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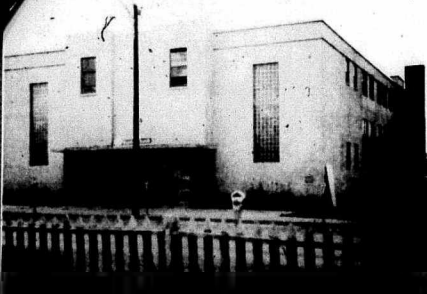
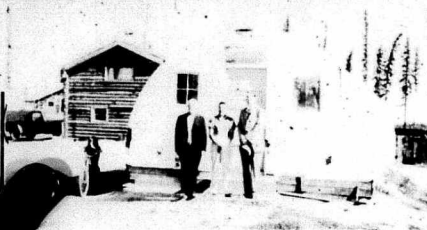
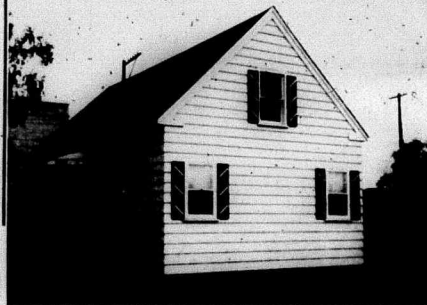


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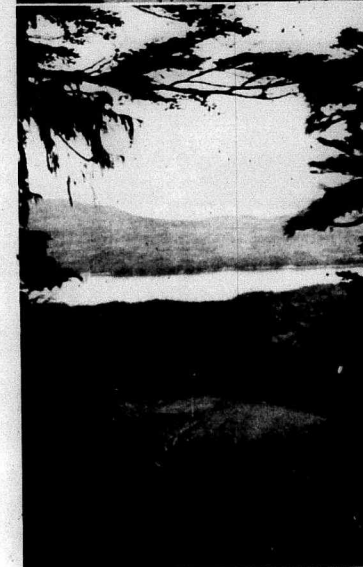
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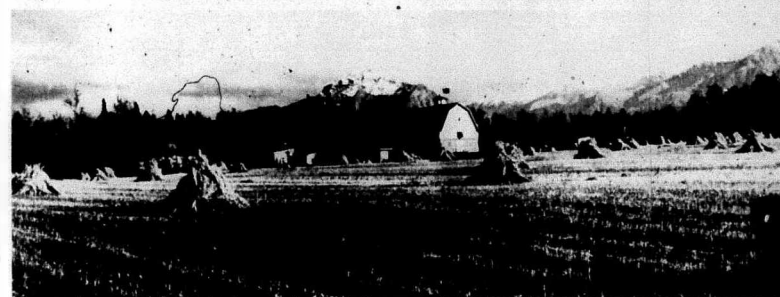
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YWA, plus means "added to." and I fully believe that is what YWA has added to my life as a growing Christian woman. It has added spiritually to my development.

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by Sammie Wester



by Karen Carpenter

### What has the YWA presidency meant to me?



by Mava Johnston

Serving as associational YWA president is by far the greatest blessing God has given me since His initial gift of salvation.

Mine has been the privilege of talking with, listening to, walking beside, and learning from dedicated, consecrated counselors. This YWA experience taught me that properly informed co-workers, given adequate time for preparation, with the guidance of our Heavenly Father always help us to have rich, hallowed meetings.

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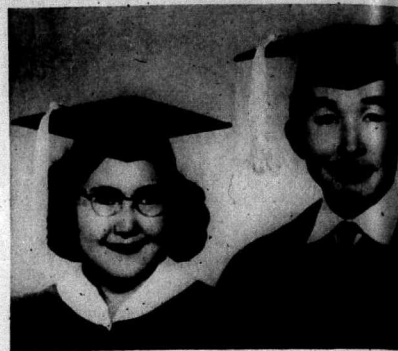
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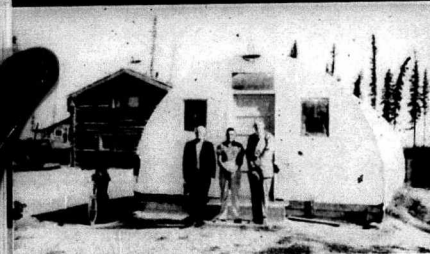
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### What about YWA?

Little did I realize, as I entered YWA, the blessings which God had in store for me. Taking part in the full program offered in YWA, I grew closer to God. Participating in community missions taught me to have more love and concern for those about me. God worked in my heart through the missionary programs and mission studies.

YWA has played a large part in accepting the challenge of missions. I have dedicated my life to do YWA work on the foreign mission fields. I, too, may "publish glad tidings."



### What has the YWA presidency meant to me?



by Mava Johnston

Serving as associational YWA president is by far the greatest blessing God has given me since His initial gift of salvation.

Mine has been the privilege of talking with, listening to, walking beside, and learning from dedicated, consecrated counselors. This YWA experience taught me that properly informed co-workers, given adequate time for preparation, with the guidance of our Heavenly Father always help us to have rich, hallowed meetings.

Since I've enjoyed this splendid opportunity for service in YWA, I've come to be definitely assured that His most thrilling rewards come through the Christian progress of the YWAs with whom I've worked. The association of which I was president took forty girls and counselors to Glorieta in 1958. Thirty-five of them made definite decisions for God.

YWA programs, missionary speakers, prayer calendar presentations, and foreign student YWAs have enlarged my vision of world needs. Through my YWA presidency and wonderful YWA counselors and girls, God—and others—have grown to be precious to me.



by Sammie Wester

### What high school subjects (and college too) contribute to your basic understanding of the needs of the world's people?

Music and history present a composite picture of man—his inner life of emotions and spiritual potentials and his actions, yesterday and today. My study of these subjects in high school has given me a great panoramic view of world history. My study of history has helped me see how the world's nations have arrived at present crises in countries where we have missionaries today. Music is an expression of the emotions of a people—and through it we can understand the potentials of man. If our generation is to contribute to universal peace, our preparation must include a possession of communication and understanding.



by Karen Carpenter

## A YWA Footlock Feature

ROYAL SERVICE

FEBRUARY 1959

by ALMA HUNT

IT WAS in May 1792 that William Carey with the power of the Holy Spirit preached his great sermon, "Expect Great Things from God; Attempt Great Things for God." That sermon lighted a spark which resulted five months later in the meeting in Widow Wallis' home in Kettering, England. There William Carey with Andrew Fuller and a few others formed the missionary organization which was to finance and undergird with prayer William Carey, the first modern missionary.

A few years ago I went to famous Westminster Abbey where England's honored dead are memorialized. Where would I find the William Carey memorial? On the main altar at the right side I found a lovely wooden pulpit stand with a large

hope and sacrifice if we are to act on great expectations from God. Each year in March we give to home missions through the Annie Armstrong Offering. We know that Forward was Miss Armstrong's watchword. Year after year for eighteen years she led Southern Baptist women forward. This moving word—forward—is in almost every one of her annual reports and if it is omitted there are other clarion calls against any complacency. "In the golden age of opportunity," she said, "not to advance is to retrograde."

Immediately before us is the challenge of action, of moving forward in support of home missions by burdened praying and greater missionary giving. Great things need to be attempted for God in America

## "Attempt+ Great Things for God"

Bible open on it. In simple letters on the front I saw "Placed here by the Baptist Missionary Society of England in Memory of William Carey." But more prominent, across the head of the stand "Expect Great Things from God." I moved quickly and with anticipation to the other side. Sure enough I found there the rest of the title of Carey's famous sermon "Attempt Great Things for God."

William Carey who sailed away to distant India as a missionary lived out with sacrifice the meaning of his sermon. For with God he stirred the world to the modern missionary movement and planted God's kingdom on the continent of Asia.

The missionary task today is demanding and must be met with a spirit of high

today. Great things must be accomplished for God by Woman's Missionary Union.

For two years we have failed to reach our goal to the Annie Armstrong Offering. We failed because we did not do our best—our best in praying. In inviting others to join us in praying, in informing ourselves and others of the mission needs and opportunities, in believing that if we attempt great things for God we can expect great blessings from him. The result has been that we have not done our best in giving to the Annie Armstrong Offering.

God expects us to go forward. He expects us to support our home missionaries who count on us. We need not continue to live alongside disappointed missionaries (please turn to page 14)

ROYAL SERVICE

## RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

by Cyril E. Bryant  
Editorial Staff  
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TO BAPTISTS, freedom of religion means the absolute right of any person to worship God, or not worship God, in any way he chooses. This precludes interference by the state, by other people, or even by his church. Baptist belief in the priesthood of all believers proclaims the right and duty of every Christian to practice his religion according to his own conscience.

The Baptist World Alliance has its own Commission on Religious Liberty, composed of Baptist leaders in many countries; Dr. C. Emanuel Carlson of Washington and Dr. Gunnar Westin of Uppsala, Sweden, are co-chairmen. The commission meets each summer for discussion and its members carry on a diligent watch for developments in their own areas of the world throughout the year.

Proclamations of the Baptist position on religious liberty have been made by Alliance President Theodore F. Adams who has visited lands where freedom of conscience is known to be seriously impaired. Any allegations Dr. Adams makes concerning lack of liberty are arrived at only after careful sifting of facts. Hardships are being faced by Baptists in both Colombia and Spain, Dr. Adams declared. He reported, following his visit to Colombia, that "careful study by Evangelical leaders indicated that during the 12 years of turmoil and violent persecution in that South American land, 1946-58, approximately 78 evangelical Christians have been killed, 46 evangelical church buildings have been destroyed by fire or dynamite. In addition, 160 churches and 200 mission schools have been closed and some 5000 evangelical

families have been displaced."

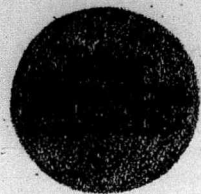
Difficulties in Spain are more a matter of discrimination than of violent persecution, Dr. Adams reports. Subtle persecution is especially noted in smaller Spanish communities. The chief difficulty for evangelicals in Spain centers around the right to marry. Legislation passed in 1957 provided that there shall be no civil marriage (as opposed to Catholic marriage) in Spain except for non-Catholics. But the young people find extreme difficulty in proving (their own personal testimony is not sufficient) they are not Catholics. "Is the price of following our conscience and becoming a Baptist in Spain to be that one can never marry and have a Christian home?" Dr. Adams asks.

Dr. Adams and other Alliance officials also went into Communist-controlled eastern Europe and found that in many lands the churches operate under a constant surveillance of state authorities. Though freedom of religion is proclaimed as a tenet of government, that freedom is severely limited to worship within confines specified.

Future historians doubtless will focus attention on Baptists in Colombia and Spain and in countries of Communist dominance—Baptists who are today willingly and courageously suffering persecution to preserve their faith and pass it on to others. Like Roger Williams of our own land, they are planting seeds that may bring this full liberty Baptists believe to be one of man's inalienable rights.

In their fight, they have the full cooperation and strength of the 22 million member Baptist World Alliance.





## THE COOPERATIVE PROGRAM DOLLAR STRETCHES FAR

by Mrs. Lamar Jackson

Advance preparation will make all the difference in presenting this program. First secure a copy of your local church budget. It would be wonderful to have enough for all your members. Then watch the WMU section of your state paper for how the Cooperative Program dollar is spent in your state. This program will contain the convention-wide disbursements or allocations.

Visually present the Cooperative Program dollar and how it stretches. Use shelf paper, either green or white. All lettering and writing should be with green crayon, ink, or felt-tipped markers. Follow directions given with each dollar. Use your imagination and a real paper dollar to help make your shelf-paper dollar as realistic as possible. Have two women hold the roll of paper. They should unroll your church dollar first, then your state dollar, and finally the convention-wide dollar as each is referred to in the script. By the time the narrator ends, the dollars should be stretched across one side of the room.

**Narrator:** Each Sunday we place our dollars in the treasury of our church. We have been urged to tithe. We see slogans placed about the church which admonish us to "Pledge to tithe." We are told, "Our church can move the world," and that is the truth for our dollars minister to the lost in 38 countries and to many Baptist causes in our country.

How is this possible, you wonder. One dollar will buy so little, not even a hair cut, a sheer pair of hose, or a small roast. Yet through the Cooperative Program of the Southern Baptist Convention, of the \_\_\_\_\_ State Baptist Convention, and the budget approved by us here in

our Baptist church, a part of every dollar we give goes to every cause sponsored by Southern Baptists.

This is the way it works. This is how our dollar divides so that it does this magic.

**Directions:** Unroll first section on which you have drawn a paper dollar divided according to your church budget: \_\_\_\_\_% for how much you keep at home, \_\_\_\_\_% for how much goes for work in your state, and then \_\_\_\_\_% for how much goes from your state to Nashville for convention-wide causes. This latter will depend upon what division the state makes on monies it receives; some are 50-50, others keep a larger proportion than 50 per cent.

**Narrator:** Sometimes you might hear someone say that we ought not send our money abroad when there is so much to do at home. When someone says this, he has forgotten the words of the Great Commission: "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world."

The Cooperative Program is an expression of our love for God and our concern for our fellow man. If you knew that people in your neighborhood were starving, would you feed them? If you knew they were ignorant, would you help them learn? If they were sick, would you nurse them? If they were lost, would you help them find the way?

You minister to these needs through each dollar you place on the collection plate



The Cooperative Program is a mature way of giving. We meet needs that we do not see firsthand but we know they exist in the world. This plan of denomination giving is an expression of Christian adulthood.

