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# Royal Service





## The Journey of a Thought

Out of the hearts of pioneers there flamed in our early history such white hot convictions for personal and corporate freedom that our nation was "conceived in liberty."

One such pioneer was among the passengers aboard the LYON, sailing from England to the New World in 1631. This young man, fleeing England to escape arrest, had committed no crime—except the crime of preaching religious freedom. The young man was Roger Williams. He it was who is credited with establishing the Baptist movement on this continent. Traditionally, Baptists have stood firm on the principle of individual freedom of the person to determine what he shall believe about God; to a complete separation of church and state, both limiting themselves in the realms of freedom.

The "freedom thought" which originated with God, is clearly a basic New Testament teaching. It must be cherished and nourished and passed on from generation to generation. It must be sacrificed for—else the journey of the principle of religious liberty in our country will end in fond remembrance.

# French Americans

## IN LOUISIANA

by Carl E. Conrad, Home Mission Board Missionary

MUCH OF THE Home Mission Board's work in South Louisiana is among the French Americans who live along many of Louisiana's more than 450 winding bayous. There is the 93-mile Bayou Lafourche ("the fork") heading from the Mississippi River below Baton Rouge and disappearing in the marshes below Golden Meadow. It is often called the "longest street in the world" because the banks are lined with houses (on both sides in places) practically the entire length of the stream. Colorful boats ply its waters constantly, manned by fishermen who go to the lakes or Gulf to fish or by captains of tugboats pulling a string of barges. Some of Louisiana's loveliest cities, such as New Iberia and Houma, are built on the banks of bayous.

There are Bayous Grand Caillou ("big pebble"), Pointe au Chien ("dog point") and others in more remote regions near which grow oaks with moss-laden boughs. Life is simpler here. In front of almost every house is a pirogue—a one-man boat, the fisherman's jeep. Fishing nets are often stretched out in the yard. Trappers hang stretched muskrat hides on long poles to dry. In the house a mid-morning visitor is cordially received and served superbly brewed French coffee.

These people are gay. They love entertainment. But among many, all they know are resultant effects connected with loud music, the boisterous dance, drinking, and gambling (especially bingo).

## French Americans

"More than 450 winding bayous, some wide, others narrow."



Many of the French-speaking along bayous in rural areas are illiterate or poorly educated for the most part. They are usually both religious and superstitious. They are hospitable and affable. The women are meticulous housekeepers and the men industrious workers. They are ignorant of the Scriptures, which they do not possess, or read if they do own a copy.

### The French Came Long Ago

The French have been in Louisiana a long time—245 years. They settled first in Natchitoches in 1714, later in greater numbers in New Orleans. This was roughly two decades before the birth of George Washington and 62 years preceding the Declaration of Independence. The Acadians, who had gone from France to Acadia (now Nova Scotia), migrated to the bayous of Louisiana around 1765. Thus, a portion of Old World culture—language, customs, and religion—was transplanted to Louisiana soil.

Although South Louisiana is distinctly French, it has been influenced by the Spanish. It was they who came first in the early 1500s to explore. Then De Soto discovered the Mississippi River in 1541. Spain dominated the Territory for more than 40 years until 1803.

### Catholicism in Louisiana

The Catholic Church has dominated every area of French life. From 1724 the "Black Code" was imposed on the people forbidding non-Catholic worship until the Louisiana Purchase in 1803. Despite this, several venturesome Baptist preachers dared to enter the French country about 1800 but were arrested or driven away. Others preached there later but under great difficulty.

Because of the force of the American

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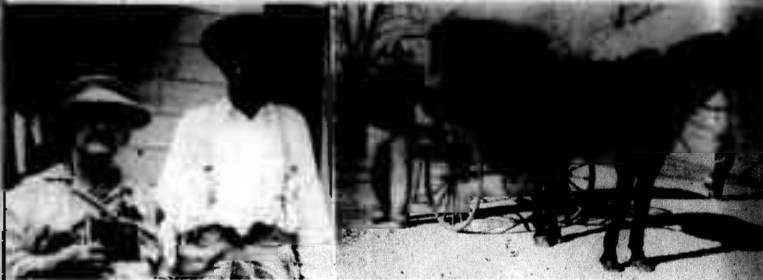
democratic ideal, Catholicism is somewhat restrained today. Methods of resistance are not always obvious; a Protestant businessman in a South Louisiana town was willing to rent a vacant lot to Baptists for use during a tent meeting but said he did not dare do so because Catholics would be encouraged to boycott his business. In another community a Catholic man had been trying for some time to sell a house and lot. Baptists began a work there and found the property desirable for their mission. The man said he would be glad to sell it

to them and began the transaction. But he suddenly changed his mind and would not sell. It was learned that Catholic pressure was the reason.

In South Louisiana the Catholic Church is bold about teaching their catechism (doctrines) in public schools. A survey showed that this is done in at least 75 schools, in some places by the public schoolteachers during school hours! It is a well known fact that the Catholic people are constantly told that Protestants, especially Baptists, are "heretics," that they are bigots because

More familiar with bayous than roads, Laise Dardar and Anselle are at home in a pirogue





French couple leaving church at Belle-deau, Louisiana. Buggies are not unfamiliar for land transportation

they deplore Catholic violation of religious freedom, and that they are ignorant, lost, second-rate people.

#### The Home Mission Board Entered in 1846

Efforts were made by Baptists to work in New Orleans as early as 1816, but with no permanent success. The first Southern Baptist agency to do missionary work there was the Home Mission Board, organized simultaneously with the Southern Baptist Convention in 1845. The following year the Board sent out its first appointees, one of which went to New Orleans. Since that time—for 113 years—it has maintained work in French Louisiana. The Louisiana Baptist Convention was not organized until 1848 and it was 1880 before the first missionary was appointed.

The Home Mission Board has been a "helping hand" to states unable to provide for extensive needs, such as ours in Louisiana with its French-speaking people. The foundation of much that Louisiana Baptists have accomplished has been laid through the years by the Home Mission Board. Through the Annie Armstrong Offering and the Cooperative Program all Southern Baptists have had a part in this French work.

#### Ministries of the Board

The ministries of the Home Mission Board in Louisiana have been numerous and varied: assistance in the purchase of property, construction of church buildings and missionary homes or with rental allowance, funds allocated for repair and improvement, station wagons, travel money where excessive travel is required, assistance for Relief and Annuity and hospitalization insurance policies, scholarships for French mission college students, shared expenses of conferences for mission workers, furnished many types of equipment, and many other unusual needs.

During 1958 the Home Board expended almost \$200,000 in the Pelican State, three-fourths of it in New Orleans and the other fourth across the southern section in mission churches and missions.

The Home Mission Board co-operates with the Louisiana State Board. Although both Boards do various types of work, the emphasis by the Home Board is on the minority groups while that of the State Board has been on the larger centers of activity usually.

#### The Need for Preaching in French

Although there are many of the 800,000 French people who are bilingual, thousands still do not understand English. Some can grasp common English words in conversation, but do not actually understand sufficiently to comprehend the gospel. (Please turn to page 6)

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#### July RS Cover Story

French Louisiana is unique and strange. A visitor whose language he cannot understand, even people living along the water, trapping animals and paddling the pirogues to visit a neighbor down the bayou. They speak a most lovely but hard-to-hear dialect on a native accent and there is a feeling of remoteness in the character of the people.

Our Home Mission Board recognizes that missionary work among the French-speaking must be geared to effectiveness in light of these circumstances. These fellow Americans must hear the message of salvation in Christ Jesus. Your missionary program will enhance your understanding of this work.

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pel message. This is true chiefly of rural and older people. Of course, there are those who speak and understand both languages well.

It is unreality of the first degree to imagine that the French language will disappear in a few years or that evangelism in French will not be needed. Would that this were true; it would greatly simplify the task of missions. But as the present situation maintains after almost two and a half centuries, it is likely that it will continue for years to come.

It is altogether possible to carry on an



Preachers who serve the cause of Christ in South Louisiana are helping French-speaking Christians to witness more effectively among their own people

English work, chiefly among transient Baptists, in a French community and fail to reach the native French population when there is no preaching in French. Even the efforts of French lay members have not achieved much without the service of missionaries. This is being demonstrated at present in several communities in South Louisiana, where the French still are not being reached. This situation can be remedied in part by having in an association or area a general worker who visits and conducts services one day each week in the language of the people.

### The French Area

The Home Mission Board French work in Louisiana is a large irregularly shaped triangle which begins in the center of the state, just below Alexandria, and extends east and southeastward to the Mississippi line and southwestward to the Texas line with the Gulf of Mexico as the southern boundary. This includes the larger or fringe area where the French population grows thin (see page 33).

The heart of the French area is the central-east portion of the larger area where the greatest concentration of French live. In this section only 5 per cent are Baptist, and there are more than one hundred towns of 200 to 2,000 people with no Baptist or Protestant witness. In most towns the French language is used and traditions and culture are difficult to penetrate.

The Catholic Church has redoubled its efforts to resist evangelical Christianity.

The task of the Home Mission Board has just begun because in many sections of South Louisiana the present work is a long-range venture and must be continued for many years. But the task is approached with the assurance of the words of the prophet, "My word . . . shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it" (Isaiah 55:11). A wonderful part of it all is that missionary-hearted women in the Southern Baptist Convention share with the missionaries in these tasks for the Lord.

## Roman Catholicism and the

# Presidency

By C. STANLEY LOWELL

THE PRESIDENCY of the United States is a very special job. It is, without a doubt, one of the two or three most important jobs in the world. The exercise of its power touches the life of every citizen in this country and of many millions in other lands.

What should we know about a candidate for this position? Why, obviously, everything. There can be no blind spots in the information available to the public. There can be no hiding out in any issue that could have any conceivable bearing on how the man might conduct himself if elected. The reason for this is clear: the job is too important to be trifled with. Any man who offers for the Presidency must be ready to open his record, and his mind and heart as well, to public scrutiny as no other human being, short of the Judgment Day, will ever be required to do.

### No Blind Spot

All of this applies to the candidate's religion just as it applies to any other consideration. For a man's religion would certainly influence his conduct in office. Under our system there can be no religious test for public office. Neither can there be suppression of free inquiry.

Senator John F. Kennedy, a man of Roman Catholic faith frequently mentioned for the Democratic nomination, has faced the question of religious "conflict of interest" in forthright fashion. The organization *Protestants and Other Americans United* addressed three famous ques-

tions to him and other candidates of Catholic faith in late 1957. All three bore upon the church-state issue. Kennedy initially refused to reply. Later he made tentative replies. Under the continued pressure of thousands of personal letters, in the March 3 issue of LOOK magazine, he gave clear-cut answers. He said, briefly, that he would oppose subsidies to parochial schools since the Constitution forbids them; that he did not favor appointment of an ambassador to the Vatican; and that he himself was a product of public schools. He then added that nothing, including his private religion, would take precedence over his oath to uphold the Constitution and all its parts—including the First Amendment and the strict separation of church and state (see page 24).

