and thanksgivings be made for all men. . . . This is good, and it is acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour, who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth—1 Timothy 2:1, 3-4.

Prepared by Saxon Rowe Carver

1 Tuesday This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it Psalm 118:24.

We rejoice, not for ourselves, but for the greatness of God. While we praise him burdens are removed, as spring rains cleanse the leaves. Elizabeth Hale is rejoicing in her return to Malaya, in her work at the clinic in Petaling Jaya—"Malaya's First New Town."

Feeling a great need to praise God, approach his throne. Then, refreshed, return to your tasks.

Rejoice with those permitted now to work in Petaling Jaya; pray also for Miss Mary Drucilla King, Tex., Rev. Pablo Flores, Tex., ev. among Spanish-speaking; Rev. Harold T. Gruver, Panama, ev. to Panamanians; Mrs. B. I. Carpenter, Alaska, Rev. Luis M. Gonzales, Cuba, Mr. L. N. Nelson, Japan, ev., Miss Susan Anderson, Nigeria, ed. ev.; Rev. Cecil H. Golden, Costa Rica, lan. st.

2 Wednesday The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament sheweth his handy-work Psalm 18:1

"The spacious firmament on high,
With all the blue ethereal sky,
And spangled heavens, a shining frame,
Their great Original proclaim."

—JOSEPH ADDISON

When all God's world proclaims him, how can I miss one day in telling of my Creator to someone who knows him not? For all who name his name this day, beseech a special blessing of the Lord.

Mingle urgency with joy and gratitude for this privilege, and pray for Rev. Ollie Blewins, Ariz., ev. among Indians; Mrs. Edelmiro Becerra, Cuba, ev.; Rev. S. L. Isaacs, HMB, em.; Miss Ruth Vanderburg, Indonesia, RN; Rev. L. G. McKinney, Jr., Hong Kong, ed. ev.

3 Thursday O Lord, how manifold are thy works! In wisdom hast thou made them all: the earth is full of thy riches Psalm 104:24

What joy it is to rise early, "when morning gilds the skies," and see the unfailing spring beauties of an unfailing God. On our hearts today are the new Christians who are seeing, for the first time, this world as God's world, not man's.

Pray for every person who, since yesterday's sunrise, has for the first time acknowledged Jesus as Saviour and Lord, and for Mrs. Carter Morgan, Hong Kong, ev.; Dr. R. F. Starmer, Italy, ed. ev.

4 Friday Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth. . . . even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God Psalm 90:2

The omnipotence, the everlastingness, of God puts us into focus. On the brink of each important human experience we feel awe. The missionary, beginning the study of a new language, must feel somewhat as a new Christian does—that something with an eternal potential is ahead which must be grasped in order to make Christ understood.

"I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,

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Addresses in *Directory of Missionary Personnel*, free from Foreign Mission Board, Box 5148, Richmond 20, Virginia, and in *Home Missions*

Upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand."

Thank God for his blessed assurance that his resources are available for every need. Pray for Rev. D. E. Johnson, Texas, ev. among Negroes; Mrs. P. D. Rowden, Jr.,* Israel, Mrs. Z. J. Deal, Jr., Colombia, Rev. S. S. Stover, Brazil, ed. ev.; Carliss and William Stover, MF. Mrs. Clyde E. Clark, Venezuela, RN; Mr. G. B. Seright, Brazil, Mr. Donald R. Heias, Japan, ev.; Miss Florence Lide, China, em.

5 Saturday The glory of the Lord shall endure for ever: the Lord shall rejoice in his works Psalm 104:31

Southern Baptists began their mission work in Nigeria more than a century ago. When, last May, Nigerian Baptists launched their own foreign mission project in Sierra Leone, we believe that the Lord did "rejoice in his works."

Pray that God's blessing shall be upon that year-old mission and all who work therein, for the home and foreign mission boards of Nigeria in all their planning, and for Dr. Raymond Kolb, Brazil, ev.; Rev. H. C. McConnell,* Chile, ed. ev.