You might think that the story of your dollar begins on Sunday morning. If it did, you might be inclined to give only what money you happened to have in your purse or pocket. You would tip instead of tithe.

Actually the story of your dollar begins when you "purpose in your heart" to give your best. You have heard the old saying, "When you touch the pocketbook, you touch the heart." Giving to our church is just the opposite of this. Because our hearts are touched, we give generously from our pocketbooks. Our 1959 budget calls for \_\_\_\_\_ (Give the total budget figure your church adopted last October.

If you did not adopt a budget take your average monthly giving since last October and multiply by 12 to get your annual gift expectation.) If each of our members tithe, we would far exceed this goal. (It might be interesting to speculate on per capita giving. For instance, if each member of your church gave \$10, \$25, or \$100 what would the total be?)

**Directions:** Unroll your local church dollar. Look at a real dollar bill to get an idea as to where to place this information. "This certifies that there is Christian concern by members of The \_\_\_\_\_ Baptist Church to obey the Great Commission. Series Malachi 3:10. Put these in place of numbers: U 0 1-10 2 God N 1959 (You owe one-tenth to God in 1959) and I C U R N Trusted 2 (I see you are en-

trusted too). In the center place a picture of your church or draw a picture of a church. On the left hand side write "Representing the coined personality of the bearer, given to God's Kingdom Work." At the bottom put "Witnessing—Ministering."

**Narrator:** Read the symbols from the bill including the full Scripture reference. Conclude by saying, we provide a church staff with our dollars, a building in which to meet, Sunday school, WMU, Brotherhood, and Training Union literature, magazines for our Extension Department, helps for our teachers and workers, and a library for all. We obey the advice of the apostle Paul: "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed."

**Directions:** Unroll your state convention dollar. Across the top put "The \_\_\_\_\_ State Baptist Convention" and across the bottom, "One Cooperative Program Dollar." On the left side draw an open hand on which you write Deuteronomy 15:8; on the right side draw a heart and write Deuteronomy 15:10. In the center place an outline of your state. Group around it the items for which your state Cooperative Program dollar is spent.

**Narrator:** (Read the inscriptions on the bill including the words of Scripture references from your Bible. Comment on state causes.)

**Directions:** Unroll your convention dollar. Across the top write "The Southern Baptist Convention" and at the bottom "One Cooperative Program Dollar." Draw an ellipse in the center of this dollar with an outline of the home mission field at

## Your Circle Program

one end and the foreign mission at the other. Use symbols of an open Bible with the command "Go Ye" written across the pages. Either draw symbols representing the nine causes listed below or write the name across the ellipse.

**Narrator:** Since 1925, Southern Baptists have supported our convention-wide causes through the Cooperative Program. You see before you undertakings that are supported by our dollars:

**Six seminaries** enrolling 5,000 students  
**Home Mission Board and Foreign Mission Board** which direct the work of more than 2,500 missionaries on home and foreign fields  
**Two Southern Baptist Hospitals** where 72,956 patients were received last year and 6,325 babies born

**Relief and Annuity Board**, which is a plan for helping ministers and denominational workers save for old age and which gives relief where needed by aged ministers or their widows. Last year relief went to 1,364 such aged Baptists

**Christian Life Commission**, which challenges us to thoughtful citizenship and suggests action for Christians on great issues before America, such as alcoholism, bad movies, narcotics, race relations, etc.

**Historical Commission**, which is undertaking to preserve valuable records of Southern Baptist actions and has already produced an Encyclopedia of Southern Baptists

**Radio Commission**, which has charge of the Baptist Hour and is enlarging Baptist witness by radio and TV for a worthy Southern Baptist witness in these channels

\$30,000 to the support of the Baptist World Alliance, which is our great fellowship of world Baptists

**Baptist Brotherhood Commission**, which reports 11,657 Brotherhoods and which is attempting to help Southern Baptist men be better prepared for today's responsibilities as Christians; also it now is in full charge of the Royal Ambassador work.

Jesus said, "Go into all the world." But I cannot go in person. The Cooperative Program helps me go through my gift. Through this plan of giving, I can teach

in a seminary, preach in the deserts and mountains, talk to Africans and Indians about Christ, help relieve suffering in hospitals, and care for aged ministers and their widows. Part of what I give will be bearing fruit in some Baptist mission hundreds of years from now. I want to be the best world witness possible through my Cooperative Program dollars, don't you?

Pray for your church, your state, and for all Southern Baptist Convention causes.

## Attempt Great Things . . .

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such as those in Pueblo, Colorado\* who hoped for and expected help from last year's Annie Armstrong Offering. But they did not receive that help because we failed to meet the \$2,000,000 goal! Our 1959 goal is \$2,000,000 also. Let us go forward far beyond \$2,000,000 this year. We shall if every Society challenges its members to give at least 11 per cent more than last year.

Will you begin praying now? Let us expect to succeed knowing we can do so.

\* (See page 15, January Royal Service.)

## WAYS OF WITNESSING

To enlarge your understanding of our current mission study read those from your library at Baptist Book Store:

**Fling Wide the Gates: The Story of Don Brandon, McKissock, \$2.95**, which deals with a Jewish young man's conversion while in a Florida prison.

**Won by One, Maguire 75c, Chapter III**

**The Gospel on Skid Row, Jennings \$2.00.** This amazing book tells of an English clergyman who came to the US, removed his clerical garb to put on the sweat-stained clothes of a Bowery mission bum, who became one of the habitués of New York City's skid row that he might witness there. The people he describes are like those reached by all our rescue missions.

**Anthony Becomes Eagle Heart, 50c** about the Tampa Good Will Center. You can see its pictures on posters or flip chart.



## February Circle Mission Study

### Continue: Ways of Witnessing

by Mrs. John Maguire, Florida

**Background Reading:** Too often we are tempted to consider some people "impossible" to win. Remember, there is no heart too hard for the Lord to break and save. Read Psalm 147:2b-3 and Hebrews 7:25.

**Arrange an Interest Center:** Arrange Japanese, Chinese, Italian, Mexican, Negro, etc. dolls on a brightly colored cloth. Write above this: Reached by our Good Will Centers.

If you prefer use several crib baby dolls writing above, Sellers Baby Home.

**At Your Meeting:** Use the devotional suggestions on page 30, Teacher's Guide for *Won by One*. Omit the adjective "young," making it read "woman" instead of "young woman" or prepare devotional thoughts on Psalm 147:2b-3 and Hebrews 7:25.

Have the following facts about rescue missions read by members of the class. As the location of a mission is mentioned, put a colored pin on the map to mark the place.

1. A Rescue Mission has been defined as a "soul-saving place," an oasis in the desert of despair, a haven of hope for the homeless, the church at work downtown every night of the year. One of our missions, called The House of Hope is located in Nashville, Tennessee.

2. A Rescue mission does more than put a new suit on a man. It puts a new man in the suit. We have a Baptist Rescue Mission in East St. Louis, Illinois.

3. The annual report of our Rescue Missions showed that 53,172 people attended services during twelve months. We have a Baptist Center in Memphis, Tennessee.

4. Our best known Rescue Mission is in New Orleans, Louisiana. It came into being in February 1927.

5. In the first 30 years of its history, more than a million men came under the

influence of its ministry.

6. During those first 30 years, more than 20,000 men made professions of faith.

7. An average of 35 men per night attend its services.

**Tell** the story from *Ways of Witnessing* of Clovis Brantley, who heads our work with underprivileged people.

**Interview** Mr. Raymond Jee, who heads the New Orleans Rescue Mission. (This is found on pages 41-44 of *Won by One*.)

**Tell** of the work of the Good Samaritan Home in New Orleans which ministers to women in the same way the Rescue Mission ministers to men. See pages 47-51 of *Won by One*.

**Present** the interview with Mrs. Allegra LaPrairie found on pages 12-14 of Teacher's Guide for *Ways of Witnessing*.

**Introduce** the study of Chapter IV with the statement, "I shall have to put 3 pins on the map to tell about our Miami Good Will Center, one at Miami, one at the New Orleans Rachel Sims Mission where Mrs. Graves worked for 7 years; and one at the Birmingham, Alabama Italian Good Will Center where Rosa Lee Franks, her co-worker was won to Christ.

"Southern Baptists own and operate 26 Good Will Centers, but we shall not locate the others, unless a member of the class has visited one of them."

Minnell Graves' story might be presented briefly as a "This is Your Life" program or tell it.

**Pray** for our home missionaries working in Good Will Centers and Rescue Homes. Pray for ourselves, that all may be missionaries in our communities.

# "The Young Ones Have Never Been to Church"

by Ellen B. Watson, missionary wife in South Carolina

HENRY HUNT, with a large card in one hand and a pen in the other, sat before two card files opened on his desk. He was absorbed in his labors for he worked hard as pastor of Last Creek Baptist Church near Upton.

Betty, his wife, came into the study. She put her arm around Henry's shoulder as she said, "Don't you know it's quitting time?"

Henry smiled and looked at his watch. "It's later than I realized but it's the only way I know to keep track of this community." He picked up a card as he spoke. "Every time I look at these cards and see these names I stop and pray, for I know the needs of the people."

"Yeah, I know," Betty said, "you've got me doing it, too. As I go down the roads and by-ways I say, 'the father in that home is not a Christian'; at another 'a boy is lost'; and at another, 'those people are hard and indifferent.' But I recognize also there are faithful families and appreciate them all the more." She laughed and tweaked Henry's ear.

"I really have succeeded if I've convinced you," Henry teased.

Henry kept a complete file on every family in the community. He also had an individual card for each church member.

He gathered the information by visitation and maintained an accurate census by constant revision of the cards.

"Tonight is the regular officer and teachers' meeting," Betty said. "I suggest you rest a little while before supper time."

"Would we have time to visit a new family that's moved into the old Turner house?" Henry asked as Betty started to leave the room. "It will only take a few minutes. We must be sure they are invited to church before Sunday."

"A new family? What's happened to the Pattons?"

"They moved back in town when they got jobs," Henry answered. "Ready to go?"

"Well, yes. You remember we didn't do much with the Pattons."

"We visited them," Henry replied quickly.

"I know," Betty continued. "Let me call Joy in and see if she's presentable. There's never any telling what a four-year-old will need before she can go visiting."

Henry cleared his desk and Betty called Joy.

"Oh, goody!" was Joy's response.

In a few minutes they were parking in the yard of the old Turner house. Joy hopped out, Betty followed. Henry, with anticipation, touched the family census



card he had poked into his coat pocket.

Two little dirty girls, in ill-fitting dresses, came out on the porch while their mother watched through an unscreened window.

Joy caught her father's hand as they mounted the steps.

"Hi, kiddies," Henry said in a cheerful greeting. "How are you today?"

The woman came to the door, her face expressionless.

"Hello," Henry said. "How are you? I'm Henry Hunt and I'm pastor of the church you see over there." He pointed to the white church on the hill across the way.

"We live in the house next to the church."

This is my wife, Betty, and our daughter, Joy."

Immediately the woman responded. She was pleased to have visitors.

"My name's Minnie Needham," she said as she shook hands, "and I'm proud to see you. Come in and have a chair and rest yourself."

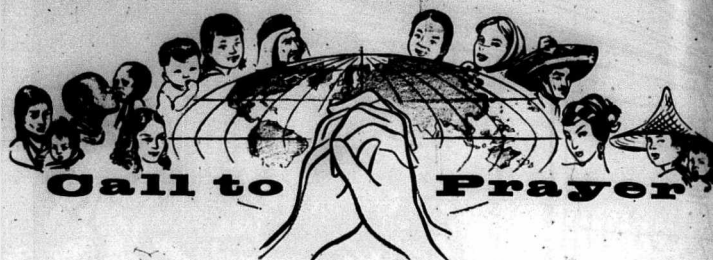
They entered an almost barren room with walls that were smoked and dark. After a few minutes of friendly conversation, Henry took out his census card.

"What is your husband's name, Mrs. Needham?" Henry asked.

"Jim. Jim Needham."

"I like to have a record of all the fam-

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1959 Prayer Motto: Day by Day for the World I Pray

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

"After this manner therefore pray ye"—brief, concise, comprehensive and to the point.

"Our Lord hands to us this pearl of great price, this purest crystal of devotion, to be a possession of His people forever, never to lose its lustre through milleniums of daily use, its beauty and preciousness becoming more and more manifest to each generation"—Bible Commentary by Gray and Adams.

Each day during February we shall consider a phrase from the Lord's Prayer and a related Scripture passage for devotional thought.

by Mrs. Encil Deen

**1 SUNDAY Our Father**—Now our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God, even our Father, which hath loved us, and hath given us everlasting consolation and good hope through grace, Comfort your hearts, and stablish you in every good word and work 2 Thess. 2:16, 17.

In the midst of great physical beauty in Indonesia there is the ever-present ugliness of sin. When Dr. and Mrs. G. William Schweer, recently settled in Bandung and still busily engaged in language study, see the unbelievable poverty and need, they feel overwhelmed. All about are fields white unto harvest and yet there are only a few laborers. Because of the good response to the gospel, most missionaries think that if personnel, money and churches were available there could be a great turning to Christ in that land. Let us pray that God will raise up laborers for this rich harvest field.