As soon as this statement was published the Roman Catholic press began to attack Senator Kennedy and to urge a retraction. The attack was pitched in the tune that Kennedy had put his oath to uphold the Constitution above his loyalty to "God" and "conscience." It should be made clear, however, that these words in such a connection have quite a different meaning for Catholics than for Protestants. For the Catholic conscience is not a personal thing at all; conscience is what the church tells him to do. As Pope Leo XIII put it:

... the supreme teacher in the Church is the Roman Pontiff. Union of minds requires . . . complete submission and obedience of will to the Church and to the Roman Pontiff, as to God Himself." And Cardinal Mercier: "The papacy, the ac-



"Enlightened citizens of our country want to KNOW that the President will exercise independent judgment on all matters, that he will not be influenced by any power group. Any man who offers for the Presidency must be ready to open his mind and heart as well, and his mind and heart as well, to public scrutiny as no other human being will ever be required to do."

repted and cherished supremacy of one conscience over all other consciences, of one will over all other wills!"

It is interesting that practically every Roman Catholic paper which commented on Senator Kennedy's statement regretted his having discussed the religious issue at all. "Bowling to bigotry," appeasing the bigots, "open invitation to secularism"—these are some of the comments. One well-known priest even suggested that Senator Kennedy might as well join POAU. Catholic papers are obviously terrified at the prospect of a free and open discussion of this matter. Why? Is it because they do not want the public to know such facts as are contained in our preceding paragraph?

But why does Senator Kennedy have to proclaim his church-state "credo"? Why do we expect such a "credo" from any candidate of Roman Catholic faith? Why do we not ask it of a Baptist candidate, or a Methodist, or Presbyterian, or Episcopalian, or Lutheran or Congregational candidate? The answer is that the Roman Church claims absolute control over areas of life in which the American people have reserved authority to themselves. Our Catholic friends frequently tell us that the Pope has authority only in moral and spiritual matters. The late Cardinal Stritch was fond of saying: "A Catholic's allegiance to the Pope is spiritual and religious. The Church does not enter the political field." The trouble with this is that the Pope reserves to himself the right to define what moral and spiritual matters are and he has

included most matters in the area of politics. The fact is that there are frequent clashes between the Canon Law of the Roman church and the civil law of the United States. This is why Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt recently expressed the hope that a Catholic President would "be strong enough so that if the question should arise of the difference between church and state, he can really act apart from the religious basis."

American citizens want to know that their President would faithfully perform his civil duties even though these might conflict with the directives of Popes. They do not want a President who would take his oath of office and then presently complain that he could not carry it out because his "conscience" would not let him run counter to the interests of his church. Americans are well aware of the myriad pronouncements from the very highest authorities of the Roman Church urging Catholics, in case of conflict, always to put the church before the civil authority. For example, Pope Leo XIII: "... if the laws of the State are ... at variance with divine law (the law of the Roman Catholic Church) ... or conveying injunctions adverse to the duties imposed by (the Roman Catholic) religion ... then, truly, to resist becomes a positive duty, to obey, a crime." No other church assumes such authority or makes such a claim, but the Roman Catholic Church does. That is why citizens want to know that their President intends to exercise independent judgment on all issues.

### Areas of Conflict

What are some of the areas where there might be a "conflict of interest" between church directives and the civil duty of a Roman Catholic president? There is education. The Roman Catholic Church orders parents to boycott public schools which are under community control unless the priest is willing to make an exception. Does the Roman Catholic candidate accept or reject it?

There is the matter of marriage and divorce over which the Roman Catholic Church claims complete jurisdiction, inexorably insisting that children born of mixed marriages must, in every case, be reared in the Catholic faith. There is the matter of adoptions: the Roman Catholic Church consistently advocates laws which "would keep Catholic children in orphanages unless Catholic foster parents are available. Does the candidate approve of such claims and such laws?

There is the matter of birth control. The Roman Catholic Church advocates laws forbidding dissemination of such information, such as the law in Massachusetts, and uses its influence to ban all birth control therapy in public hospitals. Does the candidate approve?

Bishops of the Roman Catholic Church have repeatedly demanded tax money to operate their schools. Would the candidate help them get it, or would he uphold the Constitution?

Roman Catholic law forbids a Catholic to attend a service of any denomination

other than his own, unless a priest gives him permission. Would the candidate, if elected, be free to go to church—any church where he might wish to attend?

One question sums it all up: Would the candidate be "in heart and conscience free?" On August 15, 1958, a Roman Catholic paper, *The Tidings*, published a letter from a man who wanted to know what a Catholic would do in case there was a conflict between the dictates of his own conscience and the dictates of his church. Father John V. Sheridan replied, without even pausing for breath: "There is no conflict between the dictates of a Catholic's conscience and those of his church for the simple reason that the dictates of his conscience will always follow and reflect those of his church. . . . Catholic Church members' consciences are actually formed by the decrees of the Church."

A Roman Catholic candidate who consents to this should never get a Protestant or a Jewish vote. What Father Sheridan says here is that when in doubt a faithful Catholic will simply do what his church tells him to do. There are many millions of Americans who do not have that kind of confidence in the Roman Catholic Church. They would not trust that church, any more than they would trust any other group, to be the sole arbiter of their President's conscience. The President of the United States must not be subject to the dictation of any group, no matter how holy its pretensions. He must be his own man, an impartial arbiter, faithfully serving the interests of all people of all faiths.

# Let's go to Louisiana

Use your imagination—and these ideas for a more *program this month*

## LOUISIANA LORE

Match column at right with correct statement

1. ( ) The biggest real estate deal in history
2. ( ) Louisiana's name for a county
3. ( ) Descendant of original French and Spanish colonists
4. ( ) Descendant of Acadian exiles to Louisiana
5. ( ) Location of US Leprosarium
6. ( ) A bird appearing on the state seal
7. ( ) A kind of soup
8. ( ) Hot milk and hot coffee
9. ( ) Black coffee
10. ( ) A foot-long sandwich made of French Bread
11. ( ) A kind of candy
12. ( ) A song about the Mississippi
13. ( ) A dugout canoe
14. ( ) A sluggish stream of water
15. ( ) A gratuity, "over and above" or extra
16. ( ) A French missionary with the same name as a town
17. ( ) The state flower
18. ( ) The Pre-Lenten celebration
19. ( ) The writer of this month's Royal Service program
20. ( ) The writer of the article "French Americans in Louisiana," page 1

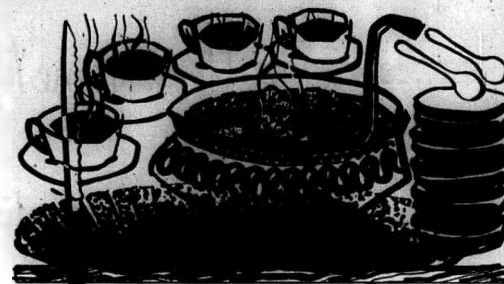
- a. Poor Boy
- b. Bayou
- c. Magnolia
- d. Creole
- e. Pariah
- f. Gumbo
- g. Carville
- h. Mardi Gras
- i. Praline
- j. Cajun
- k. Edg Shutz
- l. Logansport
- m. Cafe au lait
- n. Carl Conrad
- o. Louisiana Purchase
- p. Cafe noir
- q. "Old Man River"
- r. Lawrence Thibodeaux
- s. Pirogue
- t. Pelican

—Cathleen Lewis, Birmingham, Alabama

Answers: 1-a; 2-e; 3-d; 4-j; 5-g; 6-i; 7-f; 8-m; 9-p; 10-a; 11-i; 12-q; 13-a; 14-b; 15-i; 16-r; 17-c; 18-k; 19-h; 20-o

## PERTINENT POINTS TO PONDER About French Louisiana

800,000 French in Louisiana  
1 out of 140 a Baptist; 1,000,000 Catholics  
20 Baptist Churches and Missions among French  
26 Missionaries to French in 1958 (from SBC)  
Distributed: 250 Bibles and Gospels  
4,176 Tracts and other Christian literature  
Missionaries made 7,222 religious visits  
Missionaries worked with 1,337 individuals  
Christians rejoiced in: 101 professions of faith  
43 baptisms



Games and  
Recipes and  
Points to Ponder  
will give  
real life  
to your study

## Program Meeting Suggestions

A devotional thought is included with each section of the program. Each woman with assigned responsibility gives this with her material; or ask one woman to read, as they come in the program, all the Scripture passages and hymn stanzas. She stands to one side and appears to read from a large pulpit type Bible. Substitute King James Version if you prefer.

Make a large chart giving statistics in "Pertinent Points to Ponder." Display chart in a prominent place. Call attention to chart, but do not read the facts. Make it large so the women will read for themselves.

Tracts, available from the Home Mission Board, 161 Spring Street, N.W., Atlanta 3, Georgia, "The French in Louisiana" by Carl E. Conrad and "The Southern Baptist Home Mission Travel Guide."

Before your program, prepare enough copies of "Louisiana Lore" for each person at your meeting. Use at beginning of program.

Will you have a luncheon meeting? Try Creole Gumbo. And for dessert, try Creole Pecan Pralines.

## Creole Gumbo

- 1 lb. beef cut in 1" cubes
- 1 lb. sliced raw ham cut in 1" cubes
- 3 T-spoons bacon drippings
- 2 heaping T-spoons flour
- 1 lb. okra
- 3 medium onions
- 2 C. celery
- 2 T-spoons file powder
- 2 lb. crab meat
- 1 large can tomatoes
- 4 garlic buds
- 2 lb. raw shrimp
- 2 C. parsley

Chop onion, parsley, celery, and garlic. Heat bacon fat, brown stew meat, and ham. Add flour and brown. Add okra and onions and cook 5 minutes. Add tomatoes and 4 qts. water. Add parsley, celery, and garlic. Simmer one hour. Add cooked shrimp and boil one hour. Add crab meat and cook 15 minutes. Add file powder and stir well. Season with salt, pepper, and cayenne. Serve over rice, cooked dry.

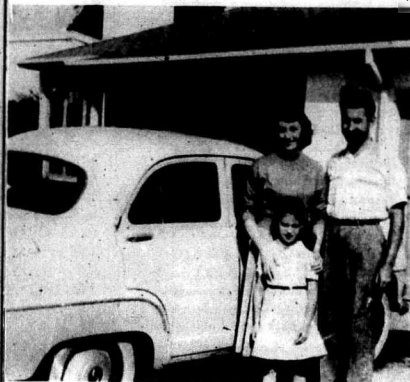
## Creole Pecan Pralines

- 2½ C. sugar
- 1 small can evaporated milk
- 4 T-spoons butter
- 2½ C. shelled pecans
- vanilla

Cook sugar and evaporated milk together slowly in heavy saucepan until a little of the mixture dropped from spoon into a cup of cold water will form soft ball (240 degrees on candy thermometer). Remove from fire and allow to cool slightly. Add butter and vanilla and beat for a few minutes only, then add pecans. Before candy hardens drop by spoonfuls on waxed paper.

## KNOW Your Home Missionaries

### The Amelio Giannetta of San Francisco



Amelio and Lidia Giannetta with their little girl, Grace, outside their home in San Francisco, California

Would you like to hear a recording of our radio program?" Amelio Giannetta leaned over and turned a knob on his portable tape recorder and suddenly the room was filled with song, "I Will Sing the Won-

drous Story," sung beautifully by a mixed quartet for the Italian program, *Buona Novella*.