6 Sunday He sendeth the springs into the valleys, which run among the hills Psalm 104:10

The Water of life, is a gift of God. Today we rejoice in the Resurrection which brought new hope and new life into our world.

For resurrection living
There is resurrection power,
And the praise and prayer of trusting
May glorify each hour.
For common days are holy
And years an Easter-tide
To those who with the living Lord
In living faith abide.

—AUTHOR UNKNOWN

Pray for believers everywhere that their lives may be powerful for the resurrected Lord, and pray for Rev. C. T. Gunn, La., ev. among French; Mrs. George Hook, Ariz., ev. among Indians; Mrs. R. Z. Chamlee, Jr., Peru, Mrs. M. A. Sanderford, Uruguay, Mr. E. L. Oliver, Japan, ev.

7 Monday He turneth the wilderness into a standing water, and dry ground into watersprings. And there he maketh the hungry to dwell . . . and sow the fields . . . which may yield fruits of increase Psalm 107:35-37.

John Wesley wrote, in 1771, to a young English preacher, "I let you loose, George, on the great continent of America. Publish your message in the open face of the sun."

If Southern Baptists are to establish 30,000 new missions and churches within the next seven years in our own America, Christians are urgently needed to publish God's message. More missionaries, more dedicated money and lives must be harvested.

Pray that God will speak to our college-age young people about God's need of the hour. Make us, not merely willing, but anxious, that our own children may hear God's call for missionary preachers, teachers, doctors, and nurses; pray also for Rev. Daniel Gomez, N. M., ev.; Mrs. H. C. Brent, Tex., ed. ev. among Spanish-speaking; Dr. Kathleen Jones,* Indonesia, med. ev.; Rev. E. O. Ray, Bahamas, Mrs. H. B. Ramsour, Hawaii, ev.; Mr. James E. Giles, Costa Rica, lan. st.; Mrs. W. B. Glass, China, em.; Mrs. H. D. Stein, Rev. Alejandro Pereira, HMB, em.

8 Tuesday Who is so great a God as our God? Thou art the God that doest wonders Psalm 77:13, 14

Often it is the chance encounter in life which holds the seed of wonder. Missionary A. P. Pierson, of Chihuahua, Mexico tells how a visiting pastor picked up a young man on the highway and told him of God's love. The result was an invitation to the man's home, a call-out to neighbors to come hear of the marvelous Truth which the missionary knew—and the salvation of fifty souls. And now many Christians are in the village of El Aguaje. And this, declares missionary Pierson, is but one example of a real revival now apparent in Mexico.

Give praise for God's wonders which must ever be accomplished by his followers, even you. Pray for new Christians in Mexico, for those yet untaught to come now while the time is right, and for Mrs. C. T. Gunn, La., ev. among French; Miss Evelyn Stanford, S. C., GWC; Mrs. V. O. McMillan, Jr., Japan, ev.; Rev. Donato Ruiz, HMB, em.; Rev. J. C. Quarles, Argentina, em.

3 Wednesday The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord Psalm 33:5.

FROM GRATEFULNESS

Thou that hast giv'n so much to me
Give one thing more, a grateful heart.
Not thankful, when it pleaseth me,
As if thy blessings had spare days:
But such a heart, whose pulse may be
Thy praise.—George Herbert

Thank God for the power of the Holy Spirit who brings lost men to a knowledge of Jesus as Saviour, for dedicated lives of missionary-minded pastors, for your own WMS leaders as you call them by name, and for Mrs. R. L. Lyon,* Mexico, Rev. Ray Crowder,* Nigeria, Mrs. J. A. Poe, Brazil, ev.; Mrs. C. L. Neal, Mexico, em.

10 Thursday In his hand are the deep places of the earth Psalm 95:4.

We used to feel that the heart of Africa was indeed one of the deep places of the earth. Now it is feeling the touch of His hand. But our ways are not always their ways. Mrs. John R. Cheyne, of Southern Rhodesia, says that many eyes peer into the missionary homes at night, just watching, just wondering. Thus the silent, unknown witness of the family who trusts the Lord and loves him may be the one which leads the curious to know Christ, the Altogether lovely, the bringer of abundant life.