PRAY also for Mr. I. E. Gonzalez, Corpus Christi, Texas, ed. ev. among Spanish-speaking; Obdulio Gonzalez, MF; Mr. Wm. Taft Watts, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, ev. among Negroes; Miss Gladys Keith, New Orleans,

Louisiana, GWC; Mrs. Ross Coggins, Bandung, Indonesia, Mrs. Melvin Wasson, Ogbomoso, Nigeria, Mr. J. A. Herring, Taipei, Taiwan, ev.; Sara Alice Herring, MF; Miss Grace Tyler, Rome, Italy, Mrs. Bennie Griffin, Lagos, Nigeria, ed. ev.; Bennie Griffin, Jr., MF

**2 MONDAY Our Father**—And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father Gal. 4:6.

Dr. S. F. Dowis spent a wonderful Lord's Day in the French-Indian area of New Orleans. He went with City Superintendent of Missions J. C. Wells to visit and preach in six missions. He says that a twelve-year-old Indian boy who had learned to read and write, came for prayer and help. He was converted and then volunteered to preach. His parents and the chief of his tribe objected to his preaching, but after instruction and prayer by the workers, the chief said, "If Jesus save this boy, he save me too." Pray for Home Mission Board work among the French-Indians.

Missionaries are listed on their birthdays

Addresses in Directory of Missionary Personnel, free from Foreign Mission Board, Box 3148, Richmond 20, Virginia, and in Home Missions

PRAY today for Mrs. A. Worthington, HMB, retired; Dean Ellington Worthington, MF; Rev. George W. Thomas, New Orleans, Louisiana, ev. among deaf; Miss Sara Wilson, New Orleans, Louisiana, GWC; Rev. James P. Kirk, Vitoria, Brazil, ed. ev.

**3 TUESDAY Which art in heaven**—The Lord is in his holy temple, the Lord's throne is in heaven: his eyes behold, his eyelids try, the children of men Psalm 11:4.

"Oh, if only I could say anything which would touch your heart and open your eyes to the desperate needs here," writes Dr. Jean Dickman, who serves in our Baptist hospital in Gaza.

Arab refugees, some 300,000 live in mud-brick houses, eat because the UN provides, have clothing because it is distributed to them. The only evangelicals in Gaza are Southern Baptists. Pray for the Arab people whose Moslem religion and cultural background are such that it is a miracle of God when one of them turns to Christianity. Pray for missionary nurses to staff our hospital in Gaza.

PRAY for Mr. Carl A. Talley, E. St. Louis, Illinois, Rescue Home; Mrs. C. J. Smith, Clinton, Oklahoma, ev. among Indians; Mrs. J. T. McRae, Gaza, Rev. Samuel A. Qualls, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Miss Dorothea K. Lane, Kokura, Japan, ev.; Miss Mary Lucile Saunders, Manila, Philippines, ed. ev.; Dr. Frank B. Owen, Kediri, Indonesia, Dr. George H. Kollmar, Barranquilla, Colombia, med. ev.; Mrs. H. D. McCamey, Ibadan, Nigeria, RN

**4 WEDNESDAY Hallowed be thy name**—Neither shall ye profane my holy name; but I will be hallowed among the children of Israel: I am the Lord which hallow you, That brought you out of the land of Egypt, to be your God: I am the Lord Lev. 22:32, 33.

"If we will do what we can and depend on the Holy Spirit to do the rest, we can see great results." In the native village of Kobuk, above the Arctic Circle, lived a deaf man. He attended a week of services with his Christian wife. The Holy Spirit made known what he could not hear with his ears. When the invitation was given the

man came forward, accepting Jesus Christ as his Saviour. The native preacher interpreted his decision to the preacher. Pray for the work in Alaska under the supervision of Rev. L. A. Watson, for the missionaries serving this needy field.

PRAY for Mrs. Frank DiMaggio, HMB, Mrs. J. G. Sanchez, HMB, retired; Rev. Evan F. Holmes, Concepcion, Chile, Mrs. J. E. Jackson, Cotabato, Philippines, Mrs. Boyd A. O'Neal, Alagoas, Brazil, ev.

**5 THURSDAY Hallowed be thy name**—O Lord our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth! who hast set thy glory above the heavens Psalm 8:1.

Far up the Amazon River a missionary was using a flannelgraph to tell a group of children about Jesus. As she talked, an old man with stooped shoulders and gray hair joined the children and listened with rapt attention. When the children were dismissed, the old man approached the missionary and asked, "Madam, is this story true?" She assured him that it was, for it was found in the Word of God. With both voice and countenance revealing his doubt, he said, "This is the first time in my life that I have ever heard that one must give his life to Jesus to have forgiveness from sin and to have life with God forever." Then he concluded, "And I am an old man." Pray that Southern Baptists will have vision and concern to take the message speedily.

PRAY for Mrs. Hugo Culpepper, Argentina, Mrs. James P. Gilbert, Ecuador, Mrs. Stephen P. Jackson, Minas, Brazil, Mrs. Loyce Nelson, Hiroshima, Japan, ev.; Mr. Cecil F. Roberson, Kabbu, Nigeria, ed. ev.; Miss Lila F. Watson, China-Hong Kong, retired

**6 FRIDAY Thy kingdom come**—All the ends of the world shall remember and turn unto the Lord: and all the kindreds of the nations shall worship before thee. For the kingdom is the Lord's: and he is the governor among the nations Psalm 22:27, 28.

Fannie Starns believes that though dreams do not always come true, when they do they are worth telling. During the annual Youth Camp in Thailand some of the workers strolled farther down the seashore to see the property where they hoped to build a camp. But there were no funds available for such a project. In April the Orient secretary reported that the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering "Beyond-the-Goal" gifts made available funds for encampment buildings.



"Our dreams came true. You made our dream possible," Miss Starns says. Pray that the encampment may be ready for use by 1959 when anticipated.

**PRAY for Mrs. V. T. Yearwood, HMB, retired; Homer Yearwood, MF; Rev. Francisco Rodriguez, Matanzas, Cuba, Rev. Jerry Hobbs, Bangkok, Thailand, Rev. Reiji Hoshizaki, Shizuoka, Japan, ev.; Rev. Epifania Salazar, Waco, Texas, ev. among Spanish-speaking; Miss Hattie Mae Gardner, Okuta, Nigeria, ed. ev.**

**7 SATURDAY Thy kingdom come**—Then cometh the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom of God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power. For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet. 1 Cor. 15:24, 25.

"Christ Our Hope—Europe Our Responsibility," was displayed in German, English, and Russian, during the Congress of European Baptists which met last summer. An estimated 10,000 Baptists from twenty-two countries of Europe packed Germany Hall in the Western Sector of Berlin. In summing up the Congress, Dr. Cornell Goerner says, "Without doubt this Congress will have historic consequences. Already fresh hope, new enthusiasm, and perhaps some new methods of evangelism and Bible study can be seen from this meeting of international significance."

**PRAY for Rev. Isidoro Garza, San Francisco, California, ev. among Spanish-speaking; Rev. T. H. York, Canton, Oklahoma, ev. among Indians; T. H. York, Jr., MF; Mrs. Paul Rogasin, San Francisco, California, ev. among Russians; Miss Mattie Baker, Brazil, ed. ev.; Rev. Logan C. Atnip, Bulawayo, So. Rhodesia, Miss Martha E. Knox, Tobata, Mrs. Charles Martin, Jr., Tokyo, Japan, ev.**



**1 SUNDAY Thy will be done**—And this is the Father's will which hath sent me, that of all which he hath given me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day. John 8:39.

The wife, daughter and others prayed daily for Mr. Chang, but he only occasionally attended church. He was sent to Manila on

business. While there he was in such agony because of an ulcerated stomach he could not do his work. At bedtime he got on his knees, confessed his sins, thanked the Lord for dying for him. A voice called, "Mr. Chang, I am going to heal you!" Aloud he said, "Lord, is this you? Are you merciful enough to heal this stomach of mine?"

When he returned home a few days later he was met by his little son who exclaimed, "Baba, Dr. Culpepper examined me for baptism and I passed." Then he thanked the Lord that he could be baptized with his son. Later he served as usher, deacon, and seminary trustee.

**PRAY for Mrs. Ross Hanna, Quapaw, Oklahoma, ev. among Indians; Rev. M. E. O'Neill, Artesia, New Mexico, ev. among Spanish-speaking; Miss Katie Murray, Kaohsiung, Taiwan, ev.**

**9 MONDAY Thy will be done**—Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Matt. 7:21.

Miami might well be called the melting-pot of the races and nationalities. 85,000 Spanish-speaking migrants come each year to help bring in the tomato crop and during the first six months of 1957, a total of 102,052 Spanish-speaking visitors were in Florida, most of them coming through the "Miami Door."

Milton S. Leach, Jr., who directs the Spanish work in Miami Baptist Association urges that we pray for their ten Spanish missions and for the ten paid workers on the field.

**PRAY for Mrs. Ralph J. Park, San Antonio, Texas, ev. among Chinese; Rev. Alexander Pasetti, Immokalee, Florida, ev. among Spanish-speaking; Mrs. Domingo Fernandez, Havana, Cuba, Rev. Glen R. Martin, Penang, Malaya, Mrs. L. E. Blackman, Hawaii, ev.**

**10 TUESDAY Thy will be done in earth**—Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth. Psalm 46:10.

The Agricultural Committee of the Northern Nigerian Mission had been hoping to start agricultural mission work in the strongly Moslem North, but had been unable to get land. Finally, a Christian "Oba," or local king, having recently returned from a tour of the United States, offered land in his small, independent kingdom.

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# Forecaster

Prepared by Margaret Bruce, WMS director

Individuals and groups from all over the world seeking relief from persecution have written over 64,000 letters to the United Nations.

In this month of February, made significant by the birthdays of two great Americans, Lincoln and Washington, Christian women must remember that "eternal vigilance is the price of liberty."

"Speak and act boldly in Christ's name" for freedom and justice for all people!

Madam President

February Firsts

BWA Sunday

February 1 is Baptist World Alliance Sunday. On this Sunday 22,000,000 Baptists in more than 100 countries on 6 continents will be observing this Baptist fellowship day. Baptists of many colors and nationalities will be praying for other Baptists and for His kingdom's advance. They will be remembering the purpose of the

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Baptist World Alliance "to pro mote the spirit of fellowship, serv ices and co-operation."

Remind WMS members of BWA Sunday, February 1.

### YWA Focus Week

February 8-14 is the date for you to place YWAs in Focus. Urge WMS members to read "I Believe in YWA" in RS.

Through the experience of these young women we realize all ever again the necessity for providing adequate leadership for Young Woman's Auxiliaries. See that your WMS provides for YWAs of high school ages, YWAs for business



young women, YWAs for students in colleges and schools of nursing. Make YWA Focus Week an enlistment week.

Give to every WMS member half of a broken heart on which is written the name and address of a prospective YWA member. Send the other half of the heart to the prospective member with an invitation to attend a Valentine tea or banquet. Have WMS member contact the young woman whose name she has and invite her to the tea.

During the tea plan for those with pieces of broken hearts to find their mates and mend their hearts.

The enlistment of young women in Young Woman's Auxiliary will put a song in your heart!

Co-operate in all the plans of your YWA committee and see February Windows of YWA for Focus Week plans.

### W P M M Preparation Month

February is preparation month for the Week of Prayer for Home Missions, March 1-4.

Keep these five days before your church. Talk with your pastor about ways to make the week most meaningful—a Sunday emphasis, a Wednesday evening presentation in addition to the daily observance.

Remind WMS members of the importance of keeping these days free from other activities.

Co-operate with the prayer chairman and her committee in all plans for the week.

Plan with your publicity chairman and her committee to "Go tell it to the people."

### Annie Armstrong Offering Promotion

Our 1959 Annie Armstrong Offering goal of \$2,000,000 is more than an 11 per cent increase over the amount given last year. Urge every WMU member to give at least 11 per cent more than she gave last year.

Every member of your church should be given an opportunity to help make our land more Christian by supporting the work of the Home Mission Board through the Annie Armstrong Offering.

With the help of your stewardship chairman, stewardship committee, and executive committee set a worthy goal for your Annie Armstrong Offering. Then promote the offering with great enthusiasm.

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### Jubilee Chairmen

## Quality

## Quality & Quantity

"Quality Education Opens Windows on the World" is this year's theme for the NEA (National Education Association). Jubilee chairman, this is a good theme for you too. Remember your twelfth goal this month . . . "Work to be an Honor WMU," (page 18, WMU Year Book). Encourage WMS leaders to work on "their aim" in Aims for Advancement. Remind WMS officers, chairmen and committees that quality WMU work opens windows on the world. The following officers, chairmen and committees are responsible for the different aims:

- Aim I —program, publications, mission study
- Aim II —prayer
- Aim III —community missions
- Aim IV —stewardship
- Aim V —YWA, GA, Sunbeam Band directors and committees
- Aim VI —first vice-president, enlistment committee and circle leaders
- Aim VII —president and executive committee
- Aim VIII —president and secretary

An Honor WMU consists of an Honor WMS, at least one Honor YWA, GA and Sunbeam Band with all other youth organizations at the beginning of the year, qualify- ing as Approved or Advanced.

What is your personal goal in giving to home missions through the 1959 Annie Armstrong Offering?

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## Mission Study Chairman

Mission study chairman, play this word game in meetings of circles or in the Society to encourage every woman to read *Ways of Witnessing*.

1. Rev. and Mrs. Roe E. Beard have served as missionaries among whom? P . . . . . C . . . . .
2. What are the names of the missionaries who have done such an outstanding work in the mountains of Kentucky and Alabama? M . . . . . B . . . . . B . . . . .
3. What mission work is described in Chapter 3 *Ways of Witnessing*? R . . . . . S . . . . .
4. In which Good Will Centers has Mrs. Minneil Graves served? R . . . . . M . . . . . G . . . . . W . . . . . C . . . . .
5. What are the islands called south of the Canal Zone and off the shore of Northeast Panama? S . . . . . B . . . . .
6. What is the native language? C . . . . .
7. What are the names of the missionaries in San Blas? L . . . . . and M . . . . . I . . . . . C . . . . . and M . . . . . I . . . . .