Using radio and modern electronic equipment, our home missionary reaches out to give the Good News to the more than 50,000 Italians in the San Francisco Bay Area. The program is broadcast each Sunday evening in Italian.

My husband and I enjoyed a delicious spaghetti dinner with the Giannettas. While Lidia cooked, she shared with me some of their experiences in Italy.

Amelio was born in the little village of Bisaccia, Italy. He was six when his mother died and he went to live in the Taylor Baptist Orphanage in Rome where he stayed for 14 years.

The second World War was a real and personal war for the Giannettas. Amelio served in the underground and feels that his life was spared repeatedly to be used of the Lord.

Both Amelio and Lidia grew up in Baptist churches but Lidia pointed out that they were church members without having a vital faith in Christ. One night Amelio did meet the Lord. From then on his heart's desire was to see Lidia put her trust in Christ.

"I wanted him to think of me as a girl!" Lidia laughed. "All he seemed to be interested in was my soul. And then I accepted Christ in a dynamic, eternal way and I understand his zeal."

by Lila Belle Hopkins

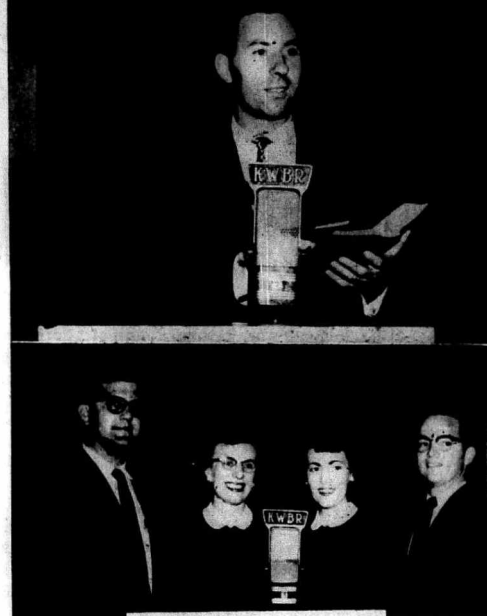
After the war Amelio came to the states to study at Southern Baptist Seminary in Louisville. Later Lidia followed on a student visa, and they were married here. When he graduated they were appointed by the Home Mission Board to work with the Italians in the San Francisco Bay Area.

They had been in California only a few months when the McCarran Act was passed. With a baby on the way, Lidia had to drop out of school and her student visa expired. In order to obtain a resident visa she had to return to Italy and re-enter the United States. It took nearly a year to fulfill all the requirements. Grace Ellen was only a few months old when she went to live with Amelio's sister in Cincinnati until the family could be reunited.

Now I watched first grader Grace assist her mother in setting the table. "How in the world did you stand it?" I asked.

"When it is necessary, you can do many things you did not believe you could," she replied softly.

As you enter the Giannetta's neat home in South San Francisco you notice at once the miniature bird bath from Italy. On the wall hangs a beautiful, colorful picture



Joyful singing and gospel preaching over radio are winsome in witnessing to the Italians of San Francisco in their own tongue

of the Tomb of Saint Cecilia, one of Amelio's several original paintings and drawings.

Lidia enjoys painting ceramics and she is an excellent seamstress, making her own and Grace's clothes.

Invariably the conversation returned to the radio program and the work with the Italians in northern California. Lidia has a lovely alto voice and sings in the quartet.

"You can hear the program in Santa Rosa also," Amelio told us in his musical Italian accent. "I have some names of people who have written me from there."

"Will you visit them and try to enlist them in your church?" we asked.

We knew that our missionary would try to follow up every opportunity.



# Today

from Washington

## Churches Are More Crowded

by Cyril E. Bryant  
Editorial Staff  
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JULY, a month when perhaps a third of all United States citizens are on vacation and away from their home churches, is a good time to remind ourselves that church attendance actually is on the increase.

Those of us who may have a tendency to say that television and automobiles and modern recreation have emptied church pews have, evidently, let our pessimism overrule the facts. The picture is not good, yet it apparently is not getting worse.

*Religion in American Life*, a non-sectarian movement which emphasizes the importance of religion in personal and community affairs, quotes a survey of the Gallup Poll on the matter. Mr. Gallup's question-asking legmen found that during 1958, fifty million, 500 thousand American adults attended church or synagogue services in an average week.

This figure is 2 million more—or 2 per cent higher—than in 1957.

Of course, it is nothing to brag about. The figure represents only 49 per cent of the total adult civilian population in the country. It means that more than half the total of American adults still are without the inspiration of a weekly church worship experience.

The RIAL announcement had many other interesting—and probing—revelations:

Roman Catholics attended more frequently than Protestants (the Catholic percentage is 74; the Protestant, 44; the Jewish, 18 per cent).

Women are more faithful than men in worship attendance (55 per cent of US women, 45 per cent of the men, were in church).

Proportionately there are more churchgoers in the larger cities than in small-town America (due, according to Gallup, to the concentration of Catholics in the cities). But half of all farm residents attend church regularly.

Middle-aged persons (30-49 years) had a better attendance record, 51 per cent, than those adults less than 30 or more than 50; each of which groups tallied 48 per cent.

And, a fact for which Mr. Gallup offers no explanation, worship attendance was highest in the Midwest—54 per cent of all adults—than in the East (52), South (51), or Far West (35).

That the Catholic insistence (perhaps compulsion is the more accurate word) on weekly worship attendance has its effects in packing the pews was shown throughout the survey. There was no separate breakdown for Baptists. RIAL revealed too that America's 49 per cent adult attendance contrasts with 14 per cent in Great Britain, which is nearly 80 per cent Protestant, and with 32 per cent in predominantly Protestant Australia.

The Gallup Poll figures had to do with worship attendance. Actual church membership, according to the 1959 *Yearbook of American Churches*, stands at 104,189,078, or 61 per cent of the total population (both adults and youth).



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

"If we come to Him in the way He has pointed out, with definite petitions, made known to us by the Spirit through the Word as being according to the will of God, we may most confidently believe that whatsoever we ask it shall be done"—Andrew Murray.

Prepared by Gwynn McLendon Day

1 Wednesday Ye... are... an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ 1 Pet. 2:5. (Read Rev. 1:4-8.)

"I had always attended the Catholic church, but had never learned of God's love and Christ's willingness to save. I had often been deeply unhappy, suffering intense longing which my religion was unable to satisfy." This was the testimony of an aged Mexican woman in Texas after her baptism by Missionary George E. Reid. "Everything in my life has changed. I am so completely happy..."

There are one million unreached Spanish-speaking people in Texas. One-third the population of New Mexico is Spanish. If these are to be won to Christ, many, many more workers must be placed among them with the Good News of a living Saviour. Pray that Christian people in the Southwest, as well as churches, associations, and mission boards, will be burdened for the salvation of these millions of lost Latin Americans.

PRAY for Mrs. Benito Villareal, Houston, Mrs. A. V. Alvarado, San Antonio, Tex., ev. among Spanish-speaking; Sylvia Alvarado, MF; Rev. Earl Parker, China-Korea, retired; Mrs. William Warren, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, ev.

2 Thursday Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching

thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints Eph. 6:18. (Read John 4:16-24.)

One of our newest mission fields is Kenya, East Africa. Mr. and Mrs. Davis L. Saunders began work in the capital city of Nairobi in December, 1958, by starting a Good Will Center in an area where masses of African people with no evangelical witness pass on their way to and from work. Largely Moslem, they do not know of their spiritual hunger, but are eager for education and self-improvement. Out of this center will grow a church with a full program of worship, Sunday school, Training Union, and Woman's Missionary Union. A highly successful vacation Bible school in 1958 stimulated widespread interest. Pray for God's continued blessing upon this new work, for the thousands of

It is important that our praying be in accord with the principles of prayer revealed by God. This month our Scripture readings are suggestive of some of these underlying principles of effective prayer.

Africans who can be won to Christ in Nairobi.

PRAY for Mr. Davis L. Saunders,\* Kenya, Mr. Chester R. Young,\* Hawaii, Rev. George H. Clark, Ipoh, Malaya, ev.; Mrs. Epifanio Salazar, Waco, Tex., ev. among Spanish-speaking; Mr. Gilbert Ross, San Jose, Costa Rica, Ign. st.

**3 Friday** Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness: for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with sighs too deep for words Rom. 8:26 RSV. (Read Rom. 8:26, 27; John 14:25, 26.)

"They do a lot of things that our regular workers cannot do. They just haven't said out yet that things cannot be done, so they go right ahead and do them," said the superintendent of city missions in New Orleans of the students who serve in the summer mission program in his area. This is true of the hundreds who are appointed each year for summer work from Alaska to Cuba. In 1957 they reported more than 4,800 professions of faith. Many become full time missionaries at home and abroad.

At the end of a vacation Bible school on an Arizona desert, one student said of a Junior boy who accepted Christ: "Had he been the only child at the ranch, Bible school would have been worth all the effort." Pray for the almost 500 students who are on fields of mission service this summer.

PRAY for Rev. William L. Clinton, Sao Paulo, Brazil, ev.

**4 Saturday** I exhort therefore, that . . . supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; For kings, and for all that are in authority 1 Tim. 2:1, 2. (Read 1 Tim. 2:1-8.)

When Missionary John E. Mills arrived in New York after seven years in Nigeria, he was overwhelmed by the hurrying, pushing city. The next day he stood high in the Empire State Building and looked down on rivers, great ships, Central Park, Fifth Avenue—and it was beautiful.

America is a powerful combination of the good and the bad, the Christian and the pagan. We must pray—and pray unceasingly—that it shall become more Christian, and reinforce our prayers with our lives. Nigerians know that our Constitution and Bill of Rights are products of Christian faith. They know, also, of racial bigotry and in-

tolerance. John Mills reminds us that one way to aid missions in Nigeria is to help solve the race problem at home. Pray for our country today, the President and his cabinet, Congress, Supreme Court judges, for governors and legislators, all in authority. Pray for professing Christians, that Christian principles shall prevail.

PRAY for Rev. John E. Mills,\* Nigeria, ed. ev.; Mrs. I. N. Patterson,\* Mrs. Cecil Robertson,\* Nigeria, Mrs. Ronald Fuller, Hong Kong, Rev. Theron V. Farris, Tokyo, Japan, Miss Mary Alice Ottsworth, Bandung, Indonesia; Rev. Richard A. Miller, Mountain Village, Alaska, ev.; Mrs. L. C. Smith,\* Nigeria, med. ev.; Mrs. Kent Farris, Cubero, N. Mex., ev. among Indians; Rev. George T. Martin, Tampa, Fla., ev. among Negroes; Miss Rose Lee Franks, Miami, Fla., GWC



**5 Sunday** Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full John 16:24. (Read John 16:16-33.)

After a first term of language study in San Jose, Costa Rica, Cecil L. Thompson wrote: "We are aware of our continued inability to use Spanish well. This produces a feeling of helplessness. . . ." He spoke for the majority of new missionaries who must learn another tongue.

The language school in Costa Rica, established by Presbyterians, is a tremendous advantage for those who learn to speak Spanish. Classes are taught by Spanish-speaking nationals to missionaries representing thirty-five mission boards. Ask for the Lord's blessings upon this school, for new missionaries learning to master the tongue through which they will witness.