Pray for the Cheynes and other missionaries in Southern Rhodesia, for yourself that you may realize anew that many eyes are curious to know whether you are a positive witness for Christ in your home, wherever you are. Pray for Rev. Daniel Cantu, Tex., Mrs. Robert Fricke, Fla., Mrs. David Espurua, Tex., ev. among Spanish-speaking; Adam Espurua, MF; Mrs. Daniel Luper,* Brazil, Mr. M. J. Wright, Japan, Mr. C. E. Krazz,* Southern Rhodesia, ev.

11 Friday For God is the king of all the earth: sing ye praises with understanding Psalm 47:7.

Do we hail Christ as king, and call him Master when all speak well of him, then deny him in the unpopular hours, rejecting him? If our own witness sometimes fails, let it, or we, become unpopular, think how Christians who still live on China's mainland must have to choose each day whom they shall serve. Safety of family, freedom of movement, even life are at stake. Some act in quietness and in confidence. Others speak out. One who must be unnamed, writes, "The future of the church (in China) is in God's hands. It does not depend on any empty shouting nor does it depend upon the government's religious policy, but rather upon our loyalty to Christ."

Will you pray that God will sustain the Christian Chinese and hear their cries, heal the wounds of their hearts and comfort their spirits, that their loyalty to Christ and his church may be enduring, and pray for Mrs. Abraham Wright, Ill., ev. among Italians; Miss Fay Tunmire, Philippines, Mrs. C. S. Cadwallader, Jr.,* Guatemala, Rev. R. L. Locke, Nigeria, ev.; Dr. H. D. McCamey,* Nigeria, DDS.

12 Saturday Who can utter the mighty acts of the Lord? Who can shew forth all his praise? Psalm 106:2.

Valley, mountain, city, jungle all cry aloud in their need of his mighty acts. Missionary M. D. Oates says that the city of Arequipa, Peru needs him.

According to legend, runners carrying fish to Cuzco, former capital of Peru, asked permission to stop in a mountain-crowned village on their way "Arequipa" (Yes, rest), was the response. That village name became Arequipa. Now Southern Baptists, too, have asked and received permission to stop there. They have built a little church, where thirteen families worship. There is a call for wider ministry, immediate evangelism.

Pray for mighty acts in Arequipa, for missionary preachers and gospel teachers, for evangelistic teams, for men ordained to the gospel ministry, and pray for Rev. Bertie Fair, N. C., ev. among migrants; Mrs. J. F. Mitchell, Chile, Mrs. J. A. Abernathy, Korea, Mrs. C. H. Morris, Malaya, Rev. Troy Bennett, East Pakistan, ev.



13 Sunday When I consider thy heavens... the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained; what is man, that thou art mindful of him? Psalm 8:3, 4.

Juliette Mather is remembering that man is a creature made in the image of God, when she grieves at the suicide rate in Japan. There, one student a day, on the average, finds life so fearful or so futile that he kills himself. God is mindful, but so few of Japan's 90,000,000 know it. We must hasten to spread the message that God is love in Japan.

Pray that we shall not fail to be compassionate and understanding of another's despair, that our concern will be enlarged for the Christians of Japan, and pray for Rev. Camara Guerra, Tex., ev. among Spanish-speaking; Rev. Jose Saenz, Tex., Miss Betty Jane Hunt, Korea, ev.; Miss Ruby J. House,* Chile, ed. ev.; Mrs. R. F. Elder, Argentina, em.

14 Monday The Lord hath been mindful of us: he will bless us... He will bless them that fear the Lord, both small and great Psalm 115:12, 13.

The Lord did bless the missionaries in Korea who gathered for their yearly meeting. "One morning," writes Miss Lucy Wright, "such conviction of our needs and shortcomings came over us that the whole morning was spent in heart-searching prayer. We all went back to our work with deeper love and understanding of one another. Pray with us that we be the kind of missionaries God can use."