In the blanks write the answers to the questions. The letters furnish the first letter of each answer. For example, the answer to the first question begins with P and has 7 letters, and with C and has 3 letters.

The questions may be mimeo-

## Publications Chairman

Publications chairman, why not promote a letter writing project to increase member-readers? Ask each RS subscriber to write a letter to a non-subscriber. Suggest that the letters include information about RS contents, reading results, and subscription rate. Each letter should include a subscription blank and a request that the blank be filled in and returned

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## RS MEMBER-READERS

with \$1.50\* to circle publications chairman.

We've discovered that when RS is read by WMS members:

1. Missionary information is gained
2. Missionary interest is developed
3. Spiritual life is enriched
4. Leadership is more effective
5. Missionary activity is heightened

# Word Game

## Prayer Chairman

## From Dawning to Yawning

Friday, March 6, is the day of prayer for Home Missions throughout our nation. We are requested to pray from six A.M. until six P.M. It is thrilling to think of this mighty wave of prayer power sweeping over our nation. When the women on the east coast begin praying at six A.M. the women in Alaska and in the western states will still be asleep. But as the sun moves across the heavens—more and more women will join in until a mighty host will be petitioning God in behalf of Home Missions. When women on the east coast fall asleep their sisters farther westward will still be in prayer.

In March RS there is a time zone map of the US, Cuba, Panama, and the Canal Zone. Urge women to use it in their individual and family worship periods. Take the map out of RS and animate it with pictures of Dr. Redford and some of the missionaries working in the different time zones. All during the Week of Prayer remind WMS members of this day of prayer so that on Friday they will be praying from six to six.

This day of prayer will not leave our land unchanged. It will not leave us unchanged. Most prayers and answers call for action. Women will rise from prayer periods to bring a worthy Anna Armstrong Offering and go out to be home missionaries.

"From dawning to yawning" on this day of prayer let us be to-

gether in our thinking, our desiring, our praying, our giving.

Prayer chairman, work closely with your prayer, publicity, music, and stewardship committees as you plan for your five-day observance of the Week of Prayer for Home Missions.

January Forecaster gave the theme for the week, also the daily topics of prayer.

Additional suggestions will be given next month to help with your planning.

## Stewardship Chairman

## Just Imagine—

How grateful the Home Mission Board will be when we have exceeded our \$2,000,000 Annie Armstrong Offering goal. To our missionaries will go checks which will enable them to stay on the fields and to do the work which will be supported by the 1950 offering.

IMAGINE—the influence for Christ which will be exerted by the 417 missionaries whose salaries will be paid by the 1950 Annie Armstrong Offering. These missionaries work among the Chinese, deaf, French, Indians, Italians, Japanese, Koreans, Russians, Spanish, and international students.

IMAGINE—hundreds of children, mothers and fathers who will be reached by the gospel through the Good Will Centers in Louisiana, Maryland, Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Tennessee, South Carolina, Kentucky, Missouri, Virginia, and Washington, D. C. \$20,000 of the Annie Armstrong Offering will go for GWC work.

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**IMAGINE**—the work which will be done by the 187 workers in Cuba and the 62 workers in Panama. \$216,000 will go to support this work in Cuba, Panama and the Canal Zone.

**IMAGINE**—the Negroes who will experience the abundant life through the work of teacher-missionaries, Negro Centers, institutes, conferences, extension classes and workers serving in Alabama, Florida, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee and Texas. \$120,000 will be given to Negro mission work.

**IMAGINE**—the work which will be done by our 8 missionaries among the approximately 1,000,000 migrants. \$25,000 will go to support the work among these moving

multitudes. (In one year our government spent \$8,000,000 on migratory birds!)

Make posters as suggested below using these allocations. Place them on your bulletin boards from time to time.

Salaries of 417 missionaries will be paid by the 1959 Annie Armstrong Offering.

\$215,000 to give the gospel to Cuba, Panama and the Canal Zone.

These are just a few of the 1959 Annie Armstrong Offering allocations. You will watch for other allocations in the March Royal Service.

How much of our \$2,000,000 goal will your church give?

Lead your Society to accept a large goal (at least an 11 per cent increase over your last year's offering) and then keep it before the entire church.

Enlarge the flag poster idea and place it on your bulletin board.

**Community Missions Chairmen**

*Empathy (em-pa-thee)*

Is empathy a new word for you? Do you know what it means?

"Imaginative projection of one's own consciousness into another being" is the definition given in the dictionary. The word is a combination of the French "en"—in, and "pathos"—suffering, "in suffering."

Do you recall the suffering you

experienced when you were convicted of sin and realized you were lost? If you do, then you can project yourself into the being of a lost individual with real understanding. You can feel his utter dejection, suffering, perplexity, loneliness, and you will have real concern for his salvation.

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Inject this word "empathy" in the vocabulary of every WMS member. Encourage members to pray for the lost, and to witness to the lost.

It is not enough just to have the book *Ways of Witnessing* taught. Community missions chairmen and their committees will plan for regular soul-winning visitation—action from study!

1. Visit the lost in your own community, seek to win them to Christ and to bring them into your church.

2. Visit the lost in communities where there are no Baptist churches. This effort may be the means of helping to establish missions and churches. Co-operate in all that your church does to help with the 30,000 Movement. Work with the associational missionary or those in your association directly responsible for this important part of the Third Jubilee Advance. There are 64 million in America who are lost and 36,000 villages and communities without a Baptist church. Make an effort to experience "empathy" for those whose lives are lived outside Christ and his church.

**Take Your "Q"**

February 1, 1959 is the date set for the Simultaneous (Religious) Census to be taken in every community. Community missions chairmen and committees should plan for every WMS member to participate.

State Evangelistic Conferences are being held in January and February for all pastors and other church leaders.

February 18-20 is the week for soul-winning training. Urge every woman to take advantage of this opportunity to learn how to win lost souls to Christ.

... to do all which may achieve and cherish a just and lasting peace among ourselves, and with all nations." Make this your prayer today.

**"Many of Your Neighbors Cannot Read"**

The literacy article, by Richard W. Cortright, printed in August Royal Service has been reprinted in leaflet form. It is available from the Literacy Center at Baylor University, Waco, Texas, if you want extra copies.

Mr. Cortright says that "WMUs are picking up the ideas. Already WMUs in New Mexico, Texas, South Carolina, and North Carolina have asked for Literacy Workshops."

## Youth Sunbeam Slants

Reports of last year showed that one of the most difficult points to reach on the Alma for Advancement was the visitation to the homes of boys and girls enrolled in the Beginner and Primary Sunbeam Bands. Since no substitute has been found for visitation, a close study of this weakness should be made in your Sunbeam Band Committee. Don't let procrastination cheat the leadership and children of rich experiences awaiting them through contact with the home and parents.

**Try This Plan**

1. Type or write the name, address, and phone number of each child on a separate 3"x5" filing card.

2. Divide the cards equally between the leader and assistant leader. Group cards according to areas of the town. Beginner leadership receives Beginner cards; Primary leadership Primary cards.

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3. Plan visitation so that the leaders go together if a Beginner child and a Primary child are in one family.

4. Make a large wall chart. Design the chart so that you have three columns which read: Name of child, Visitor, and Date Visited.

5. Vote on a final date for all visits to be made.

The Sunbeam Band director will offer her help and should visit with leaders and assistants.

—Elsie Rives, Sunbeam Band Director

### Fostering Features

GA Director, could it be you have not had time yet to visit some of your Girls' Auxiliaries? February is a good month for this. A "heartly" welcome awaits you from girls and counselors.

In the executive committee meeting no doubt, plans for YWA Focus Week, February 8-14 have been presented. Could the GA "little sisters" help honor and "focus on" their YWA "big sisters?"

Are all GA counselors getting Royal Service? They need it every month—especially December and March!

Does the mission study chairman have mission study materials which teachers of GA mission study could use? Remember, GAs have their mission study between January 15 and February 15, if at all possible!

Does the WMS prayer chairman have materials to share with GAs as they plan for the Week of Prayer for Home Missions in March—pictures, filmstrips, etc.?

Do the counselors of the auxiliary(s) have The Commission, Home Missions? The Society could be their Valentine and subscribe.

—Betty Brewer, GA Director

### Directives for YWA Director and Committee

The shortest month in the year, February, is a busy time for YWA. Heart is a word which should characterize our February activities.

How are your plans for YWA Focus Week February 8-14, "shaping up?" Preparation is one of the keys to a successful Focus Week. See January "Idea Notebook" for committee responsibilities.

Enlistment is a major opportunity of Focus Week. Do you have business girls who should be in a YWA? Plan toward enlistment of all YWA prospects during the week.

Already in your planning and promotion should be the two convention-wide YWA Conferences:

June 11-17, Ridgecrest, North Carolina  
July 23-28, Glorieta, New Mexico

Begin now to talk to girls and their parents about attending one of the conferences.

Regular promotion of the Third Jubilee Advance goals becomes the responsibility of all organizations. Read definite directions from Royal Service and The Window of YWA.

Training of counselors and directors is very important. Try the study of the YWA Leadership Course for all WMS members on the YWA Committee (see pages 44-45 WMU Year Book).

—Doris DeVault, YWA Director

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When Edgar Burk, a member of the Ag-

ricultural Committee, made a trip to Northern Nigeria to try to select a site, he began having trouble in his back and left hip, later came crutches and a walking stick.

Pray for the Burks who are, now home on furlough. Probably the most difficult decision faces them—whether to leave their thirteen-year-old daughter in the States when they return to Nigeria. Pray for this family.

PRAY for Rev. Daniel Sotelo, El Monte, California, Rev. Jose Moreno, Raymondville, Texas, ev. among Spanish-speaking; Rev. Abraham Wright, Benid, Illinois, ev. among Italians; Mrs. David Mayhall, Ijebu-Ife, Rev. Stanley E. Ray, Lagos, Rev. W. D. Frazier, Oyo, Nigeria, Miss Nadine Lovan, Ghana, ev.

11 WEDNESDAY Thy will be done . . . in heaven—And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost Matt. 28:18, 19.

Hiroko Sasaki twisted her foot while playing softball. The injury gave constant pain. While planning a term-paper she discovered the Book of Job in the Bible and chose to write on the problem of suffering. A postscript to her paper read: "I thought sometimes to leave school but now I decided to learn because I believe that God will give me light in the future as Job found."

Missionary Frederick M. Horton urges us to pray that God will save this Japanese girl and thousands more.

PRAY for Rev. Alfredo M. Lugo, Edinburg, Texas, ev. among Spanish-speaking; Miss Clifford Barratt, Taiwan, Mrs. S. P. Howard, Jr., Shimonoseki, Japan, ev.; Mrs. C. A. Baker, Brazil, retired; Miss Ruby Wheat, Korea, RN

12 THURSDAY Give us this day—But I know, that even now, whatsoever thou wilt ask of God, God will give it thee John 11:22.

The closing sentence of Abraham Lincoln's Second Inaugural Address is one of the most frequently quoted in the English language: "With malice towards none, with charity for all, with firmness in the right, let us strive on to finish the work we are in; to bind up the nation's wounds . . . to do all which may achieve and cherish a just and lasting peace among ourselves, and with all nations." Make this your prayer today.

PRAY for Miss Ada Young, New Orleans, Louisiana, GWC; Rev. John B. Hipps, China, Miss Ruth Randall, Brazil, retired; Mrs. H. O. Headrick, Parana, Brazil, ed. ev.; Mrs. Earl Peacock, Sao Paulo, Brazil, Rev. Elbert H. Walker, Baguio, Philippines, Mrs. Hal Boone, Mbeya, Tanganyika, ev.

13 FRIDAY Give us this day—Now he which stablisheth us with you in Christ, and hath anointed us, is God: Who hath also sealed us, and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts 2 Cor. 1:21, 22.

In an isolated village like Selawik, Alaska, where the work is in the pioneer stage, Valeria Sherard found "there is no one to share with you the joys and sorrows, disappointments and victories of the work. So we turn to God and find many wonderful experiences in sharing with Him even the smallest events of the day. With so many people sharing in our work through prayer, our work in this isolated village became an adventure with God." Pray for Miss Sherard and for all missionaries who serve in out-of-way, lonely places.

PRAY for Mrs. Daniel Rodriguez, Pinar del Rio, Cuba, Rev. Justice C. Anderson, Argentina, Mrs. George Faile, Jr., Nalerigu, Rev. Sidney Flewellen, Ghana, Rev. Ralph Marshall, Jr., Thailand, Mrs. J. D. Spann, Uruguay, Rev. Richard Morris, Taiwan, ev.; Mrs. M. S. Blair, Argentina, retired

14 SATURDAY Give us this day—Boast not thyself of to-morrow; for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth Prov. 27:1.

Bagani Watch, a fourteen-year-old African boy, was an exemplary Christian. President of his RA, visiting absentees with his Sunday school teacher each Saturday, and having already surrendered to preach, he was so burdened for the salvation of his parents that he not only requested prayer for them but often prayed aloud for them in the church service. Finally, after many weeks his mother was wonderfully saved, gave up her drinking, dancing and worldly living, and became a radiant Christian. Praise God that now all eight daughters are Christians. Pray for the father who is not yet a Christian.