PRAY for Mrs. Cecil L. Thompson, Buenos Aires, Argentina, Rev. Paul C. Porter, Sao Paulo, Brazil, ed. ev., Miss Anne Lissett, Chile, Mrs. T. C. Bagby, Brazil, retired; Mrs. W. M. Haverfield,\* Mexico, Mrs. Jose Corrales, Ceiba Mocha, Cuba, ev.

**6 Monday** Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you John 16:23. (Read Eph. 1:15-23; 2:18.)

Mrs. Thomas E. Lee (Bertha Wallis) tells of an Italian woman who came to the Good Will Center in Birmingham, Alabama. This woman said that she had learned more about Jesus at the center in two years than she had learned in Italy in thirty years. When canned goods for a poor family were provided by the WMS, she gave twice as much as others. When the women prepared a covered dish lunch, she brought two dishes. Mrs. Lee asked why she always gave more than others, and she replied, "I am trying to make up for the time I did not know Jesus." Let us pray for Italians in our midst.

PRAY for Mrs. Thomas E. Lee, Birmingham, Ala., Field Worker; Mrs. J. E. Timmons, Cuero, Mrs. R. George Barter, Jr., San Antonio, Tex., ev. among Spanish-speaking; Miss Blanche Graves, North Point, Hong Kong, ed. ev.; Rev. Frank W. Patterson, El Paso, Tex., pub. ev.; Mr. John C. Raborn, Kowloon, Hong Kong, Mrs. R. M. Willocks,\* Korea, Miss Sistine Gioens, Sao Paulo, Brazil, ev.

**7 Tuesday** And Jesus answered and said unto him, What wilt thou that I should do unto thee? Mark 10:51. (Mark 10:46-52.)

In writing of a revival meeting at Pukalani, mission outpost of the Kahului Baptist Church, Hawaii, Alda Grayson, director of the mission (the only Christian witness in the community), says there were rededications, professions of faith, and nine candidates for baptism. "Sunday night the nine were baptized in the baptistry of the Kahului church. God is answering prayer, yours and ours. Help us to pray believing that He will save families. We are making plans to organize into a church, for we believe that the time has come." Undergird this infant church with prayer.

PRAY for Miss Aida Grayson,\* Hawaii, RN; Rev. David Jemmitt, Panama, Panama, Mrs. Milton Murphy, Petach Tikva, Israel, Rev. Stanley Crabb, Jr.,\* Italy, ev.; Dr. A. E. Hayes, Brazil, retired; J. Christopher Hayes, MF

**8 Wednesday** Then Jesus . . . said unto her, O woman, great is thy faith: be it unto thee even as thou wilt Matt. 15:28. (Read Matt. 15:21-28.)

A Papego Indian woman came to our mission at Sells, Arizona, to ask for clothing. As she waited for transportation home, Missionary Marvin Sorrels read from the Bible and explained the way of salvation. She accepted

Christ as her Saviour and was given a New Testament. Mrs. Sorrels, who had been silently praying, said, "Now our souls have been fed, let us go to the table and feed our bodies." The woman went home with Jesus in her heart, a Bible and needed clothing in her hands. "Her husband and sons are not Christians," writes Mrs. Sorrels. "Pray for them. . . . We feel the answers to the prayers offered by you folks and others who are praying for us."

PRAY for Mrs. Marvin Sorrels, Sells, Ariz., ev. among Indians; Rev. Job Maldonado, Carlsbad, N. Mex., ev. among Spanish-speaking; Mrs. John Mein, Brazil, retired; Mrs. Gordon Robinson,\* Nigeria, Rev. Harrison H. Pike, Victoria, Brazil, Mrs. Ross B. Fryer, Jr.,\* Indonesia, Rev. John Turner, Tripoli, Lebanon, ev.; Miss Anne Dwyer, Gaza, RN

**9 Thursday** Jesus saith unto them, Believe ye that I am able to do this? Matt. 9:28. (Read Matt. 9:27-33.)

One day a young man stepped into Ted Badger's office in the Philippines and said, "I want to know how to be saved." The missionary led him to Christ, and the next Sunday, after hitchhiking twenty miles, he made a profession of faith in the chapel service. For this he was reviled and thrown out of his home; yet he wrote the missionary pastor, "For the first time in my life I have the feeling of enlightenment. . . . I have a definite goal in life: to live the way which will be pleasing in the eyes of Jesus who died for my sin. I assure you sir, that I will live up to the standard of his expectation. . . . It is wonderful to be saved." Pray for this young man and others like him.

PRAY for Mrs. Ted O. Badger,\* Philippines, Rev. Cirillo Mogena, Reparto La Cumbre, Cuba, Mr. Leonardo Mirelli, San Blas, Panama, Rev. Charles E. Compton, Jr., Dourados, Mrs. James E. Musgrave, Jr., Goiânia, Brazil, Mrs. A. H. Dwyer, Jr., Iko, Nigeria, ev.; Mrs. Miguel Lopez, Santa Fe, N. Mex., Rev. Enoch Ortega, Salinas, Calif., ev. among Spanish-speaking

**10 Friday** Ask in faith, nothing doubting: for he that doubteth is like the surge of the sea driven by the wind and tossed James 1:6 ASV. (Read Mark 9:23-27.)

"How few are out here," writes Elizabeth Hale from Malaysia. "The saddest spot in our Mission now is Ipoh. The Clarks are due for furlough next year and no one has been sent

for their station. . . . We hear that the chances of appointment for Malaya for 1959 are good." Miss Hale requests prayer for the Malay young people who are the only Christians in their homes. Family ties are strong, and only the most courageous are willing to risk alienation for the sake of Christ. "Will you pray?" Miss Hale asks. "That means, first, for the right young people to come, and then for money to send them." Pray that Malaya young people will be used by God to win their families.

PRAY for Mr. Arnulfo Lopez, Dr. J. B. Lawrence, HMB, Mr. John A. Yumbin, Sr., Brazil, retired; Mrs. M. W. Rankin, Honolulu, Hawaii, Rev. Tom Law, Jr., Havana, Cuba, Rev. Isaac Perez, Balboa, Rev. Fabian H. Walters, Paraíso, Canal Zone, *ev.*

**11 Saturday** Without faith it is impossible to please him; for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him Heb. 11:6. (Read Heb. 10:35-38.)

Missionaries in Texas, shopping "across the border," were impressed by a lovely Mexican sales girl speaking beautiful English. She explained that she had learned the language in school at Brownville, Texas, but had been returned to Mexico for illegal entry. "It won't be long now," she confided, "until I can get back to the 'Promised Land.'"

Just what are we promising the more than 4,000,000 Spanish-speaking people in our land? Pray that an ever-increasing number will be brought to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.

PRAY for Rev. Milton S. Leach, Sr., Kingsville, Tex., *ev. among Spanish-speaking*; Rev. Eleuterio Figueredo, Vueltas, Cuba, *ev.*



## Call to Prayer

**12 Sunday** Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need Heb. 4:16. (Read Heb. 4:14-18.)

The gospel came to La Mensura, Venezuela, an isolated country community, in an unusual way. An Englishman on a train found himself out of money and sold his Spanish Bible to a fellow passenger from La Mensura.

The man was so impressed by what he found in this Bible that he invited his friends to read it with him. The Spirit spoke to their hearts, and a church was born. Later the church moved to San Carlos, and is now in the Baptist convention.

Nineteen missionaries serve in Venezuela; churches are increasing in strength and number, and new stations are being established. Remember these churches with intercession today.

PRAY for Rev. W. J. Webb, Caracas, Venezuela, Rev. Boyd Pearce, Dar es Salaam, Tanganyika, Mrs. Lavell Sears, Nigeria, Miss Marie Conner, Chiayi, Taiwan, *ev.*; Mrs. Ethel Calzadilla, Key West, Fla., *ev. among Spanish-speaking*

**13 Monday** When thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret Matt. 6:6. (Read Matt. 6:1-8.)

"For almost twenty years I served as a pastor in the States," wrote Howard D. Olive shortly after his arrival in the Philippines. "How many times I had preached missions and had attempted to relate stories of Southern Baptist work on many fields. What I had previously talked about, I am now experiencing."

Visiting the little barrio of Dalongue for his first evangelistic effort there, he found it difficult: crying babies, barking dogs, dim kerosene lamps, and a message through an interpreter. But when the invitation was given, eleven men and women came forward professing faith in the Saviour. Pray that many more young, able pastors will hear the call of God to the mission field.

PRAY for Rev. Howard D. Olive, Baguio, Philippines, Mrs. John A. Parker, Santiago, Chile, *ev.*; Mrs. Elton F. Vickers, San Pablo, Calif., Mrs. Celso Villareal, Albuquerque, N. Mex., *ev. among Spanish-speaking*

**14 Tuesday** And in the morning, rising up a great while before day, he went out, and departed into a solitary place, and there prayed Mark 1:35. (Read Luke 9:28, 29; Mark 9:25-29.)

There are more than 4,000 Baptist church members in Italy, 58 churches, 48 mission points, and 48 national pastors. The people are hungry for the gospel, and were there more pastors and evangelists, untold numbers could be won.

In 1955 the people of a small town near

Rome, became disillusioned with the Catholic church and sent a committee to a nearby town to urge the Baptist pastor to come to them. Already overloaded with work, he responded, and soon more than one hundred people asked for baptism. A church was organized with a full program of activity, but it has a pastor there only one hour a week. Pray for more Baptist pastors in Italy, for Italian young people.

PRAY for Dr. W. Dewey Moore, Rome, Italy, *ed. ev.*; Mrs. W. W. Adams, China-Manchuria, retired; Mr. Davis Thompson, San Jose, Costa Rica, *lan. st.*; Rev. Roy E. Nichols, Gaza, Mrs. A. W. Gammage, Jr., Korea, Mr. Napoleon Gomez, San Blas, Panama, Mrs. Cirillo Mogenia, Reparto La Cumbre, Cuba, *ev.*; Rev. A. V. Alvarado, San Antonio, Rev. Emmett Rodriguez, Kerrville, Tex., *ev. among Spanish-speaking*

**15 Wednesday** My voice shalt thou hear in the morning, O Lord; in the morning will I direct my prayer unto thee, and will look up Psalm 5:3. (Read Psalm 143:8-10.)

"I am awed by the challenge, responsibility, of being in this city of destiny, on the borders of Red China," writes Missionary Nurse Thelma Williams from Hong Kong, a city of refuge for 700,000 who have escaped Communist China.

Hong Kong Baptist Clinic, a third floor, five-room flat, serves thousands of patients, many of them without charge. Destitute refugees and Chinese millionaires receive the same care. As the doctor can see only 100 each day, many wait in line long before dawn. Each day's activities begin with an evangelistic message to the crowd, and personal work continues through the day to many who have never heard the gospel. Pray today for Hong Kong, the multitudes in great need, and our Baptist witness there.

PRAY for Mrs. L. G. McKinney, Kowloon, Hong Kong, *med. ev.*; Miss Thelma Williams, Kowloon, Hong Kong, RN; Mr. John B. Hill, Nigeria, Miss Evelyn Wood Owen, Fukuoka, Japan, Mrs. William A. Poe, Ghana, *ev.*; Miss Jean Stamper, New Orleans, La., GWC

**16 Thursday** Evening, and morning, and at noon, will I pray, and cry aloud: and he shall hear my voice Psalm 55:17. (Read Eph. 6:18, 19.)