Pray for those who minister in His name and in our stead in Korea as they face problems—personal, with the work, and in the face of overwhelming need, and pray for Mrs. Wendall C. Parker, Canal Zone, ev.; Miss Katherine Skinner,* Mexico, ed. ev.; Mrs. George Bowdler, Sr., Argentina, em.

15 Tuesday Many, O Lord my God, are thy wonderful works which thou hast done, and thy thoughts which are to us-ward Psalm 40:5.

Who likes to say good-bye? Furloughs are soon over, and the human missionary faces new partings from family and friends with natural reluctance. God, who understands our every need for courage, wings his grace to each one as he sees the last glimpse of his native land.

Gladys Hopewell, of Taiwan, asked an older missionary if it would ever get easier

to leave home. "No," she was told, "it gets harder every time, but as you think of the goodness of the Lord and the joy in the work you wouldn't have it otherwise if you could." And Miss Hopewell with hundreds of others would say, "It is so."

Pray for Miss Hopewell and for all missionaries returning to their work this year after furlough, that personal need and spiritual resources will be adequate for the days and for Mrs. George W. Thomas, La., ev. among deaf; Rev. Seferina Jajola, N. M., ev. among Indians; Miss Edna Teal, China, em.

16 Wednesday Those that be planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God Psalm 92:13.

Surely, our MKs are planted in the house of the Lord. How tenderly we need to remember these children of missionaries, who have left father and mother to go to college in the USA. These young people must go through more adjustments in a childhood than many of us do in a lifetime. Furloughs interrupt friendships, break into schooling. Parents change stations, countries, languages. Often the child is a stranger in a strange land, especially in this one.

Fortunately, most MKs seem happy. Last spring the pupils of Newton Memorial School in Oshogbo, Nigeria, were asked to write on "My Home Town." Of Shaki, Nigeria, MK Larry Richardson, Grade IV, said "It is the favorite home I have ever had."

Pray by name for any sons and daughters of home or foreign missionaries you may know, especially those now in college. Pray for their parents who also must bear the loneliness of separation, and pray for Mr. A. H. Foster, La., ev. among migrants; Rev. R. L. Woodruff, Ariz., ev. among Indians; Mrs. Laura May Whitfield, N. M., ed. ev. among Spanish-speaking; Mrs. J. L. Riffey, Brazil, ed. ev.; Mrs. Norberto Rodriguez, Cuba, Miss Crea Rideau, Colombia, Miss Darline Elliott,* Colombia, Mr. E. G. Dozier, Japan, ev.; Sarah Ellen Dozier, MF; Mrs. J. B. Ferrer, HMB, em.

17 Thursday And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season Psalm 1:3.

Even a small tree towers so far above the grass that it seems not to belong to the same plant kingdom. And a tree differs from other things in a special way—it never stops growing as long as it lives. So, the life with taproots in the Spirit of God never ceases to bring forth fruit.

Give thanks for God's unspeakable resources, for the fruits of missionary work on foreign fields which brought 24,423 to know Christ as Saviour last year, and pray for Rev. J. M. Haultbrook, Tenn., Rescue Mission; Rev. H. L. Shoemaker, Ecuador, Mr. Frank Arthur Hooper, III, Israel, ev.; Rev. Adiel H. Urbina, Calif., ev. among Spanish-speaking

10 Friday Gracious is the Lord, and righteous; yea, our God is merciful Psalm 110:5.

Every morning mercies new—
Fall as fresh as morning dew,
Every morning let us pay
Tribute with the early day;
For thy mercies, Lord, are sure,
Thy compassion doth endure.

Pray for Dr. Baker James Carthen and all the personnel of the Foreign Mission Board that God will multiply his righteousness in all the earth as his gospel is proclaimed by our foreign missionaries, and pray for Mr. Gene Branch, Oregon, ev. among Indians; Mrs. R. B. Wolfard, Brazil, ev.