PRAY today for Miss Gladys Farmer, Columbia, South Carolina, GWC; Mrs. E. E. Atkinson, Mission, Mrs. Eulogia Garza, San Antonio, Texas, ev. among Spanish-speaking; Rev. E. E. Evans, Alaska, Rev. John Cheyne, Shabani, So. Rhodesia, Rev. W. A. Hutton, Rio de Janeiro, Rev. Dan Sharpley, Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil, ev.



**15 SUNDAY** Our daily bread—But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God Matt. 4:4.

As the Dan Cobbs are now busy with speaking engagements during their furlough time, they appeal for prayer. "We wish you could know how very much we depend on it! Your prayers can be your greatest contribution to world missions if God has not called you to give yourself." Pray for these missionaries and for the people of Thailand.

PRAY for Miss Jovita Galan, San Antonio, Texas, ev. among Spanish-speaking; Miss Olive Lawton,\* Taiwan, Mrs. Hoke Smith, Jr., Cali, Colombia, Mrs. Daniel R. Cobb, Chonburi, Thailand, ev.; Miss Martha L. Franks, Taipei, Taiwan, Miss Virginia Dale Moore, Jolokrama, Nigeria, ed. ev.

**16 MONDAY** And forgive us—If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness 1 John 1:9.

Baptist work in Ghana began when Yoruba traders came and brought their faith with them. Recently a missionary went to the Kumasi Yoruba WMS president and the pastor to ask if women would go with her to start a WMS in an Ashanti village. Each Friday afternoon two Yoruba women faithfully wait at their own church for the missionary to come and go with them to the village. The Ashanti women love them and respond to their leadership. These Yoruba women learned that their organization is a missionary organization, and that they are to go and tell the story of Jesus too.

PRAY for Rev. Abbie Thibodeaux, Gray, Louisiana, ev. among French; Miss Ola V. Lea, Taipei, Taiwan, ed. ev.; Rev. E. M. Bostick, China, Mrs. L. L. Johnson, Rev. John Mein, Brazil, retired; Rev. Dottson Mills, Buenos Aires, Argentina, Rev. Eugene Verner, Kumasi, Ghana, ev.

**17 TUESDAY** And forgive us our debts—Then the Lord of that servant was moved with compassion, and loosed him, and forgave him his debt Matt. 18:27.

Girls who come to the Sellers Baptist Home in New Orleans frequently are con-

cerned about God's forgiveness for wrongdoing. They often think that God does not forgive their sin. The responsibility to help girls to know that God does forgive if they will repent and ask forgiveness weighs heavily on the workers in this home.

Praise him that there is redemption through His blood, even the forgiveness of sins and pray for Mrs. Allegra La Prairie, director of this home, for her workers and for the girls there.

PRAY for Mrs. Ronald Hill, Chonburi, Thailand, Rev. Theodore H. Dowell,\* Korea, ev.; Mrs. R. E. Chambers, China, Rev. A. Scott Patterson, Nigeria, retired; Mrs. James Ware,\* Mexico, RN

**18 WEDNESDAY** As we forgive—And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you Eph. 4:32.

The John W. Turners of Lebanon express the conviction that "Missions cannot go far without the spirit of giving on the part of those who support the kingdom of the Lord, but even if we had all the money in the world available for our work, we could not move a step without the prayers of believing people continuously offered." Examine the percentage giving of your church through the Cooperative Program. Pray that all Southern Baptist churches will accept more responsibility in giving and praying for world mission advance.

PRAY for Miss Mabel Summers, Beirut, Lebanon, ed. ev.; Mrs. W. B. Hicks, Baguio, Philippines, Mrs. Manuel Quintana, Pinar del Rio, Cuba, ev.; Mrs. C. B. Melancon, Stowell, Texas, ev. among French

**19 THURSDAY** As we forgive our debtors—Then his lord, after that he had called him, said unto him, O thou wicked servant, I forgave thee all that debt, because thou desiredst me: Shouldst not thou also have had compassion on thy fellow-servant, even as I had pity on thee? Matt. 18:32, 33.

A Baptist Indian girl, while working in a non-denominational hospital, was told by the supervisor that the head of nurses, who is Catholic, requested that the Indian girl baptize a little girl patient who was dying. She declined to do so and witnessed to the supervisor and the mother of the child. Mrs. Roe R. Beard, who labors with her husband among the Cherokee Indians of Oklahoma, says, "Our hearts are thrilled when we know our Christian Indian girls are using their influence for Christ as they min-

ister to the sick."

PRAY for Mrs. Pedro Carranza, Alamo-gordo, New Mexico, ev. among Spanish-speaking; Mrs. John L. Isaacs, Alabama, Rev. Robert C. Sieg, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, Rev. Atilio Rivera, San Blas, Panama, ev. among Indians; Alicia A. Rivera, MF; Miss Elizabeth Newman, Chattanooga, Tennessee, GWC; Rev. A. B. Bedford, Rosario, Argentina, Miss D. Jenell Greer, Bangkok, Thailand, Mrs. F. A. Hooper, III, Haifa, Israel, Mrs. B. B. Tisdale, Manila, Philippines, Rev. Thomas J. Kennedy, Kaduna, Nigeria, ev.

**20 FRIDAY** And lead us—To him the porter openeth; and the sheep hear his voice; and he calleth his own sheep by name, and leadeth them out. And when he putteth forth his own sheep, he goeth before them, and the sheep follow him: for they know his voice John 10:3, 4.

"God has taken us from the small orbit in which we once lived and added a glorious vision of worldwide breadth. He has subtracted the attitude of 'my wife and my son John,' and added the tender affection we feel toward our missionary family spanning the globe. He has taken the need for our own countrymen and replaced it with love and appreciation for our adopted countrymen"—Marjorie and Howard D. Olive, missionaries to the Philippines.

PRAY for Mrs. Pascual Arpaio, HMB, Mrs. J. L. Moye, HMB, retired; Rev. James P. Gilbert,\* Ecuador, Rev. Ivan V. Larson,\* Taiwan, ev.; Rev. William A. Cowley, Yaba, Nigeria, ed. ev.

**21 SATURDAY** And lead us not into temptation—There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it 1 Cor. 10:13.

It is not easy to be a Christian in the villages of Alaska. The general opinion is that if a person makes a public profession the jeers and the laughter of the rest of the village will soon cause him to "backslide." And seemingly, in most cases that has been true! Until Baptists entered one village the people had never seen a person scripturally baptized. For a native to be thus baptized would be like turning traitor on your own family and religion.

A woman who was baptized two years ago said, "People really hate! Even the chil-

dren tease me about being put under water!" Pray that this woman may remain faithful, and that she may give others courage to "stand up for Jesus."

PRAY for Rev. and Mrs. Louis A. Sealey, Panama, Rev. R. G. Van Royen, Balboa, Panama, Miss Lucy E. Wagner,\* Korea, Mrs. H. W. Fite, Jr., Rev. James E. Musgrave, Jr., Goias, Brazil, Mrs. Harvey Walworth, Sonora, Mexico, ev.; Miss Doris Christensen, Fairview, New Mexico, ev. among Indians; Rev. Amelia Giannetta, San Francisco, California, ev. among Italians; Miss Margaret Marchman, Shaki, Nigeria, ed. ev.



**22 SUNDAY** But deliver us—The Lord is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower Psalm 18:2.

We pay tribute to the "Father of our country," born on this day in 1732. Born of a Christian mother and reared in a godly home, he "feared the Lord from his youth." As a man he never forsook his private devotions and public worship.

"Among the many expressions of the faith of George Washington, none glows with brighter lustre than his request for baptism. The baptism took place quietly and simply in the Hudson River with only forty-two witnesses"—CHARLES W. KELLER, President, American Baptist Seminary, Chicago, Illinois. Pray for our country and for our national leaders.

PRAY for Mrs. Sam Hider, Jay, Oklahoma, ev. among Indians; Mrs. Isaac Perez, Balboa, Canal Zone, Mrs. Gilbert Ross,\* Mexico, Mrs. Glenn Hix, Taipei, Taiwan, ev.; Mrs. Edward L. Oliver, Kaposhiya City, Japan, ed. ev.

**23 MONDAY** But deliver us from evil—Abstain from all appearance of evil 1 Thess. 5:22.

Seventy-three persons accepted Christ as Saviour and fifty others indicated a desire to know more about Christianity during the Spring revival in the university division of Seinan Gakuin University in Japan. A missionary says, "The revival broke an atmosphere of 'we can't' among the Christian students."

This victory came because a month before the revival Southern Baptists had been asked to pray for victory, and God answers prayer. Continue to pray for Japanese Christian students.

**PRAY** for Mrs. Keith Edwards, Joinkrama, Nigeria, RN; Miss Alma Graves,\* Japan, ed. ev.; Miss Flora Dodson, China-Hong Kong, Mrs. R. E. L. Mewshaw, China, retired

**24 TUESDAY** For thine is the kingdom—Thine, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for all that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine; thine is the kingdom, O Lord, and thou art exalted as head above all 1 Chron. 29:11.

People who have met Albert Schweitzer declare that he reflects Almighty God in his personal life. When he was in Chicago to be honored for his services to humanity, a guest for the occasion remarked privately that the missionary doctor looked more like Jesus of Nazareth than any person he had met. Something in his face suggests the qualities which we associate with the Man of Galilee—G. ERNEST THOMAS. Let us pray today for our Christian witness.

**PRAY** for Malais C. Garcia, HMB, Mrs. R. T. Bryan, China, Mrs. R. L. Bausum, China-Taiwan, retired; George Robert Bausum, MF; Miss Viola D. Campbell, Coahuila, Mexico, ed. ev.; Mrs. Ruth Rumphol,\* Nigeria, RN; Mrs. James Ragland, Beirut, Lebanon, Miss Lora A. Clement, Singapore, Malaya, Rev. Lonnie A. Doyle, Jr., Amazonas, Brazil, Rev. R. Boyd Robertson, Mendoza, Argentina, ev.

**WEDNESDAY** And (thine) the Power—God hath spoken once; twice have I heard this; that power belongeth unto God Psalm 62:11.

Southern Baptist groups in our country are meeting in barns, homes, garages, lodge halls and other such places, but find it a very hard struggle to promote a vigorous program in pioneer areas of the West without adequate buildings. The pastor of the First Baptist Church of Missoula, Montana, describes their situation: "There are few Southern Baptists in this city of 30,000 people, and it is difficult to get others interested in coming to a home for services." Pray that attractive church buildings may be available throughout the West.

**PRAY** for Mrs. Tom D. Gullatt, Ibaraki-ken, Japan, ed. ev.; Miss Alice Huey, China-Hawaii, Miss Jane W. Lide, China, retired

**25 THURSDAY** And (thine) the glory—Be thou exalted, O God, above the heavens: let thy glory be above all the earth Psalm 57:5.

There is a Jewish storekeeper near Canton Mission in Baltimore. The Home Board missionary started going to his store soon after she went to work there. After several months he began to smile and talk pleasantly. One day Helen Lambert went to purchase some clothing for a baby in a needy home. The Jewish man said to her, "I want to tell you something. We appreciate what Canton Mission is doing for this community, and I am going to give you 10 per cent discount on anything you buy for mission work." Pray with our missionaries for the salvation of this Jewish family.

**PRAY** for Mrs. Leonard C. Guillott, Redell, Louisiana, ev. among French; Rev. N. T. Tull, HMB, retired; Mrs. R. F. Goldie, Ogbomoso, Nigeria, RN; Mrs. D. P. Appleby, Belo Horizonte, Mrs. W. B. McNeely, Estado do Rio, Brazil, ev.; Mr. J. Wilson Ross, Baptist Spanish Publishing House, El Paso, Texas, pub. ev.

**27 FRIDAY** For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever—His name shall endure for ever: his name shall be continued as long as the sun; and men shall be blessed in him: all nations shall call him blessed. Blessed be the Lord God, the God of Israel Psalm 72:17-18.

It is a wondrous joy to teach Negro preachers who are eager to learn more of God's Word says Fred Chestnut who teaches at Christian Fellowship Center in Selma, Alabama. One day a Negro preacher said to him, "This lesson on the Lord's Supper has helped me to see that we should use grape juice instead of wine. My deacons want to use wine because they drink what is left, but now since I have studied the Scriptures, I can show them that the fruit of the vine can mean grape juice as well as wine."

Pray for this far-reaching work of our Home Mission Board.

**PRAY** for Rev. A. W. Hancock, McAlester, Oklahoma, ev. among Indians; Mrs. A. S. Gillespie, China, retired; Paul G. Gillespie, MF; Mrs. Lamar Cole, Guadalajara, Mexico. Mr. W. D. Frazier, Oyo, Nigeria, Rev. Stephen P. Jackson, Minas, Brazil, ev.

**28 SATURDAY** For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen—For all the promises of God in his

are yes, and in him Amen, unto the glory of God—By us 2 Cor. 1:20.

"I am thankful for the three dozen years I have completed with the Foreign Mission Board. They have brought a vast and varied collection of experiences, some too funny to mention and some too sad to share . . . the call to serve is as real today as it was when I heard, not a still, small voice, but a beating, urging, undying impulse to go forth and to carry the Light to those who knew not the blessed Lord"—CLARA BELL (Mrs. Z. Paul) FREEMAN, missionary to Argentina.

Pray for missionaries whose bodies are weary though their spirits are full of zeal

to carry the gospel message.