"Do you really pray for us? I know you do: we feel it," said Christine Garnett, for 41 years a missionary to Cuba. "Great his-

tory-making things are taking place in our Baptist denomination."

All phases of our Cuban work show gratifying strength and progress. One "dream come true" was the recent opening of the new Home for the Aged with accommodations for eight people. Another unit of equal size is now needed. When the elderly Baptists are taken into Catholic homes their lot is not happy. They are cut off from fellowship with church and friends. Pastors who call to see them are not admitted. Ask God's blessings upon this new Home in Cuba, for a second unit and a chapel.

PRAY for Mrs. Romelio Gonzalez, Candelaria, Mrs. Jose Lopez, Cuba, *ev.*; Miss Lelia Jackson, Dallas, Tex., *ev. among Spanish-speaking*; Dr. Walter M. Moore, Joinkrama, Nigeria, *med. ev.*; Miss Bonnie Jean Ray, China-Hawaii, retired; Miss Neale C. Young, Ede, Nigeria, *ed. ev.*

**17 Friday** Without ceasing I have remembrance of thee in my prayers night and day 2 Tim. 1:3. (Read Luke 11:5-10.)

One of five Argentine brothers who are active in the First Baptist Church of Bahia Blanca, recently said: "I wonder where our family would be today if Brother Swenson had not arrived at the opportune time to win us to Christ." His question expresses the thought of many hearts in this country where Baptist work has become so strongly entrenched.

The Argentine Baptist Convention, dedicated to giving the gospel to all parts of the nation, is constantly reaching new areas in its progressive home mission program. It requests the prayers of all Baptists for this tremendous undertaking, for additional laborers that Argentine Baptists may put into the field.

PRAY for Mrs. Edgar F. Hallock, Jr., Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Mrs. J. C. Paol, Ogbomoshoh, Nigeria, Miss Ruth Pettigrew, Hong Kong, *ev.*

**18 Saturday** Again I say unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven Matt. 18:19. (Read Rom. 12:16; Phil. 2:5-8.)

Six American doctors, chosen for their professional skill and Christian experience, visited mission hospitals and other medical centers in a round-the-world tour last summer, under the direction of the Baptist World

Alliance. At the completion of this Medical Mission, one of the men said: "We found that the world is sicker than we thought."

The world is sick unto death—physically, mentally, and spiritually. Only the gospel of Christ, taught, preached, believed, and lived in every nation and among all people, can heal this terrible sickness. Thank God today for the Baptist World Alliance, and co-operation of 22 million Baptists in 100 countries of the world; pray for its officers, especially the president, Dr. Theodore Adams.

PRAY for Mrs. Sinfonasa Barrera, Gonzalez, Tex., ev. among Spanish-speaking; Homer Barrera, MF; Rev. J. R. Saunders, China, retired



**18 Sunday** But prayer was made without ceasing of the church unto God for him. Acts 12:5. (Read Acts 12:5-12.)

"As I return to Paraguay," wrote Frances E. Roberts as she left our country, "I covet your daily prayers. Through prayer you have a definite share in the witness for Christ in Paraguay and around the world." She asks that we pray particularly for the new Christians who must suffer persecution for their faith, for the young men studying in the Bible Institute at Asuncion, and for a new couple to replace the Craigheds who have retired.

Miss Roberts also asks that we join her in prayer that our people at home may be more faithful in stewardship and more aware of and concerned about the growing power and influence of Roman Catholicism in the United States.

PRAY for Miss Frances E. Roberts, Rev. W. A. Hickman, Jr., Asuncion, Paraguay; Rev. Page H. Kelley, Rio de Janeiro; Rev. Jerry P. Smyth, Bahia, Brazil; Mrs. R. L. Lindsey, Petach Tikva, Israel; Rev. Virgil H. Moorefield, Jr., Italy, ev.; Miss Nita Ruth McCullough, Abeokuta, Nigeria, ed. ev.; Rev. Amos Mastarenas, Raton, N. Mex., ev. among Spanish-speaking; Mr. Ben Canoe, Locust Grove, Okla., ev. among Indians

**20 Monday** We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers. 1 Thessa. 1:2. (Read Eph. 5:18-20.)

Maurice J. Anderson tells us that the Hong Kong Evangelistic Crusade in 1957 "was a time of great victory for the Lord." Two weeks' simultaneous revival in which fourteen churches and twenty mission chapels co-operated, and eight evangelists and missionaries preached, resulted in profession of faith by 2,635 persons. Seventy-five thousand people attended services. Among the 320 who made decisions for Christ in the Macao Baptist Church was the mother of the interpreter, an idol worshiper for many years, who heard the gospel message through the voice of her own son. Let us thank God for the triumphs of his grace.

PRAY for Mr. Maurice J. Anderson, Hong Kong, ed. ev.; Miss Ethel Harmon, Ibadan, Nigeria; Rev. Glenn Bridges, Campo Grande, Brazil; Mrs. Charles D. Mullins, Waianae, Hawaii; Miss Hermetinda Hayara, San Blas, Panama, ev.

**21 Tuesday** And he spake a parable unto them to this end, that men ought always to pray, and not to faint. Luke 18:1. (Read Luke 18:1-7.)

Three converted Catholic priests are among the 23 students in the Baptist Seminary at Cali, Colombia. Mrs. Donald Orr, a teacher in the Seminary, relates: "This past year one young man fled his parish, sought refuge with us, and is determined to become a Baptist pastor some day. How I wish you could hear his testimony of what God has done, and means, to him! His conversion experience is thrilling beyond words. He needs your prayers, because his very life is in danger . . . he is suffering untold persecution." Pray today for the strength and safety of this young man and the other converted priests in Colombia and throughout the world, including the United States.

PRAY for Mrs. Donald Orr, Cali, Colombia; Mrs. D. Curtis Askew, Tokyo; Rev. John W. Shepard, Jr., Fukuoka, Japan; Mrs. James W. Smith, Jerusalem, Israel, ev.; Mrs. L. D. Wood, San Antonio, Tex., ev. among Spanish-speaking; Miss Pauline Cammack, Fairview, N. Mex., ev. among Indians

**22 Wednesday** And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight. 1 John 3:22. (Read John 15:14-17.)

Many exchange students in the United States are a real responsibility and opportunity for Southern Baptists. Churches in

Abraham Lincoln once said "Those who deny freedom to others deserve it not for themselves and under a just God cannot long retain it."

On July 4 we commemorate the day the Declaration of Independence was signed, 183 years ago. May we approach this day with "dynamic concern" that all people here in the United States, as well as those the world over, shall have freedom of speech, freedom of worship, freedom from want, and freedom from fear.

## FORECASTER

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Youth

JULY is camping month. All over our Convention GA, RA, and YWA camps will be held. Arrange for the young people in your church to attend and pray for them while at camp.

The Foreign Mission Board has received 742 urgent requests for additional missionaries for overseas stations. Pray that young people from your church may be willing to say "send me" as He calls summer campers.

**24 Friday** Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye



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## PRESIDENT

### You Could Have an Honor WMU

A letter has come from a president of one of the 1957-58 Honor Woman's Missionary Unions. She says that to her there has never been anything more beautiful than the hand-lettered, framed award which was sent to her church. Just as soon as she received it she took it to show to each of her officers. Now they have it on an easel in the church for everyone to admire.

You could have an Honor Woman's Missionary Union in your church too. There are still three months left in the 1958-59 WMU year. This may be enough time for you to catch up on basic objectives and electives not yet attained. Work for an Honor WMU in your church.

### There's Still Time

It isn't too late to send reservations for:

Glorieta WMU Conference July 16-22

Glorieta YWA Conference July 23-29

Ridgecrest WMU Conference August 6-12

### Rio Bound

A special course in Portuguese is being taught in the North Shore Baptist Church of Chicago. Miss Lydia Noguera, a native of Brazil, is teaching the class. Members of the class are those planning to attend the Tenth Baptist World

Congress in Rio June 24-July 2, 1960.

Is there someone in your church or association from Brazil who might teach Portuguese to those going to the Congress from your area?

(Rio police have already begun studying the English and French languages to be of maximum help to Baptists who go to the Congress.)

## ENLISTMENT

### Success Formula

Mrs. J. D. Wagnon is vice-president of her associational WMU. She has suggested a success formula for achieving their jubilee enlistment goals:

$S = E + N + LI + S + T$

S stands for success

E, for enthusiasm and effort

N for never give up

LI, for leaders informed and interested (in reaching more women for the work)

S for satisfying a need

T for tying them on

Mrs. Wagnon says that they have organized an extension circle and are providing each new member with a subscription to Royal Service. They plan to mimeograph a letter monthly or quarterly to keep them informed of the Society's plans and to urge them to pray daily, using the "Call to Prayer."

Mrs. Wagnon's husband is pastor of the Taylor Baptist Church, Taylor, Louisiana. There are 22 mem-

UNITED TO 1957-58

Many exchange students in the United States are a real responsibility and opportunity for Southern Baptists. Churches in

bers in their WMU. They average 18 to 20 at general missionary program meetings, circle meetings, and mission study classes. They usually have 3 or 5 visitors.

An annual WMU calendar and a quarterly calendar are provided for each member. Mrs. Wagnon says "It has proved invaluable to us and is perhaps the key to our unusually high percentage of attendance."

Thank you, Mrs. Wagnon, for these good ideas for enlistment. We hope you have sparked others to pass theirs on to Forecaster.

## SECRETARY

### WMU Winners

Gregg Secretarial Merit Award winners were presented certificates for typing 50 to 81.2 words a minute.

Speed isn't so important in WMU reporting, but accuracy and legibility are. Secretaries sending accurate reports to associational presidents on time this month are acclaimed "WMU Winners" by July Forecaster!



## MISSION STUDY

### WMS Round Table Readers

Round Table readers will be interested in some of the new books which will appear on the 1959-60 WMS Round Table Booklist.

Our Foreign Missions theme for this fall is World Evangelism Overseas. We are listing some of the Round Table books (available from Baptist Book Stores) which will be good background reading for a better understanding of world need.

Orient—Sold for Silver, Janet Lim, \$3.95

Nagako, Empress of Japan, Itoko Koyama, \$3.50

Southeast Asia—The Edge of Tomorrow, Thomas A. Dooley, \$3.75

Latin America—Chile Through Embassy Windows, Claude Bowlers, \$5.00

Europe—Spain's Struggle for Freedom, Lawrence A. Fernworth, \$5.00

I Was a Slave in Russia, John Noble, \$3.75

Middle East—West of the Indus, William O. Douglas, \$5.00

Africa—A Men Who Presumed, Byron Farwell, \$5.00

Hunter's Tracks, J. A. Hunter and Alan Wykes, \$4.00

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## PRAYER CHAIRMAN

# Pray for Peace

In 1891 Southern Baptists began searching for a practical approach to "secure the universal substitution of arbitration in the place of war." Convention minutes reveal that year after year attention was given to this tremendous problem. In 1952 the following steps were outlined:

1. Redouble our effort to reconcile men with God
2. Do not tolerate any complacency about war
3. Combat a mood of hysteria or blind hatred
4. Reject fatalism about war
5. Oppose primary reliance on military strategy to meet Communist aggression
6. Press for positive programs which have immediate possibilities for peace and justice.