19 Saturday For he satisfieth the longing soul, and filleth the hungry soul with goodness Psalm 107:9.

William Booth hungered and longed to minister to souls sick with sin. One night, after hours on a filthy East London street he went home to tell his wife, "Darling, I have given myself, I have given you and the children, to the service of those sick souls." They knelt and prayed. Thus the Salvation Army was born. God uses dedicated lives, wholly given to him to change the world.

Pray that the Father will keep within us hunger unfed and longing unquenched, until we know and have the courage to do his will, that those who plan new work on difficult fields will know God's clear leading. also pray for Mrs. Hazel Mayo, Ga., field worker; Mrs. Carlos Ramirez, Tex., Rev. E. R. Hill, N. M., Mrs. Alfredo M. Lugo, Tex., ev. among Spanish-speaking; Mrs. E. G. Berry, Brazil, pub. ev.; Mrs. C. R. Bumpas, Brazil, Mrs. J. W. Turner, Lebanon, ev.; Miss Virginia Wingo, Italy, ed. ev.



20 Sunday His merciful kindness is great toward us: and the truth of the Lord endureth for ever Psalm 117:2.

The Don McDowell saw strange and troubling sights on a visit to Jesuit ruins near Encarnacion, Paraguay. There stood, life-size, carved wooden images of each member of the Trinity. They were hollow inside so a priest could enter the image and talk to the Indians. Openings at the mouth and eyes could hold fire, and the jointed arms were movable. False gods—to frighten a simple people.

Our missionaries in South America have the great revealing, relieving truth to proclaim—that our Heavenly Father is merciful, kind, enduring, that he is a God of love and understanding.

Pray for the right words from the mouths of those who preach His redeeming love in the lands to the South, that they may have wisdom to witness with power, and pray for Mrs. S. P. Mireles, Tex., Rev. Philip Aaron, Fla., ev. among Spanish-speaking

21 Monday Let all those that put their trust in thee rejoice: let them ever shout for joy Psalm 5:11.

To be a missionary nurse in Southern Rhodesia, near her family, was the dream of Lolete Dotson all through her college and training years in this country. But the need of the Baptist Dispensary in Iwo, Nigeria, was great, and she was appointed to that place. In accepting the change, after much prayer, Lolete stated with confidence, "The will of God will not lead you where the grace of God cannot keep you."

Pray for Lolete, for all her family, some here in school; pray for the missionaries and their work in Nigeria and pray for Mrs. Stephen Gover, Okla., Mrs. L. E. Johns, Ariz., ev. among Indians; Mrs. J. S. Oliver, Brazil, Mrs. Victor Koon, Hawaii, Miss Elizabeth Watkins, Japan, Miss Mary Neal Morgan, Japan, ev.; Miss Letha Saunders, Brazil, ed. ev.; Mrs. Edward W. Nelson, Costa Rica, lan. st.; Miss Rose Marlowe, Japan, em.

22 Tuesday Let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us Psalm 90:17.

Fair are the meadows,
Fairer still the woodlands,
Robed in the blooming garb of spring;
Jesus is fairer,
Jesus is purer,
Who makes the woeful heart to sing.

—CRUSADERS' HYMN

Eastertime READING

Suggested by Theodore Adams, pastor,
First Baptist Church, Richmond, Va.
and President, Baptist World Alliance



The Bible
Pilgrim's Progress, John Bunyan
Over His Own Signature, Leslie D. Weatherhead (Abingdon, \$2.50)
Christian Faith in Action, Fay Valentine (Broadman, \$2.00)
Your Prayers Are Always Answered, Alexander Lake (Messner, \$2.95)
The Case for Christianity, C. S. Lewis (Macmillan, \$1.65)

Pray that our home missionaries may be so filled with the assurance that Jesus is fairer that they will tell of him with great gladness in the dark places of our beloved country, and pray for Rev. A. Pucciarelli, Fla., ev. among Italians; Frank Pucciarelli, M.F. Rev. Ismael Negrin, Fla., ev. among Spanish-speaking; Dr. D. B. McCoy, Brazil, Mrs. W. W. Logan, Nigeria, ev.