**PRAY** for Mrs. F. R. Linton, HMB, Mrs. W. E. Salles, Rev. J. V. Dawes, China, retired; Rev. L. W. Crews, Lawrence, Kansas, ev. among Indians; Rev. Francisco Morales, El Paso, Texas, ev. among Spanish-speaking; Mrs. Marcos Rodriguez, Matanzas, Cuba, Mrs. J. H. Humphrey,\* Hawaii, Mrs. Terry Thorpe, So. Rhodesia, ev.; Dr. Robert F. Goldie, Ogbomoso, Nigeria, med. ev.; Miss Ruby B. Hines, Brazil, ed. ev.

ed. educational  
ev. evangelism  
GWC Good Will Center  
HMB Home Mission Board  
med. ev. medical evangelism  
MF Margaret Fund student  
on furlough  
RN nurse  
SBH Sellers Baptist Home

## Writing a New Chapter (continued from page 40)

missions, and that the Sunday preceding the WMU Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions be observed for study and prayer for foreign missions. And, that the members of the classes and unions be given the opportunity to give to the home and foreign mission love offerings as sponsored by Woman's Missionary Union.

The Brotherhood continues to lead the Royal Ambassadors, and the men of the Brotherhood as well, to study, pray, and give during these weeks.

So, from your society or youth organization and from other members in your church, the church-treasurer sends the offering to the state convention treasurer who forwards it to the treasurer of the Southern Baptist Convention and finally the Home Mission Board receives the Annie Armstrong Offering and allocates the whole of it to more than 70 places.

Follow the Annie Armstrong Offering through the programs and through the printed list of all the allocations in March Royal Service. See how it blesses people

of every race and color. See how it builds churches, Good Will Centers, missions. See how many missionaries it supports. Look at the new state conventions receiving much of their financial help from it. Notice the large amount to be set aside for sending out college and seminary students to aid small churches with vacation Bible schools, mission study classes, beginning new organizations. Oh, look at it—it brings salvation in Jesus Christ, life and happiness and joy to multitudes from Alaska to Panama; from North to South and from East to West.

We will soon be writing a new chapter in the history of this prayer and giving program. What will it be? Will we all meet—every day? Will we pray? What will we give? Will we reach our goal this year? It is two million dollars!

As grateful as we are for past successes, I hope that God will fill us with a divine discontent, and send us forth to undertake a greater work for His honor, and for the redemption of mankind in the homeland.

**What will you give to the AAO?**  
**Plan your gift with care—after prayer**

### *The Young Ones Have Never Been to Church (from page 17)*

ilies in our community," Henry explained and then smiled as he asked, "How old is he, or do you want to tell?"

"I don't mind," she said and smiled, "He's thirty-three and I'm thirty. Jennie here's six and Millie's four."

"Are you and Mr. Needham Christians?" Henry was busy checking the card, but there was concern in his voice.

"No, sir," she answered, "I don't guess so."

"Do you have a church preference?" Henry asked.

She looked puzzled as if she didn't understand.

"Methodist, Baptist, or some other denomination," Henry explained.

"Oh! I'd be a Blablist. Sure. I'd be a Blablist!"

Betty twisted in her chair.

"We want you and your husband and the children to come to our church—it's Baptist," Henry said.

"I don't know if we can or not," she spoke slowly and a bit wistfully, "There's not much to wear." She paused as if considering her next remarks, then continued abruptly as if needing to get it said, "Jim stole some money, but he got paroled out of prison. Now I am not saying he should have done it, understand, it's just one of those things." Her tone was resigned and a bit defensive at the same time.

Henry and Betty sat and listened.

"He's been working at public work and he just thought everybody knew it and that's the reason we moved out here in the country—makes it easier for the children," she explained, pulling both little girls closer.

"I understand," Henry said kindly, "but he wouldn't object to you and the girls coming, would he? It might mean that he'd come later."

"No, I reckon not," she said slowly, "Course I've not been to church myself in a long time and I don't know anybody around here." Then she smiled, "I don't

guess the young ones would know what to do—they've never been to church."

The children squirmed and pushed closer to their mother.

"I hope you will come," Betty urged. "You will soon get acquainted by meeting folks at the church and too, other ladies from the church will visit you soon."

"If she's four years old," Joy added pointing to little Millie, "she will be in my class. Miss Ellis is my teacher and I like her."

"Millie will like her, too," Henry said, "and there's a place for Jennie and everyone of you including Mr. Needham. We'll be looking for you Sunday."

"I don't reckon we can make it Sunday, but we will come sometime—maybe," Mrs. Needham promised.

"I'll be looking hard for you," Betty said as they got up to leave. Mrs. Needham's reply to Betty's warm tone was a shy smile of appreciation.

The little girls waved good-by to Joy as the Hunts drove away. Henry beamed as he turned to Betty, "Aren't you glad we came?"

"Yes, of course," she answered deeply moved. After a moment she added, "We came, we saw, what do you think we'll do about it?"

"I'm going to tell our church members," Henry said. "I'm going to do my best and they must help."

"We may be just Blablists' too," Betty said. "You know, she's not far wrong. There's a lot of blablist about all of us. We do more talking about winning people to Christ than anything else. Henry, it's a terrible thing to be lost. Christ's love could change a lot of things in that home right now, give those little girls a chance, for instance."

"It'll require a great deal more than talk; it will take love, and friendship, and understanding, Betty." The responsive pastor's heart knew, "Only God can give those little girls a chance, but we can help."

### ALASKA'S GREATEST NEEDS

1. Your constant prayers. More missionaries and Christian business people.
2. More money with which to advance the program in fields already established and missions begun and the establishment of new missions in areas where communities are springing up.
3. A Baptist Hospital in Anchorage with at least a 100-bed capacity. There is one 75-bed Catholic hospital to accommodate 65,000 civilians who cannot be ministered to through the native hospital nor the military hospital. The denomination which ministers to the physical needs of the people will be the first invited to minister to their spiritual needs in days to come.
4. We need our assembly ground equipped with facilities with which to minister to our youth during camps.
5. We need a youth center near the University of Alaska where we can carry on Baptist youth activities, a Baptist Student Union, and perhaps a chair of Bible.—L. A. Watson.



## PROGRAM OUTLINE

### Alaska, Fabulous 49th State

#### Interviews:

Mrs. Dick Miller  
Mrs. Oliver Marson  
Mrs. George Johnson  
Mrs. John Jeffcoat

#### Scripture Reading Prayer

### PROGRAM PLANS for The Mountains Break Forth Into Singing

Order Picture Map of Alaska (23¢) from your Baptist Book Store for \$1.00. Mount map and place it at center. Place circles of red construction paper on the towns where each interviewed missionary serves. Indicate these at proper times. Arrange four chairs two on each side of map with table in front of each two chairs. The interview will take place at each side as indicated in program.

Before your program, you may wish to distribute mimeographed sheets of the crossword puzzle or multiple choice questions on page 32. Let members work puzzle as others arrive, then check the answers before your business session begins.

### Alaska, Fabulous 49th State

On every hand Alaska is being viewed from the setting of the 49th state of the Union. It is twice the size of Texas, the last great frontier of the USA, comparable to the West in the pre-civil war days. Great distances with 586,000 square miles of untamed wilderness and raw frontiers, make it unique in the Union. It sprawls over an area almost as great as from New York to San Francisco and from Seattle to Mexico. Yet in all this vast territory there are only 210,000 people, fewer than in Norfolk, Virginia, 34,000 of which are Indians, Eskimos, and Aleuts.

The United States bought Alaska from Russia in 1867 for \$7.2 million or about 2 cents per acre. It was not until the late 1890's that the Gold Rush brought prospectors from the USA. Many stayed to

make their homes. Marie Drake uniquely caught the call of Alaska's opportunities in the territorial anthem "The Alaska Flag" (see outside back cover).

Introduction: The June 1948 issue of "Alaska Baptist Messenger" featured the following article:

#### "Home Mission Board, SBC Can Enter Alaskan Work!"

"Item 81 in the Convention Bulletin, May 21, 1948, reads: 'W. C. Boone, Kentucky, moved that the Home Mission Board be requested to investigate the desirability and possibility of entering Alaska with a missionary program, and if such investigation brings favorable results that they be fully authorized by this convention to proceed with such program. Passed.'"

"... Alaska was included in the Great Commission of Jesus. Baptists now are well beginning to grasp this great fact.

"This item of business, transacted after much prayer and study, will perhaps help the great territory of Alaska more than anything that has ever happened since Alaska was purchased from Russia in 1867."

### "Southern Baptist Work in Alaska," tell it from Cover 2.

Program Chairman: In order that we might feel the spiritual pulse of Alaska today, we shall interview missionary wives who will tell of experiences they shared among the people of Alaska.

First, we shall visit with Mrs. Dick Miller, formerly of Kotzebue, Alaska, now working with her husband at Mt. View, near Anchorage.

(Interviewer and Mrs. Miller enter and are seated at left.)

First Interviewer: Mrs. Miller, we appreciate your sharing your experiences with us today. Tell me, what was it like to celebrate in Alaska when Congress voted affirmatively for her statehood? You were there on the scene.

Mrs. Miller: We were in Anchorage on

the eventful day and watched the celebration there. A fifty ton bonfire blazed all night, and a huge United States flag with 49 stars waved triumphantly in the sky. We will always remember the day; Richard, our three-year-old son, broke out with measles then! Tommy, his younger brother, followed the next day!

Interviewer: That certainly must have been quite an occasion! How did you and your husband become interested in being missionaries to Alaska?

Mrs. Miller: My husband and I met in Alaska. In 1949, Dick was among the first group of student summer missionaries to serve in Alaska, and he returned as a home missionary after graduating from seminary. We met the summer I came to Alaska from California as a summer missionary. I had been a home mission volunteer during college and Dick, a foreign mission volunteer. Equatorial Brazil had long been uppermost in his heart, but God opened the doors which led us to Kotzebue, Alaska which lies above the Arctic Circle.

Interviewer: Would you please tell us something about Kotzebue? What is it like to live above the Arctic Circle?

Mrs. Miller: The church at Kotzebue is the northernmost Baptist Church in Alaska. It is located on the coast, and the church itself is not more than 30 or 40 feet from the water's edge. There is very

little vegetation because of the extremely cold weather and biting winds. There are no trees—only a few willow bushes—and no flowers except a few wild ones in the summer.

Interviewer: Please describe your work in Kotzebue, Mrs. Miller.

Mrs. Miller: Our work as missionaries at Kotzebue is much like that of a pastor and wife in a small community anywhere in the United States. We carry on a regular church program using current Baptist literature. We have Sunbeam Band, GAs, and RAs but no WMS at present. My husband has just completed his fourth church building in five years! We spent part of the summer in Kiana, a small village about 35 minutes flight time from Kotzebue. There he constructed a small church building to be used as a preaching point. Kiana is the third mission of Kotzebue Baptist Church. All three missions—Selawik, Kobuk, and Kiana—are above the Arctic Circle.

Interviewer: What are the people like? Are there many Eskimos? Which language do they speak?

Mrs. Miller: Yes, there are many Eskimos in this area. All except a few of the oldest people in the village understand and speak English. Sometimes Dick, my husband, uses an interpreter when he preaches in the smaller villages. The Eskimo language

Main street in Kotzebue—200 miles to the left is Siberia, Russia



is very difficult to learn, and the dialect used in this particular area is not written. We have learned some songs in Eskimo.

Living standards are rather primitive, and moral standards are quite low. The general attitude toward getting a thing done seems to be "What isn't done today can be done tomorrow, so why bother anyway."

**Interviewer:** Speaking of living conditions, what were your living quarters like in Kotzebue?

**Mrs. Miller:** I had not been to Kotzebue during my summer in Alaska so Dick painted a black picture of living conditions there so that I would not be disappointed. I wasn't! It was not half as bad as he had told me. For two years we lived in a small two-room apartment over the old church auditorium. Then the Home Mission Board provided a lovely new church, and we moved to the basement of the church as a temporary arrangement.

**Interviewer:** What was your greatest physical inconvenience?

**Mrs. Miller:** Kotzebue has no running water. In the winter we bought ice for all our water, paying \$10 for about 1,000 pounds. This ice must be cut out of a fresh water lake about two miles from the village and hauled in with dog teams. We had three fifty-gallon barrels in the church building. In these we put the ice to melt. Washing clothes under these conditions proved to be a chore. However we have a washing machine for which we're very grateful. But we melted the ice over a primus stove and then heated the water. Clothes are dried indoors the year round. Most people cook with oil. Soot is everywhere and it is extremely cold in winter. People do not feel that I am complaining. There is a brighter side. We did have electricity!

**Interviewer:** I understand that food is quite expensive in Alaska. Is that true of Kotzebue?

**Mrs. Miller:** Yes, food in the grocery store

at Kotzebue ranges from 50 per cent to 100 per cent higher than that in other states—sometimes even higher. We ordered annually the largest part of our groceries to come by boat. We got by on a reasonable salary. Of course we bought some things all along such as the eggs and meat each month from Fairbanks. Even after paying 9c per pound air freight it is still cheaper than buying in Kotzebue!

**Interviewer:** Is air travel the chief means of transportation?

**Mrs. Miller:** It is the only way to reach our village aside from the annual boat! There are no roads. There are now four miles of road in Kotzebue itself.

The Home Mission Board purchased a plane for use in our area, and Dick learned to fly. It meant that we could do much more effective mission work. This plane was made possible through the Annie Armstrong Offering, and we want to express our deep appreciation for it.