In 1958 a nine-member Committee on World Peace was appointed. The responsibility of this committee is to discover ways and means by which Southern Baptists can contribute to the cause of world peace.

In addition to seeking to win the lost to Christ and encouraging Christians to walk in his ways, here are other suggestions for what the Christian can do for world peace:

"PRAY. For my own attitude, that I may seek peace and pursue it in personal disputes. For the missionaries, for the statesmen, for the nation, for the United Nations. For the people of the world who are also seeking peace.

"READ. What the Bible says. What the Southern Baptist Convention has said. What authors and leaders, magazines and newspapers are saying.

"LEARN. What others are doing: Southern Baptists, missionaries, other denominations, governments, the United Nations—to fight disease, death, poverty, illiteracy, hunger, slavery, injustice, aggression.

"WRITE. To your Congressmen, to the State Department, about proposed legislation. Find out how foreign aid is handled and how it could be improved. Refute the theory that our sole defense lies in increasing armaments. Insist the budget be spent to wage peace as diligently as to forestall war.

"WORK. Through your church. In your local community. Support good local government. Study community problems—such as juvenile delinquency, crime, racial or economic exploitation or discrimination—and work for their solution.

"GIVE. To local mission work. To world missions. To world relief, such as the Red Cross, CARE, and the UN organizations."—"Light" March-April, 1959 bulletin of the Christian Life Commission (free copy of this article available to any individual requesting it from Christian Life Commission, 161 Eighth Ave., No., Nashville 3, Tenn.)

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## COMMUNITY MISSIONS

# Register Christian Opinion

A booklet, "Register Christian Opinion," underlines the Christian philosophy of government and includes a complete listing of senators by states, representatives by states and districts, the membership of important standing committees, and other information about congressional leadership.

"Register Christian Opinion" may be ordered from Service Department, 100 Maryland Ave., N.E., Washington 2, D. C. Copies are 10c each, \$1.00 per dozen, \$7.50 per 100.

Read "Roman Catholicism and the Presidency," July RS, also "Today," page 26, June RS.

# Fishing by Ear

A fishbone, "the most important contribution to fishing" since the invention of the hook" (so the developers of the device claim), may make some "fish tales" become "true tales." The fishbone has earphones to be worn by the fisherman and a hydrophone to be put in the water. The fisherman is supposed to learn by sound where the fish are, what kind they are, and how many.

Jesus spoke of fishing by heart when he said to Simon and Andrew "Come ye after me, and I will make you to become fishers of men." Immediately their hearts responded and they followed him.

During this year of evangelism many hearts will respond to this call to become fishers of men as they become aware of the heart-hunger of lost souls. They, too, will

need to know where they are, who they are, and how many there are.

In the leaflet, "You Can Tell," free from your state WMU office, WMS members will find help for soul-winning visitation. The leaflet discusses getting ready, making a friendly entrance, creating a favorable atmosphere, guiding the conversation, seeking a decision, knowing how to say goodbye, and following through every effort.

# Co-operation

A survey of co-operation between Southern Baptists and Negro Baptists is being made by the Home Mission Board and the Department of Survey and Statistics of the Sunday School Board.

A questionnaire has been sent to the 25,801 Southern Baptist pastors. Usable replies totaled 6,499. Among other preliminary findings from the survey the following show splendid co-operation of Southern Baptist churches with Negro Baptists:

- Providing educational scholarships
- Exchanging pulpits
- Simultaneous revivals
- Erection or repair of Negro church buildings
- Planning or conferring with Negro pastors
- Exchange of youth or music programs
- Sending Negro boys and girls to summer camp

Other questionnaires are being sent to associational missionaries or associational moderators and to state convention headquarters. These will reveal, among other things, what is being done in va-

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cation Bible schools; Sunday schools, Training Unions, Woman's Missionary Unions, nurseries, kindergartens, camps, institutional services, Good Will Centers, libraries, financial help given Negro Baptist churches and Negro students.

As you have opportunities help complete this Convention-wide survey.

## STEWARDSHIP

### *The Bible Speaks on Money*

It is recommended that during this fourth quarter WMS members study God's Word concerning money.

Do the members of your WMS know what the Bible says about the effect money has on a person? And why Christ makes a claim on our possessions? And how we are to give to God?

The following Bible verses answer these questions. You may want to mimeograph this outline, paste it on the back of dollar bills (play money from your dime store) and urge WMS members to study these passages concerning money.

## How to Use Brought-one Dolls

See Brought-one Dolls on RS Cover 3. Use them: in a banquet centerpiece—standing dolls around world globe as place cards by standing dolls in slit in folded cardboard on poster and individual announcement of meetings on program folders as part of gift-wrapping to sick and shut-in members

Order these Brought-one dolls (Chinese, Indian, Japanese, Arab) free from your state WMU office.



## I. Effect of money on individual

Mark 10:17-27  
Luke 12:15-31

## II. Why Christ makes a claim on our possessions

Col. 1:10  
1 Cor. 8:19, 20  
1 Peter 1:18, 19  
1 Chron. 29

## III. How to give

1. Sacrificially  
Mark 12:41-44  
2 Cor. 8:2, 3  
2. Intelligently  
Ex. 35:31  
Phil. 4:18-19  
3. Regularly  
1 Cor. 16:2  
4. Joyfully  
1 Cor. 13:3

## *Lives Instead of Bricks*

A Baptist church in New Jersey which needed additional seating space decided not to put a half million dollars into bricks, but "into lives to go out and reap a harvest of Christians around the world." Two hundred fifty seats were placed in the basement and a TV was installed. Church services are brought to this overflow group in the church basement. With the money saved the church plans to add to the 41 foreign missionaries it now supports in whole or in part.

## PROGRAM CHAIRMAN

### *For Better Programs*

The following suggestions from Prof. Harold Zelko, teacher of public speaking at Pennsylvania State University, will help those presenting missionary programs:

1. Be tense and nervous. Rubbery knees and butterflies in the stomach when talking in public are perfectly normal. It's good to be tense, otherwise there might be cockiness and over-confidence.

2. Prepare thoroughly. If you know more than your listeners even temporarily, tension may be slight. Good preparation gives confidence.

3. Become message-centered. Be concerned with transferring what you know, believe or advocate to listeners instead of remaining self-centered. Think about the needs and feelings of others instead of your own.

4. Learn to talk from notes—type main points on cards and refer to them. Committing a talk to memory makes for more fear and nervousness.

5. Talk directly to those in the audience. Look around for several friendly faces and address each of them in turn. This gives a feeling of intimacy and rapport and will decrease your tension.

## *Royal Service*

Circulation 380,000 each month  
Every woman with her own RS NOW

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### *Directives for YWA Directors*

Take the "liberty" in July of giving YWAs a final thrust toward worthy achievement of Aims for Advancement. Just a gentle nudge may be all it will take to make the YWA officer aware of her utmost responsibility.

At your YWA committee meeting this month (or this quarter) discuss the possibility of beginning a new YWA in October. This can be done in these ways:

1. Divide an existing organization  
2. Enlist prospects to comprise the new auxiliary.

In discussion, consider these factors. Are there—

Too many members for individual participation, frequent and definite responsibility?

Conflicts in basic interests due to age differences?

Unlisted girls 16-24 on Sunday school and Training Union rolls or in the community?

Business girls who are not enlisted?

Needs of girls to be promoted from Girls' Auxilliary which your present organization cannot meet?

If your answer to any one or more of the above questions is in the affirmative you need a new organization! Begin now to consider leadership needs for next year, means of initiating work in new organizations, contacting of prospects, and plans for leadership training for 1959-60.

See page 3 for special privileges available this summer.

—Billie Pate,  
YWA promotion associate

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## Attention... Girls' Auxiliary Leadership

Beginning with November, 1959 there will be a Leadership Edition of Tell for all adult Girls' Auxiliary leadership. The Leadership Edition will be the regular monthly magazine which the girls receive, plus a center insert of eight pages of leadership help. No additional cost.

If you are receiving Tell now: Automatically all present subscriptions with Mrs. on the name plate will be put on the Leadership Edition mailing list. Look at the mailing label on your magazine and if Mrs. is on it PLEASE Do Not Write. But, if you are a Miss (or Mrs. is not on your mailing label), please write a postcard now to: Tell, Leadership Edition, 600 North 20th Street, Birmingham 3, Alabama. All you need to write is:

I want the Tell Leadership Edition. (Copy name and address as it appears on the mailing label of your magazine.)

When sending in new subscriptions or renewals, please designate TELL, Leadership Edition.

Have you bought these for your auxiliaries?

Select Services, booklet, 25c. (Presentation-Coronation Services)

GA Hymn Recording (\$1.00) 45 rpm. from Woman's Missionary Union, Birmingham 3, Alabama.

-Betty Brower, GA director



August 9-15 with Sunbeam Band Focus Week is just around the corner. To make this a special time, plans must be made early to insure larger and better participation. Consider some of the following suggestions in your long-range plans:

Arrange for a parent activity such as a banquet, open house in the rooms where Sunbeam Band meet, or a family picnic in the park.

Notify church members by a special bulletin board with photographs of children in action at the Sunbeam Band meetings.

Guide boys and girls to plan a missionary activity in the community or for a mission.

Cheek associational activities for 8-year-olds, and participate.

Start a library of missionary reading books. Perhaps new books could be given by the WMS fostering group for Nursery, Beginner, and Primary Sunbeam Bands; (lists in Sunbeam Activities and World in Books catalogue). Many children are reading poorly written comic books because excellent books are not available for them.

Promote a Leadership Study Group. Meet two hours for four nights, using the correspondence courses as a basis for study. You may wish to have combination study and fellowship meetings in homes of leaders with a dessert party or a covered dish supper.

-Elsie Elives, Sunbeam Band director

Many exchange students in the United States are a real responsibility and opportunity for Southern Baptists. Churches

and where these students live, serve worldwide interests in reaching them for Christ.

When Robert Ma, a Chinese Confucianist, teacher in the National Taiwan University, enrolled in the University of Tennessee, he was invited to attend services at South Knoxville Baptist Church. A friend secured a Chinese Bible, and God spoke to him through its pages. One evening in the pastor's home this man was led to pray for salvation, and he later publicly confessed his faith. Following baptism, he testified: "My old life was passed away and new life was born." He then requested that missionaries in Taipei visit his family and tell them about Jesus. Pray for the Ma family in Taiwan and all foreign students in our midst.

PRAY for Miss Josephine Randall, Japan, Mr. Jose Corrales, Ceiba Mocha, Cuba, ev.; Rev. Raymond Lee, New Orleans, La., Rescue Home. Mrs. Jose Moreno, Raymondville, Tex., ev. among Spanish-speaking; Mrs. M. D. Garbarino, Grand Isle, La., ev. among French

23 Thursday If my people, which are called by name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land. 2 Chron. 7:14. (Read 2 Chron. 7:13-22.)