23 Wednesday Let all the people praise thee . . . Then shall the earth yield her increase, and God, even our own God, shall bless us Psalm 67:5, 6.

Giving to the Lord is a form of praise. From the "over and above" Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, money was appropriated for a student center near Agricultural College in Taiwan. The contract for the land has been signed. The building will soon go up. Lorene Tifford writes, "as we stood waist deep in the golden wheat, crop we prayed that the ripening grain might be symbolic of the harvest of souls that the Lord is going to give us here."

Pray for this agricultural school, for the student center that it may bind the Baptist students close to the church and that through the center students may be guided to the church for spiritual light, and pray for Rev. Harold Heiney, Okla., ev. among Indians; Mr. Augusto Martinez, San Blas, Panama, Mr. F. L. Hawkins, Jr., Brazil, Mrs. B. H. Welmaker, Colombia, Rev. W. H. Jackson, Jr., Japan, ev.; Dr. S. G. Rankin, Hong Kong,

Mr. M. F. Moorhead, Japan, ed. ev.; Miss Blanche Rose Walker, China, em.

24 Thursday My heart trusted in him, and I am helped: therefore my heart greatly rejoiceth; and with my song will I praise him Psalm 28:7.

"Will the older missionaries like me? Can I get along with them, yet find my place?" Such questions stir the heart of any beginning first-terminer. For Juanita Johnson the warmth of her welcome by the missionaries to Bangkok, Thailand, gave her an "at home" feeling which increased with the months. Now she says her contentment in being there is "indescribable."

Pray for Juanita and all of the "missionary family" in Thailand, for harmony and understanding wherever God's chosen ones work together; and for Rev. N. H. Eudaly, Tex., pub. ev.; Miss Blanche Simpson, Brazil, Dr. Carl Hunker, Taiwan, Miss Lena Fair, Nigeria, ed. ev.; Dr. W. J. Williams, Nigeria, med. ev.; Rev. Arturo Corugedo, Cuba, ev.

25 Friday He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul Psalm 23:2, 3.

This is one of the most personal verses in all the Psalms. We rest on it, feed on it, drink from it, and go forth from it with renewed courage, deeper consecration.

Shepherds, refugees, frightened citizens, all Christians who feel the disturbing tensions in the "Holy Land" need this verse constantly in their hearts.

Pray for all our missionaries, for all the Christians in the torn and troubled Middle East—in Israel, Jordan, Gaza, Lebanon, and for Mr. R. E. Poston, Ky., ev. among Negroes; Rev. G. L. Stanley, Ariz., ev. among Chinese; Mrs. A. C. Castillo, Tex., ev. among Spanish-speaking; Mrs. Atilio Rivera, San Blas, Panama, Mrs. D. C. Jones, Korea, Mrs. A. B. Scull, Indonesia, Mrs. H. P. Reeves, Thailand, ev.; 13th Annual National BSU Spring Retreat and Vocational Institute meeting in Nashville, 25-27.

26 Saturday He hath inclined his ear unto me, therefore will I call upon him as long as I live Psalm 118:2.

And what do missionaries do when they retire? They serve the Lord as long as they live. Dr. Asa Crabtree, formerly of Brazil, has finished revising his Biblical Archaeology, in Portuguese, and sent the manuscript on to Rio de Janeiro. He is now writing on the theology of the Old Testament, also in Portuguese, besides doing a little Bible translation for variety. This, between schools of missions!

Pray for Dr. Crabtree, for all the missionaries who no longer are assigned to a mission station; call those whom you know by name, and pray for Rev. Gerald Fielder, Japan, ed. ev.; Rev. J. D. Ratliff, Honduras, Miss Merna Jean Hocum, Brazil, Mrs. D. E. Kendall, Indonesia, ev.; Mrs. A. S. Patterson, Nigeria, em.



27 Sunday I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help Psalm 121:1.

"To refuse the call of a church in the States means that someone else will go to it. To refuse the call of a church here in Brazil often means that there is no one to go." Travis S. Berry pleads thus, and says that seventy-eight missionaries are needed now by the South Brazil Mission. Where shall they look for help?