**Interviewer:** Tell us about your family, Mrs. Miller. I believe you mentioned two sons.

**Mrs. Miller:** Yes, we have two little boys, Richard and Tommy. Both were born in Nome, Alaska, which is about 200 air miles south of Kotzebue. When Richard was one week old, I brought him home to Kotzebue by plane. Conditions were so bad when we landed that even the tractor with waning (container) attached, which usually meets the planes, couldn't get out that day. So Richard had his first dog sled ride when he was one week old. The Eskimos worried about him although they would not have done so had he been their child.

**Interviewer:** Would you mind sharing with us some of your rewarding experiences as missionaries in Alaska.

**Mrs. Miller:** Gladly. Many times we become discouraged when someone fails to live as a Christian should live, after his decision for Christ. But then we think of the few faithful ones and take heart.

Let me tell you of Willie Hensley, a young man seventeen years old who lived in our home from the time he was twelve. For the past two years he attended Harrison-Chilhowee Academy in Seymour, Tennessee. Although he has made no commitment for a special church-related vocation, we know he will contribute much in whatever field he serves. Since there is no high school at Kotzebue, all Eskimo children must leave home after completing the eighth grade and attend the native school at Mt. Edgecumbe, 1500 miles away. Many of them come back total misfits. We chose to send Willie to a Christian school and feel so proud of him and what he has accomplished.

The children in our church are an encouragement. We feel that the best work we've done has been with our GAs, RAs, and Sunbeams. Many of the older people will never accept Christ as Saviour so it is imperative that we try to reach the youngsters now.

Music is rewarding too. There is a reed organ in the church, and both Dick and I can play. How the people love to sing! Each Sunday night we give an opportunity for singing songs. A favorite is "Stepping in the Light." Now they have learned "God, Give Us Christian Homes" in the new *Baptist Hymnal*, and it is requested almost every Sunday night. We feel this is a small indication of the growing appreciation for Christian homes; there are so few in Kotzebue.

**Interviewer:** Thank you, Mrs. Miller, for sharing your life as a missionary with us. We can pray with greater understanding and give with gladness to Baptist mission work in Alaska, knowing the great need.

*(Mrs. Miller and Interviewer may remain seated while second Interviewer and Mrs. Oliver Marson, Fort Yukon, Alaska enter and are seated at right. Then they can quietly leave.)*

**Second Interviewer:** Rev. and Mrs. Oliver Marson with their four children, Rhoda, 8, Deborah, 6, Myra, 5, and Oliver Frank-

lin, almost a year, are our home missionaries at Fort Yukon, Alaska. Mrs. Marson, I understand that Fort Yukon Baptist Church is also above the Arctic Circle.

**Mrs. Marson:** Yes, Fort Yukon, which is an Indian village with 700 population, is situated on the Yukon River eight miles north of the Arctic Circle. Most of the time it is accessible only by air, but in the summer we can anticipate two or three barges pulled by river boats. Three small stores are located here and also a post office.

**Interviewer:** It must be extremely cold the year round since it is so far north.

**Mrs. Marson:** Strangely enough, the temperature ranges from 70 degrees below zero in the winter to a hot 100 degrees in the summer. It is dark most of the winter, but summer brings constant sunlight all day every day.

Although it is seemingly a barren place, nevertheless there is much natural beauty in the display of northern lights and in ice fog hovering over the trees.

**Interviewer:** Are living conditions also primitive in Ft. Yukon?

**Mrs. Marson:** Yes, most of the people live in one room log houses, and almost every family has from eight to twenty children. Little space and lack of running water make bad living conditions. Until last summer, water had to be dipped from the roaring Yukon River, but now we secure it from the local school building.

**Interviewer:** Would you mind telling us about your living arrangements?

**Mrs. Marson:** We live in a house made of logs chinked with moss. There is one room downstairs and one upstairs with a dirt roof. We must bring in water, and we burn wood for heat. We are blessed, however, with gas, a washing machine, stove, and refrigerator. We order groceries for a year at a time since food is so expensive in Ft. Yukon. Bread is 60c a loaf so I bake it.

# What Do You Know About ALASKA

by Elaine Dickson, WMS Promotion Associate

Only one choice makes the statement correct; answers on page 37.

1. Alaska is more than twice the size of (A. Colorado, B. Texas, C. Rhode Island).
2. The capital city of Alaska is (A. Nome, B. Fairbanks, C. Juneau).
3. Alaska is separated from USSR by a distance of (A. 200 miles, B. 20 miles, C. 2 miles).
4. The average age of Alaskans is (A. 26, B. 34, C. 39).
5. The United States bought Alaska from (A. Spain, B. Russia, C. Great Britain).
6. Alaska cost the U S about (A. \$125,000, B. \$20 00, C. 2c) per acre.
7. Alaska imports more than (A. 33 per cent, B. 60 per cent, C. 95 per cent) of its food.
8. Cassack is an Eskimo word for (A. Indian, B. Bear, C. White Man).
9. There is one road leading from the United States to Alaska. It is called (A. Pan-American Highway, B. Alaska Highway, C. Yukon Trail).
10. The name of Alaska's territorial governor was (A. Stepanovich, B. Miller, C. Seward).
11. Alaska is (A. one fifth, B. one third, C. one fourth) the size of continental U S.
12. Located in Alaska, (A. Mt. Juneau, B. Mt. Roberts, C. Mt. McKinley) is the highest mountain in North America.
13. An Alaskan city built during the Gold Rush of the early 1900's is (A. Sitka, B. Fairbanks, C. Nome).
14. (A. Nevada, B. North Dakota, C. Connecticut) is the only state in the Union with a smaller population than Alaska.
15. More than any of the other natives of Alaska, (A. Aleuts, B. Eskimos, C. Indians) have preserved their ancient customs, habits and language.
16. The Alaskan term "sourdough" applies to (A. newcomers, B. people born in Alaska, C. Aleuts).
17. Alaska's main farming area is to be found in (A. Matanuska Valley, B. Panhandle Region, C. Mendenhall Valley).
18. Of the vast area in Alaska only (A. 60 per cent, B. 15 per cent, C. 2 per cent) has been surveyed.
19. Present population of Alaska is approximately (A. 2,000,000, B. 78,000, C. 220,000).
20. Scriptures first came to Alaska when Empress Catherine of (A. Spain, B. Portugal, C. Russia) sent orthodox church missionaries to "her American colony" in 1796.

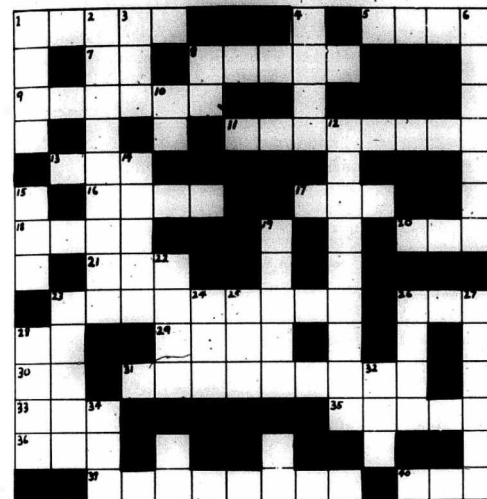
**Interviewer:** It must be a difficult adjustment from modern America to a native village in pioneer Alaska.

**Mrs. Marson:** We served first in Juneau, Alaska, for two years and living conditions there were similar to the States. But God wanted us in native work and we came on to Ft. Yukon. On the day of our arrival it was a cold 18 degrees at eleven o'clock in the morning. There was no one to meet us at the airstrip when we arrived. Even after reaching the house, we had no fire, food, dishes, or bed clothes. You see, we had no members here, so that was the reason no one seemed interested. However, not long after we were in the house every

window was filled with children's faces peering at us. Finally we were settled with something to eat, and after our other things arrived, we began to feel quite at home. An awareness of God's presence and His blessing upon our efforts to do His will was evident to us throughout the experience.

**Interviewer:** What is it like to be a missionary in Ft. Yukon?

**Mrs. Marson:** Our ministry ranges from preaching to distributing food and clothing. The mission building is a one room Quonset hut with metal chairs and a piano. Our greatest physical need is a better building and more materials with which



## ACROSS

1. Alaska's newest relationship to the US
5. One of two equal parts of anything
7. The opposite of yes
8. An Eskimo house or hut
9. About 1/3 of Alaska lies north of this circle
11. A fraction which shows Alaska's size in relation to the US
13. A male child
16. Name of fur hood worn by Eskimos
17. A kind of tree
18. An Eskimo boat
20. A strongly built vessel used for towing
21. Past participle of get
23. Alaska is the largest

24. of the North American continent
26. Call letters of a broadcasting system
28. Abbreviation for the name of a state
29. The flesh of animals used as food
30. A coordinating word that marks an alternative
31. "Salmon Capital of the World"
33. One of a pair used in a popular Alaskan sport
35. Former Russian capital of Alaska
36. To convert skin into leather
39. Site of an early gold rush in the Northwest
40. A soft finned gadoid fish

## DOWN

1. A marine aquatic carnivorous mammal found in Alaska
2. Alaska's largest city
3. A little child
4. Located on the peninsula, this city is the center of gold mining activity
6. The principal industry in Alaska
8. Initials of a major railroad in the US
10. A neuter pronoun
12. University of Alaska is located three miles west of this city
14. Name of a well known river in Alaska
15. Nickname for the U.S.A. President
19. Executive Secretary of SBC Executive Committee
22. Measured or measurable duration
23. An outer garment used in Alaska, originally made of skins
24. Used in fishing
25. Abbreviation for an Air Force installation located in Alaska
26. A unit in the US monetary system
27. The US Secretary of State who persuaded Congress to purchase Alaska in 1867
28. Gone out of one's possession
32. The best means of travel to Alaska
34. A writing fluid
37. Often used preposition indicating intention, purpose or end
38. A common greeting

to work. We have Sunday school, morning and evening worship services, prayer meeting; also Sunbeam Band, GAs, and RAs. My husband and I are the only workers. The conditions here would break your heart. Moral standards are unbelievably low, and we haven't yet been able to reach any of the people for Christ. But we have

faith to believe that we shall win some of the Indians to Christ. Then we'll train them for jobs in the church.

Our home church in Mississippi sent us some vegetable seed, and we have given them to the people in an attempt to help improve their diet, which consists almost entirely of fish, caribou, muskrat, moose,

and other wild game.

**Interviewer:** What do you feel to be the greatest needs, then, for our Baptist witness in Ft. Yukon?

**Mrs. Marson:** The greatest spiritual need is the earnest prayers of consecrated Christians everywhere that we shall be able by God's Holy Spirit to reach these people for Christ.

If we could get the building we need, we could do much more effective work. And we desperately need workers. There are openings here for schoolteachers every year. How wonderful it would be if God would lead Baptist schoolteachers to Ft. Yukon!

We love the people of Alaska. Our interest in them had its roots in mission study. As you study about the people of Alaska, I pray that God will deepen your concern and that your prayers, your gifts, and your lives will undergird the work of your missionaries here among them.

**Interviewer:** Thank you, Mrs. Marson, for your part in our mission work in Alaska.

*(First Interviewer and Mrs. George Johnson, Kenai, Alaska, enter at left while those at right remain seated. Then they leave.)*

**First Interviewer:** Rev. and Mrs. George Johnson, with their two children, Danny and Kathy, are missionaries in Kenai, which is in southern Alaska, far below the Arctic Circle. Tell us something of Kenai, please, Mrs. Johnson.

**Mrs. Johnson:** Kenai is a fishing village with a mixed population of Indians, Filipinos, and some people of Scandinavian descent. Most of the Indians are of the Russian Orthodox faith. We also are in contact with construction workers from the States and with many servicemen.

**Interviewer:** What is mission work like in Kenai?

**Mrs. Johnson:** Our church activities are very much like those of any small church

you know. We have a full program, which includes Sunday school and Training Union and a Woman's Missionary Society. Our Society has only eight members at present. The church membership is forty. This past summer we completed our third vacation Bible school. Sixty-nine were enrolled with an average attendance of fifty. We felt this was our best and most rewarding Bible school.

**Interviewer:** Would you please tell us of people in your church that we might know them better.

**Mrs. Johnson:** One Christian woman thrilled my heart with this simple testimony. She said, "I've felt the presence of God more in that ugly little building"—meaning the church which isn't especially attractive—"than anywhere else I've ever been."

How happy we were recently when two servicemen accepted Christ during prayer meeting one Thursday night. They were being sent elsewhere, and we felt they never would again be as near to accepting the Lord as Saviour. How we rejoiced that they were saved!

I wish you might know some of the children in our church and could hear them singing such songs as "Jesus Loves Me." Sometimes they sing these words:

Jesus loves the Eskimo boy,  
Malemute doggie for his toy.  
Big Filipino, little Chinese,  
They live far across the seas.

Yes, Jesus loves us,  
Yes, Jesus loves us,  
Yes, Jesus loves us,  
The Bible tells us so.

**Interviewer:** Thank you, Mrs. Johnson.

*(For variety the Second Interviewer and Mrs. John Jeffcoat, Fairbanks, Alaska, pick up chairs at left and move close to map at center.)*

**Second Interviewer:** And now we fly into the heart of Alaska, to Fairbanks, which is near the center of the great state. Here

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we shall visit the Jeffcoats, who for three years have served the Native Baptist Mission, which was established by First Baptist Church in Anchorage.

Mrs. Jeffcoat, we're looking forward to these moments of visiting with you. We appreciate the interesting book you wrote for our Sunbeams to study. At first your first name, Raleigh, threw me. Then I found out that Mrs. John Jeffcoat and Raleigh Jeffcoat was the same person.