As we pray for others around the world, let us remember that faithful Christians in many lands are praying for us. Writing of earnest Chinese Christians on the mainland and on Taiwan, Dr. Charles L. Culpepper, Jr., says: "I remember how spontaneously they pray for Christians and churches in the States. I know our Father hears them, and it seems to me that in answer to their prayer we should be seeing miracles of God's love in our work here at home. . . . A great volume of prayer rises from thirty-eight countries for the Lord's work in the States. Surely he is moving through those to whom we have witnessed to revive his people here." Thank God for praying Christians around the world; pray for a great sweeping revival that will bring our nation to its knees before God.

PRAY for Dr. Charles L. Culpepper, Jr., Taipei, Taiwan, ed. ev.; Dr. E. Lamar Cole, Guadalajara, Mexico, med. ev.; Mr. Alvin E. Spencer, Jr., Shimane-ken, Japan, Mrs. W. C. Gaventa, Eku, Nigeria, ev.; Rev. Silverio Londres, Calif., ev. among Spanish-speaking

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sinner; and purify your hearts, ye double-minded James 4:8. (Read Psalm 51:1-10.)

Dr. William R. Norman, Jr. has told of a diseased, orphaned boy, unloved and unwanted, who came to our hospital in Joinkruma, Nigeria, because he had no other place to go. For two years he was treated and cared for by loving hands, and often carried "piggyback" to the services at the preaching station. One Sunday he professed faith in Christ as his Saviour. When he received a small gift of money from a missionary, he divided twelve pennies among the nurses who had cared for him, and paid twelve more pennies for little cakes which he gave to the other patients. The seeds of Christ's love sown in his heart are bearing fruit. Pray that this Nigerian boy will give his life in service to Christ.

PRAY for Dr. William R. Norman, Jr., Joinkruma, Nigeria, med. ev.; Rev. Jesus Rios, San Jose, Calif., ev. among Spanish-speaking; Rev. Enrique Vazquez, Pinar del Rio, Cuba, ev.

25 Saturday If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me Psalm 66:18. (Read Psalm 66:13-20.)

Baptist work is growing rapidly in Panama and the Canal Zone, particularly among the San Blas Indians of the Islands. Doors are opening faster than resources permit entry.

On the Island of Mulatuppu a Baptist church now stands near the spot where pagan rites were conducted a few years ago. The Home Mission Board provided materials and services that could not be procured locally, and the Indians co-operated. Men brought sand and gravel and mixed concrete. Older boys made blocks, women carried water, and the children sand. The church stands as a symbol of hope and progress for these Indians in an area where paganism holds many thousands in bondage. Pray for this Baptist church, its earnest Indian Christians, and missionaries laboring there.

PRAY for Mrs. Peter Miller, Mrs. Carlos Perez, San Blas, Panama, Mrs. Melvin Toratrick, Chile, Rev. Donald Spiegel, Sao Paulo, Brazil, ev.; Rev. Leonard C. Guillot, Redell, La., ev. among French; Miss Floryne Miller, Kokura, Japan, Miss Jean Bach, Tie-Ife, Mrs. C. F. Whitley, Ibadan, Nigeria, ed. ev.



**24 Sunday** Your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear. Isa. 59:2. (Read Isa. 59:1-4.)

"We're so grateful for the blessings the Lord has showered on His work on this island," writes Miss Pearl Johnson from Taiwan. "Many have come to know Him as Saviour and many of His children have been led into a closer walk with Him this past year. The Convention is undertaking more and more work, and the churches have responded in a fine way."

The great need in Taiwan (Formosa) is for more pastors and evangelists. Many chapels could become churches, many new chapels could be started, and several hundred thousand mountain tribespeople could be reached, were more pastors and missionaries available. Ask God to raise up the needed Christian leadership in Taiwan. Pray for the national Convention, the churches, and new Christians.

**PRAY** for Miss Pearl Johnson,\* Taiwan, Mr. A. I. Hagby,\* Brazil, ed. ev.; Albert and Danny Bagby, MF; Miss Alma Oates, Sao Paulo, Brazil, Miss Mary Brooner, Calooma, So. Rhodesia, Rev. Clayton Rand, Sekondi, Ghana, ev.; Rev. Edgar F. Hallock, Jr., Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, pub. ev.; Dr. George Green (MD), Nigeria, retired.

**27 Monday** 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. (Read 1 John 1:5-2:6.)

"It took me a long time to realize that I really needed Jesus," said a lovely Chinese girl at the unique service led by Chinese Baptists recently in Richmond, Virginia. "The happiest day came when I received Jesus into my heart. . . ." She was won to Christ, and helped through a very difficult period in her life, because of the concern and persistence of the Baptist community in which she lived.

There are many thousands of Chinese nearby who do not know Christ. Our Home Mission program reaches only a few. Miss Mary Etheridge, missionary to the Chinese in Tucson, Arizona, writes: "We have prayed that our churches would be more concerned about their responsibility to the Chinese in their neighborhood." Join Miss Etheridge in her prayer today.

**PRAY** for Miss Mary Etheridge, Tucson, Ariz., ev. among Chinese, Rev. Pantaleon

Molina, Weslaco, Tex., Mrs. Richard Sanchez, Phoenix, Ariz., ev. among Spanish-speaking; Miss Nannie Bell Cowart, La., GWC; Miss Hannah Fair Saltee, China, retired; Mr. William H. Berry, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Rev. Gerald W. Pinkston, Semarang, Indonesia, Mrs. J. D. McMurray, Paysandu, Uruguay, Rev. Judson Lennan,\* Thailand, ev.

**28 Tuesday** Above all things be fervent in your love among yourselves; for love covereth a multitude of sins. 1 Pet. 4:8 ASV. (Read Romans 12:9-21.)

A twelve-year-old girl and her thirteen-year-old brother attended the Sunday school conducted by Mr. and Mrs. John R. Cheyne in Southern Rhodesia, and became Christians. Soon the mother was won. The father remained disinterested. One morning he came to church, and John Cheyne preached on the love of God. Following the service, the boy, on his way home, was drowned. Parents and missionaries were grief-stricken. How could the father ever believe in a loving God?

During the funeral service Mrs. Cheyne kept her arm around the mother, and wept with her. Tears coursed down John's face as he conducted the service. The people said, "Look at them! They love us." Two Sundays later the love of God broke into the father's heart and he accepted Christ. Pray for the witness of this couple.

**PRAY** for Mrs. John R. Cheyne, Salisbury, So. Rhodesia, Miss Sarah Wilson, Buenos Aires, Argentina, Rev. Moises Gonzalez, Santa Clara, Cuba, Mrs. W. E. Halton, Honolulu, Hawaii, Rev. Carlton F. Whitley, Ibadan, Nigeria, ev.; Rev. E. C. Branch, Warm Springs, Oregon, ev. among Indians, Carlos Eugene Branch, MF, Mrs. Olga M. Sanchez, Harlingen, Tex., ev. among Spanish-speaking.

**29 Wednesday** Ye have not, because ye ask not. Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may spend it in your pleasures. James 4:2, 3 ASV. (Read Matt. 6:9-13.)

Daniel Calhoun Johnson, a newly appointed missionary writing from the language school in Costa Rica, shares his longing with us: "If you could only see the faces of the people on the streets and in the market—faces that tell of sorrow, anxiety, pain, and unbelief! How it makes us want to learn this language that we might share with them the unsearchable riches of Jesus Christ!"

# Urgent Prayer Request from Two Missionaries

"We urge you to pray NOW for the confused, bewildered, people of Africa. Too long we have relegated Africa and her problems to tomorrow or the day after tomorrow. Communism in the background aided by riots and fanned by nationalistic fervor of blacks against whites, is pressing hard against the thin veneer of Christianity in Africa south of the Sahara. Let me quote a few sentences from the *Daily Times*, a Nigerian newspaper:

"Sorry to speak in terms of colour, but not one white man in position of power has learnt a single lesson from what happened in India, in Burma, in Ghana, in Cyprus. Our white friends who brought us Christianity, or their children who once preached fair play and sermonized about doing unto others as we would others do unto us are today engaged in a reckless battle to cheapen the Sermon on the Mount and to ridicule the faith. . . . For us—it is in THIS CENTURY that we shall have dominion and break the yoke from our necks."

We beg you to pray NOW for the New Nigeria that comes into existence on October 1, 1960."

Pray for us that we may really learn to speak Spanish well; that we might continue to stay well; that we might reveal Christ by our living, since speaking the language has not yet become our privilege. Pray for the churches here, and the national Christians."

**PRAY** for Mr. Calhoun Johnson, San Jose, Costa Rica, lan. st., Rev. Clyde J. Dotson, Que Que, So. Rhodesia, Rev. James M. Short, Jr., Chihuahua, Mexico, ev., Miss Reba Stewart, China-Manchuria, retired.

**30 Thursday** Behold, I stand at the door, and knock; if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me. Rev. 3:20. (Read Rev. 3:14-22.)

When a vacation Bible school was begun near Manila last summer, Catholics kept close watch to prevent children from attending. Many slipped through back alleys and got to the church unobserved. The pastor of a strange sect that does not believe in the deity of Christ locked his son in his room because he attended. The boy escaped and accepted Christ at the invitation service. Then he returned home and witnessed to his father, assuring him that Jesus is God, and urging him to believe.

The future of Baptist work in the Philippines rests largely in the seminary at Baguio. Graduates are already serving as pastors of churches. Pray for students and faculty of this seminary.

**PRAY** for Rev. Francis P. Lide, Baguio,

Philippines, ed. ev.; Miss Aletha Fuller, Joinkrama, Nigeria, RN; Rev. Rudolph Rangell, Berkeley, Calif., ev. among Spanish-speaking.

**31 Friday** I remember thee upon my bed, and meditate on thee in the night watches. Psalm 63:6. (Read Psalm 77:6, 11-20.)

"Isn't it wonderful to find modern-day women following the example of Dorcas in the Bible and using their needles to sew beautiful garments and make many children happy?" asks Mrs. Minnell Graves, director of the Miami Good Will Center, in telling of the handmade dresses and shirts given to children at the Center at Easter by women of a local WMS.

These children have learned to give also. One primary child saved 63 cents for the Annie Armstrong Offering. All rejoiced when sacrificial gifts from young and old reached \$325, exceeding the goal. Lift to the Lord today the work and witness of the Miami Good Will Center.

**PRAY** for Mrs. Minnell Graves, Miami, Fla., GWC; Rev. Antonio Castillo, Del Rio, Tex., ev. among Spanish-speaking; Mrs. W. W. Enete, Brazil, retired; Rev. Leoncio Vega, Havana, Cuba, Rev. Ronald C. Hill, Bangkok, Thailand, Mrs. Earl M. Fine, Oyo, Nigeria, Mrs. J. E. Giles, Cali, Colombia, ev.

MF, Margaret, Fund student  
med. ev. medical evangelism  
MH, doctor  
RN, nurse  
GWC, Good Will Center  
lan. st., language study  
pub. ev. publication evangelism

# DID YOU READ IT?

by MRS. WILLIAM McMURRY



## July 4, 1776\* by Donald Barr Chidsey

The story of the Declaration of Independence is still a great story.