Pray that out of your home, your church, God will call young people to go to South Brazil and to dozens of places where the needs are so urgent, and pray for Mrs. J. A. Martinez, N. M., ev. among Spanish-speaking; Mrs. W. H. Jackson, Jr., Japan, ev.

28 Monday Unto thee lift I up mine eyes, O thou that dwellest in the heavens Psalm 123:1.

Missionaries often experience miracles as they are forced into multiple responsibilities, sometimes beyond their years and training. R. Keith Parks, Indonesia, declares that "although one does not have to be a ten-talent person to be a missionary, he may have to use his one talent in ten different ways."

Pray that the Father will grant to Mr. Parks and his family strength and skill necessary for the tasks at hand, that the missionaries will not be overwhelmed by the many things they must leave undone, that our Indonesia missionary staff will be greatly increased, and for Miss Sara Frances Diaz, Ill., GWC; Mrs. H. E. Renfroe, Sao Paulo, Brazil, ev.

29 Tuesday My meditation of him shall be sweet: I will be glad in the Lord Psalm 104:34.

"The more a man is at one within himself, and becometh single in heart, so much the more and higher things doth he without labor understand; for that he receiveth the light of the understanding from above."

—THOMAS A. KEMPIS

Prayer: Thy word, thy promises, I hide in my heart. Pray for Rev. Russell Bowrea, N. M., ev. among Indians; Miss Onis Vineyard, Brazil, Miss Cathryn Smith, Brazil, Mrs. Z. P. Freeman, Argentina, Miss Rosemary Lambert, Japan, ed. ev.; Miss Margaret Collins, Philippines, Miss Annie J. Rines, Nigeria, med. ev.

30 Wednesday I will pay my vows unto the Lord now in the presence of all his people Psalm 116:14.

Ramona and Dewey Mercer are new missionaries in Japan. They challenge us, saying "Every prayer you pray, everything you do, every dollar you give for and toward the work of the Lord Jesus puts a little more of you into the work of Christ around the world."

Pray that each woman in your Society will come to realize this great truth and consider it a privilege to be faithful in prayer, careful and unselfish with her money, and a true and radiant witness. Pray for Mrs. P. H. Hill, Nigeria, ev.; Miss Sara Lou Henley, Nigeria, ed. ev.

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* on furlough
ev. evangelist
ed. educational
&N. nurse
lan. ex. language study
GWC. Good Will Center med. tech. medical technician
MF. Margaret Fund student
HMB. Home Mission Board
med. ev. medical evangelist
pub. ev. publication evangelist
sec. ex. secretarial evangelist
SBH. Sisters Baptist Home

CIRCLE MISSION STUDY

APRIL, MAY, JUNE: God's World Plan, Aulick

by Mrs. James Butler

God's World Plan, 50c, presents the missionary teachings of the Bible in a clear and simple manner. Stir the hearts of WMS members to a new realization that Christ is the Saviour of all mankind and inspire them to meet the challenge in the movement for 30,000 new churches and missions. (See article: "30,000 Challenge: What Is It?" by Mrs. R. L. Mathis, October 1957 Royal Service.)

Make an announcement poster for the bulletin board. Paste a picture of a large globe on white cardboard. Using bold colors print "Destruction by Sputnik or Salvation by Christ? Members of WMS will discuss God's plan for the world at (time, date, place of meeting)." Use the same idea for personal invitations.

Give special attention to new members and prospects. Encourage each woman to have a copy of the book and to use the Bible in connection with the study.

There are eight chapters. A possible division for three class periods are: Session I, chapters 1, 2, 3; Session II, chapters 4 and 5; Session III, chapters 6, 7, 8. Principal chapter divisions can be printed on stand-up posters.

Make a display using a large Bible and world globe map. As God's redemptive plan unfolds through the study, use narrow red satin ribbons from open Bible to various parts of the globe.