Mrs. Jeffcoat: That name Raleigh has caused me some difficulty. I shall enjoy the opportunity of telling you about our work. I'm still quite new at this business of discussing a mission field.

**Interviewer:** Let's begin with your home, Mrs. Jeffcoat.

Mrs. Jeffcoat: We think it is lovely here in Anchorage. Some of our missionaries enjoy splendid comforts provided by you at home. There's a fresh cup of coffee and a hot pan of chocolate brownies on the big electric stove. The large refrigerator and the new washing machine are both blessings. This twenty-four hour day brightens this pretty green and white cottage that Baptists make possible for us to live in, and the perky little pot plants are thriving. In the bitter winter when weather conditions in sub-zero temperatures blot out almost the sight of our home, we are warm inside even in forty, fifty, and even sixty below temperatures outside. The future of Native Mission parsonage just refuses to be outdone!

There are blessings of physical comfort here that cannot be enjoyed in our more isolated areas as you have heard.

**Interviewer:** Would you tell us please what your day, or week, is like on the mission field?

Mrs. Jeffcoat: Anything is likely to happen at 1501 Lacey Street, and the Jeffcoats are peculiarly fitted to meet emergencies.

Our Bible School has just closed after two wonderful weeks. Last night after commencement I drove the Sunday school bus—a little Volkswagen furnished for our work here at Native Mission. It was loaded with happy youngsters. I left our kitchen filled with summer student workers. While out, I stopped in for a chat with a couple who work nobly in the mission and reached home about eleven. After reading the book of James, I finally dozed off to sleep but was awakened at three by pounding on the door. It was seven tired and sleepy natives—five adults and two babies, who stayed for the night.

They left this morning about eight. At eleven I had another guest, a lovely Baptist woman visiting in Alaska. I enjoyed the privilege of showing her the mission. At three the Dick Millers arrived from the States with their little Richard and Tommy and a fine young native boy they have had in school in Tennessee.

Also this week the Willie Johnsons (see page 2) visited with us. They are the first native couple trained in our Training School here in Anchorage and are to serve as missionaries at Selawik. They were so proud of their new assignment—as proud as we are to know them.

The mission plane, filled to capacity, just left Phillips Field to go to an Indian village forty minutes air time over the mountain. Martha, our seventeen-year-old, together with two stateside visitors, went with her dad to a little village of some 225 people. When the plane lands, all the village people come to meet it. Whispering, with broad smiles they say, "The missionaries come." Martha will be besieged, for



Church-goers are enthusiastic and eager for the Word of life

she bears an inevitable sack of goodies and is the story-teller and planner of games for the youngsters of the village. The mothers, however, know that "Brother John," my husband, is bringing clothing for them. They know too that he has word from the outside—and just over the mountain is indeed "outside"—for many of them know little else but that which lies within the borders of the tiny group of houses that dot the river bank.

**Interviewer:** Your last attitudes almost leave me breathless. You mentioned your daughter, Martha. Have you any other children?

**Mrs. Jeffcoat:** We have four children. Our daughter, Peggy, graduated last spring from the University of Alaska. She and her husband are now teaching in Hawaii. Our Martha graduated from high school in the spring and entered college, under the Margaret Fund, at the University of Alaska. Bruce, our nineteen-year-old, is in the Navy. Sammy, twelve, is as "native" as they come! He fishes, hunts, skis, and romps with the children.

**Interviewer:** You are indeed a wonderful Christian family. Tell us something of the



mission church program, please. And by the way, do you have a WMU?

**Mrs. Jeffcoat:** Yes, I'm a member of WMU. In fact, I'm serving as president of the Alaska WMU and would deeply appreciate your prayers for our work.

Our church has all the mission organizations except YWA. GAs are a special joy to us, and our RA boys have a gem of a leader. We have Training Union, Sunday school, Brotherhood. All are accomplishing much good among our people.

Across the street, gleaming in all its

lovely newness, stands a mission building that speaks louder than anything else could of the love of you at home for the work in Alaska.

Only God can know how deeply burdened we are by the lack of response from the people here. Only He can know the disappointment we feel when those who make feeble responses waver and return to their former paths of sin.

Perhaps not in our day, but in the years that lie ahead God will reward our labor. In the lives of the boys and girls of today we shall lay a foundation for Christ's kingdom among the native people of Alaska.

In our Bible school recently five Intermediates stood with their faces filled with love in commitment of their lives in full-time service for their Lord—two teachers, a nurse, a doctor, and a preacher to serve their own Alaska Indian and Eskimo. These boys and girls and other Junior and Primary boys and girls in our missions across Alaska shall someday reap for God a harvest built upon the foundation we have laid in their lives!

**Interviewer:** We are grateful to you, Mrs. Jeffcoat, for sharing with us your life as a missionary. You have helped deepen our concern for Baptist mission work in Alaska, and hereafter we shall be praying more positively and personally for you and our other missionaries. Certainly we have been made acutely aware of the great missionary opportunity and responsibility facing Southern Baptists in our biggest and newest state.

**Conclusion:** During the celebration of Alaska's statehood, housewives in Skagway, Alaska, paraded in the streets wearing embroidered badges that proclaimed:

"Bigger Than Texas!

Better Than California!

ALASKA—GOD'S COUNTRY!"

Will it really be God's country as it grows into a great state? (Read again Alaska's song "The Alaska Flag," cover 4) God expects us to invade this frontier for him.

Alaska may grow and prosper economically as our 49th state, but without Christian men and women as citizens, she will falter and stumble.

**Scripture Reading:** Joshua 1:6-9.

**Prayer:** For missionaries, Mr. and Mrs. John O. Jeffcoat, Mr. and Mrs. Willie Johnson, Mr. Richard Luncford, Mr. and Mrs. Mike McKay, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Maison, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Miller, Miss Valeria Sherard; mission pastors, Mr. J. E. Akin, Mr. Robert Gingrich, Mr. George W. Johnson, Mr. Clifford S. McConnell, Mr. James H. Rose, Mr. James P. Samples. Pray for the Home Mission Board's work in Alaska, for Christians living there, for the future of this great state, that it shall have Christians in government positions.

## ANSWERS to Alaska, page 32

Rate Yourself

(Allow one point for each correct answer.)

18-20—You're "in the know."

14-17—You skipped pages when you read about Alaska.

10-13—Maybe you'd better visit our newest state!

6-9—Get out the dunce hat!

Below 6—No sugar in your lemonade!

Answers: 1—B, 2—C, 3—C, 4—A, 5—B, 6—C,

7—C, 8—C, 9—B, 10—A, 11—A,

12—C, 13—C, 14—A, 15—B, 16—B,

17—A, 18—C, 19—C, 20—C.





# DID YOU READ IT?

by MRS. WILLIAM McMURRY



## Special Report from World Fair

In the past several months the estimate is that some 50 million people have tramped the spectacular 500-acre exposition in Brussels. Each nation has tried to show "the greatness and glory" of its way of life. Russia spent a reported \$2,000,000 for literature praising the virtues of communism, and boasted that the most popular souvenir was their booklet telling of the growth of communism. The Roman Catholic Church from its building has distributed tons of literature emphasizing the Vatican's political power. "Compared to Rome and Moscow, the Protestant witness was very weak. But there was an evangelical testimony," writes one of the editors of *Moody Monthly*.

In a special report to the magazine he states that the most effective Protestant display was sponsored by thirty-seven missions affiliated with the Congo Protestant Council. A 48-page magazine, *Congo*, profusely illustrated, told of the power of the gospel in a remote pagan area.

The highlight of the Protestant display was centered around the Bible Pavilion sponsored by the Belgian Gospel Mission. A large number of priests, monks, and nuns stopped to look at the Bibles and talk with members of the staff. Russian employees of the Soviet Pavilion took Gospels of Mark exclaiming that they were happy to have a gospel of Marx!

The United Bible Societies erected a big illuminated Bible 45x30 feet on which some of the significant verses were projected in seven different languages, including Russian. Observers reported that many sightseers paused to read the verses, often repeating them aloud; others translated them to their companions.

So it was that many globe-trotters found something to see which, no doubt, they were not looking for but happily found.

## "Neither a Slave Nor a Drunkard"

February is a good month to recall this bit of history which was retold a year ago in *The American Issue*, organ of the National Temperance League.

When the Internal Revenue Bill was before Congress in 1862 Lincoln opposed it and was inclined to veto the measure unless the liquor license provision was removed. Yielding to the pleading of Secretary of the Treasury Chase, who assured him that the bill was an emergency war measure and that it would be repealed as soon as the war ended, Lincoln signed the bill with these words: "I would rather lose my right hand than to sign a document that will tend to perpetuate the liquor traffic, and as soon as the exigencies pass away I will turn my whole attention to the repeal of that document."

On the day of his assassination Lincoln referred to the subject of the repeal. Speaking to one of his officers whom he had summoned to go on a special mission to New York, he said: "In 1842--less than

a quarter of a century ago--I predicted under the influence of God's spirit that the time would come when there would be neither a slave nor a drunkard in the land. Thank God, I have lived to see one of these prophecies fulfilled. I hope to see the other realized. And after reconstruction the next great question will be the overthrow of the liquor traffic." The officer asked if he might publish the statement and Lincoln replied, "Yes, publish it as wide as the daylight shines." The next morning the world knew Lincoln was dead.

## Bomb Tests

At intervals over a period of many months the *Manchester Guardian*, Britain's famous weekly, has made pertinent observations on nuclear tests. The same week after the United Nations' report on the effects of radiation was published, the British government announced the resumption of nuclear tests. Editorial comment was unusually caustic. "The Asians will take this report (UN) seriously indeed, for the rice-eating nations stand in greater danger from the ingestion of strontium than either the people of Britain or the US. There can be no certainty who will die of bone cancer, how many babies will be malformed as a result of these tests. No one who is not completely callous can wholeheartedly support them."

The Japanese government reacted sharply to the mid-summer tests of 1958 by the United States when two of their ships with crews totaling 113 members were showered with radio-active fall-out near Eniwetok. This incident recalled the nuclear dusting of the Japanese fishing boat in 1954.

The *Japan Times* commented: "While British scientists appear to think that the chances of fallout from H bombs causing radiation diseases are slight, others hold a different opinion. The fact is that the rate of blood cancer in Hiroshima is double that in the rest of Japan. Vast water expense is being contaminated in the Pacific."

The World Council of Churches through its commission on international affairs concluded its statement on disarmament and atomic tests with these words: "What appears to be impossible with men is surely possible with God. To Him we pray that He who has taken upon Himself the burdens and sorrows of mankind may guide and strengthen our work for peace on earth."

## Thirteen Years Almost: Hiroshima and Nagasaki

Twelve years after the atomic blast *Missions* magazine reminded its readers that there were some 85,000 still living in the city of Hiroshima who were there during the raid. A survey made at that time under Christian auspices showed that the most serious result of the bombing is a proneness to leukemia. A second tragic aftermath is the scar-tissues which have developed and have made the victims so repulsive that they are never seen in public. It is not surprising that in each city there is at least one organization dedicated to the outlawing of nuclear weapons.

Did you read *The Story of the Hiroshima Maidens* which ran serially in *The Window of YWA* beginning with the August 1956 issue? It is not too late.



## WRITING A NEW CHAPTER

by Mrs. R. L. Mathis, president Woman's Missionary Union

When on Monday, March 2, Southern Baptist women gather in more than 20,000 churches, to begin the Week of Prayer for

Home Missions, history will be recalled and written.

For sixty-five years we have met to study the spiritual needs of our native land, to pray, and to give an offering.

I wonder what those women would say to us today, those women who met in scattered societies, those women who began the time of prayer and "self-denial offering" for home mission work. If they could speak across the years, what would they urge us to do in this 1959 Week of Prayer for Home Missions and the Annie Armstrong Offering?

First of all they might remind us that this Week of Prayer is a mighty force in the prayer program of every church; that we have added resources, comfortable buildings in which to meet, cars, nurseries, adequate materials, visual aids, trained women, money.

It was a great event in Southern Baptist life and for the Christian cause all over the world when Woman's Missionary Union began the Week of Prayer for Home Missions and took an offering, "a thank offering," "a self-denial offering."

Today we can say with thanksgiving and praise, "The Lord hath done great things for us; whereof we are glad."

He hath done great things for us because our pastors have helped us.

They have preached missionary appeals on Sunday preceding the Week of Prayer. The pastors have led in helping "our women" with the offering.

Our church members have responded! We have been encouraged in praying, in meeting together. We have been helped by our churches, placing this Week of Prayer for Home Missions on the church calendars. We have honored this home mission love offering as being "over and above" our regular tithes and gifts through the Cooperative Program. Our churches have not placed this special offering in the budget, nor has it been passed by.

The denomination has responded! The denominational committee has carefully guarded this important Week of Prayer which our Home Mission Board and home missions depend upon. The executive secretary of the Sunday School Board which directs most of our organized church life, has set aside the two WMU weeks of prayer as "dates," when all the leaders of these groups are to remain in Nashville for staff meetings; thus in our churches "no field work during the weeks of prayer" is the order of the day.

Added to that—at the 1958 Southern Baptist Convention this same executive secretary brought a recommendation from the Sunday School Board that the traditional Home and Foreign Mission day in Sunday school be changed to two days; that the Sunday preceding the WMU Week of Prayer for Home Missions be observed for study and prayer for home

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Of the hills and streams;  
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in the northern sky,  
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of the last frontier.  
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