Teaching suggestions are included in the book, but these helps may be supplemented. A flip chart can be effective for the entire study; follow chapter outlines in brief form. Chapter I will be enriched by reading *Missions in the Plan of the Ages*, by W. O. Carver.

Use maps. In teaching God's plan in Old and New Testament history, Bible Study Maps, Set C will be suitable. These maps are in four colors, size 11" x 14", price \$1.00 for the set, \$2.50 a doz., 25c each.

Introduce study by telling about author:

For many years Mrs. A. L. Aulick was a state mission study chairman serving in Oklahoma and California at which time she was in great demand as a teacher and leader in mission study institutes.

Her late husband was professor of New Testament at Golden Gate Seminary for two years. While at Golden Gate Mrs. Aulick helped to pioneer in WMU work in California.

She is now on the faculty of California Baptist College, Riverside.

Mrs. Aulick is the author of *Adults Study Missions, Who Is My Neighbor?* and *God's World Plan*.

Give a definition of missions: "Missions is the proclamation of God's plan of salvation through Christ by human messengers." Or see *Encyclopedia of Southern Baptists*, Vol. 2.

Missions is the central theme of the Bible. The author says that missions originated with God. He "so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son" that by believing in him "the world should be saved through Him." The first missionary promise is Genesis 3:15. Keep the definition before the class in all sessions. Write it on the chalkboard or print it on a streamer. At the first meeting, give each woman a prayer reminder bookmark on which you have printed: Pray ye daily for the 30,000 movement.

Do we really praise God in our worship? Pause for a moment of silent meditation. Without announcement, have two women

read Psalm 2 responsively, dividing into stanzas following the author's suggestion in chapter III.

After completing the study of the third chapter, close the meeting with the singing of "Jesus Shall Reign" calling attention to Psalm 72.

Ask God's guidance upon this study.

Helps for Study

Order from your Baptist Book Store or consult pastor, church and public libraries.

BOOKS:

Missions in the Plan of the Ages, \$2.50 by Carver, shows how the missionary purpose in God produced the Bible and that the Bible always produces missions when understood and heeded.

Biblical Backgrounds by J. McKee Adams, \$3.75. Bible times, countries, customs, characters, and the Bible itself "come to life" in this readable, well-illustrated book. Numerous photographs and maps.

Outlines of Bible History (Revised, 1955) by P. E. Burroughs, 60c, traces the major events in both the Old and New Testaments, beginning with the creation and going through the life of Jesus.

Encyclopedia of Southern Baptists just published by Broadman Press, \$16.50.

MAPS:

Bible Study Maps Set C - 5 maps in color, size 11" x 14", \$1.00. Or 25c each; \$2.50 per dozen.

Nifty Chart Tablet No. 9220, \$1.70

FILMS:

"Book of Acts Series." Each of the 10 films takes a dramatic theme or series of events from the book of Acts and brings the full impact of its meaning and revelation to life on the screen. "Every Christian A Missionary" in this series is excellent for this study. Rental: black and white, 16 minutes, \$6.00 per film; color \$9.00.

FILMSTRIPS:

"In the Footsteps of Jesus"—Scenes from the land where Jesus lived to help visualize the scenes which Jesus saw in his childhood and ministry. 49 single frames, color \$9.50.

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FLIPCHART: This chart may be made by using cleaning bags which you have cut to suitable size. Use a black crayon for writing.



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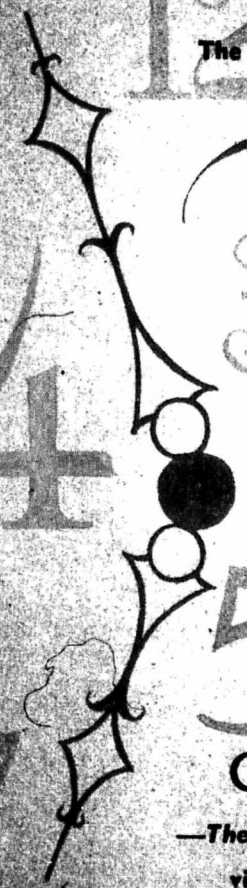
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