The author begins on Monday morning of July 1. At 9 A.M. Thomas Jefferson, the 33-year-old red haired Virginian, is in the large white chamber of the Philadelphia State House. Around him sit the earnest men known today as the Founding Fathers. Lying "on the secretary's desk like a lighted bomb" are the resolutions. "In the chair sits Boston's John Hancock, the most persuasive man in America. Seventy-year-old Benjamin Franklin is in and out of the room, working efficiently in the corridors and over tavern tables." The only poor man in the chamber is "wobbly, shifty old Samuel Adams who sleeps little, thinks much and is most decisive and indefatigable in his objects." On July 2 in the midst of a drenching rain a vote is taken and the colonies declare themselves free from "all allegiance to the British crown."

The next morning debate begins on young Jefferson's version of the declaration. Chidsey explains why Jefferson was chosen to do the writing: "Franklin knew he could not refrain from a 'sprinkling of quips,' and this would not be appropriate. Adams excused himself on the plea 'You can write ten times better than I can.' For two days Jefferson sat tense while Congress picked the document to pieces. After the final version had gone through the minds of these gentlemen, 480 words had been deleted; 1,137 remained. That it was 'deathless prose was not generally noted at the time,' says the author. 'The message had fire. This they knew. It was for later generations to learn that it was a fire that would never die.'

## Bid for the Presidential Nomination

Senator John Kennedy made a "bold bid" for the presidential nomination in the coming election according to an article in *Look* magazine. Among other clear-cut sentences in which the Senator answered major questions related to the subject of a Catholic in the White House is this one: "Whatever one's religion in his private life may be, for the office holder nothing takes precedence over his oath to uphold the constitution--including the First Amendment and the strict separation of church and state." Then he added these words: "I'm opposed to the federal government's extending support to sustain any church or its schools. As for such fringe matters as busses, lunches and other services the issue is . . . not religious." Many people will disagree with Senator Kennedy on his interpretation of "fringe matters." These represent the camel's nose of Catholic influence under the tent of separation of church and state.

\*July 4, 1776 is \$3.00 from Baptist Book Stores.

## "Of Course He Was Guilty!"

All authorities agree that Roger Williams heads the list of American founders of religious freedom. . . . Every school child knows how the gifted young preacher from England was banished from Massachusetts for his unpopular, 'dangerous' ideas. He claimed that the land belonged to the Indians, not to the king of England, and that they should be paid a reasonable sum for it! He also voiced his objections that a non-religious man should be required to take a religious oath. Third, and worst, he taught that civil authorities should not dictate principles of religion to the church, and that churches should not be supported through taxes. He was hauled into court. Of course he was guilty."

The charter which Williams and John Clarke obtained from Charles II of England for the colony of Rhode Island declaring the right of "every person and all persons" to walk in matters of religion as his conscience dictates, contains the principles which Baptists throughout the world adhere to this day.

Did you read the program by Saxon Rowe Carver in the March 1959 *Window*? July is an excellent time to recall the stories of Williams and other Baptist contemporaries who refused to compromise their convictions about civil and religious rights of all men.

## The Mikoyan Visit

The reactions to Russian Mikoyan's recent visit to the United States were varied and sharply spoken. The moral issue was raised at the beginning of the "holiday" by Congressman Walter Judd of Minnesota when he said that he would not attend a dinner to honor one of the instigators of the Hungarian massacres. Catholics and Protestants alike expressed amazement over the warm welcome which was extended to the Communist leader by some of the big businessmen of the country. Labor gave him a much rougher time.

Nobody disputes the moral case against the Deputy Premier's visit. Nobody but a cynic would fraternize with the spokesman of a dictatorship which is responsible for the torture and death of millions, which holds 100 million East Europeans in slavery and which has a straight record of broken promises on the international level. "The unpleasant truth about today's world is that we have a moral duty to negotiate . . . with people for whom we can feel nothing but horror."

## The Bible and Race\* by T. B. Maston

In 117 pages of clear and easily read prose, Dr. Maston, professor at Southwestern Baptist Seminary, has set forth basic Biblical principles related to the problem of race. Moving from a penetrating though brief explanation of man created in the image of God to author picks up major and familiar passages such as "he made man every nation," "God is no respecter of persons," "the powers that be," "cursed be Canaan," and gives a fair interpretation of these and related Scripture passages. If the Christian wants to know what the Bible says on this subject of current worldwide interest he will discover that Dr. Maston has provided an inspiring and unemotional guide to help him in his thinking.

The Bible and Race is a Broadman book. Price \$2.50 from your Baptist Book Store.



## A Missionary Among French Americans



Big Bend Baptist Church where Roy Remont is pastor, missionary

by Roy Remont, Missionary

BEING a Baptist missionary to the French people of Louisiana is not unlike being a missionary to any other group of nominal Roman Catholics in the world.

In South Louisiana the French people have been led to believe that Baptists are infidels and representatives of Satan. Many are surprised to learn that we are not as bad as they have been told. Recently someone who had become informed about Baptists stated that they were not so bad after all. The French people believe that if you are French then you are Roman Catholic. If you are an "American" then you are a Baptist, Presbyterians, Methodists, Episcopalians, Lutherans, and others are all considered Baptists. When I first came to this area one question I frequently answered was, "Why are you a 'creole' and a Baptist?"

The average French person has no con-

cept of New Testament Christianity. Religion is ceremonies, sacraments, memorized prayers, and Latin liturgy. To him God is like an emperor in a faraway place; he must be reached only through priests, bishops, archbishops, and pope. The personal element in relation to God is totally lacking. Those who are better informed have no desire to change for fear of family pressures and business boycotts, and besides, their religion is very convenient since there is no self sacrifice, but always the possibility of salvation.

Because of the presence of so many natural resources, Louisiana probably fares a little better than most of our southern neighbors. But we have a tragic combination of a high standard of living and a low standard of morality. Many of the young people are now receiving college degrees. Two professors in New Orleans Seminary

are native French Louisianians. This is no longer the call to a pioneer territory of forest wilderness and alligator infested swamps, but a call to carry the gospel to a people who are "strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world."

As with most Latin people the family is a very closely knit unit. Jean Leblanc may have acquired a large tract of land along the bayou, but as each child marries "Papa" will give him a lot and small farm to keep the family together.

Conversion does not usually occur in a short period of time, but is the result of many influences and long exposure to the gospel. One of the outstanding Christian men in our church is Mr. Lance Coco. In his youth he married a Baptist girl named Miss Hanna Deville. Having been christened as a child he never worried much about his religion; he assumed that all was cared for. Into his home were born over the years seven children. On each occasion his wife refused to have these children christened by the priest.

Lance suffered a severe emotional disturbance about 25 years ago when he learned that his devoted mother was converted and had joined a Baptist church. I have heard him tell with tears in his eyes

how he refused to go to her baptism and out of his ignorance mocked her. Later a Baptist deacon, Mr. P. H. Strohschein, came to his community on Sunday afternoon and taught a Sunday school class in the various homes where he could get in. This led to a preaching service and later to an organized mission. Lance saw his children grow up and embrace Christianity one by one, leaving him alone in his scorn and criticism.

Ironically in 1945 this mission was organized into a Baptist church in the home of Lance Coco. One day when Lance was plowing all these influences had their cumulative effect. Every step seemed to take him farther from peace and comfort. The Holy Spirit was able to make him see the tragedy of his past. The burden became too great. When he reached the end of the row he brought his team to a halt, knelt down in the dust, and repented of his sins. Shortly thereafter he publicly professed his faith in Christ and was baptized into our church. God's name is today honored in his home and his children have become blessings to the cause of Christ.

There are many more fathers who should take this brave stand for Christ. They and all of us need your continued witness of burdened prayer.

Church services in the home of missionaries is usual in pioneer areas



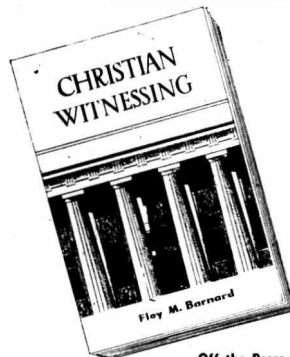


## JULY Circle Mission Study

## Christian Witnessing

by Elaine Dickson, WMS promotion associate

**AIM:** To examine the meaning of Christian witnessing and to instruct and inspire each WMS member to be a vital, active witness to the lost.



Off the Press on  
July 1, 1959

Study Chapters I and VI of *Christian Witnessing* by Dr. Floy Barnard.

**Teaching Plans:** Give each circle member a small pad of paper and a pencil. She needs her Bible in hand.

Place at front of room a poster on which is printed "CHRISTIAN WITNESSING" with question marks scattered around it. Explain that the group will be taking a look at Christian witnessing and answering questions about it. Members read questions given to them previously on slips of paper.

### 1. What is Christian witnessing?

Lead the group to understand the meaning of Christian witnessing. Ask "What does it mean to you?" Allow time for each woman to write her definition on the paper given to her. When all have finished, have them exchange papers. If the group is small

enough let all definitions be read; or, if this is impractical, choose several.

Tie together these definitions with the definition from the book. Be careful to point out that witnessing involves "being" as well as "telling." Relate the story about Francis of Assisi.

### 2. Why should we witness?

Develop a discussion on our reasons for witnessing, using the Scripture passage and thoughts under this heading in the book.

### 3. Next, how do we witness?

Lead the group to look individually at the witnessing efforts which preceded their salvation experience. Begin this with an activity called "Stand Up and Be Counted." Instruct the women to stand when you call the place where her conversion experience took place: at home, in a regular worship service at church, in a Sunday school class or department, during vacation Bible school, in a revival meeting, at a religious assembly or camp, during a personal interview, others.

Ask each person to recall and list the person(s) who exerted the greatest human influences leading in her decision to take Christ as Saviour. Next, ask each woman to list things done or said by that person (or those persons) which influenced her. Share some of these. Now have two or three women whom you have previously notified to tell of their conversion experience.

Emphasize that someone witnessed to each of us before we accepted Christ. And just as someone told us, so we must tell

and show" others. Lead from this into the heart of this session's activity—the Bible plan of salvation.

### 1. What preparation is required?

Using the Bible material under "Personal Witnessing" lead the women by question and answer or by use of the filmstrip "New Life for You" through the steps in the salvation experience as outlined in God's Word. Encourage them to mark their Bibles and learn the passages. Show that witnessing is most effective where we present God's Word to the lost person and tell what God has done for us through the power of the Holy Spirit.

**Follow-up:** Ask each member to list a person(s) about whom she is concerned. If

there is no name she can write on her paper, ask her to consider the blank piece of paper and the fact that there is no person for whose salvation she feels a burden. Allow time for silent prayer about personal need for conviction concerning the lost.

**Devotional Period:** Close with a devotional thought from Acts 1:8 and 2 Corinthians 5:14. Tell the Bishop Azariah story in Chapter VI.

Sing as a closing prayer, "Lord, Lay Some Soul Upon My Heart" or read these words:  
Lord, lay some soul upon my heart,  
And love that soul through me;  
And may I bravely do my part  
To win that soul for Thee.

—Anonymous

## Preliminary Preparation Plans for Circle Mission Study

### JULY, AUGUST, AND SEPTEMBER

**The Book,** *Christian Witnessing* by Dr. Floy Barnard, 85c, available after July 1 from Baptist Book Stores. Order Teaching Helps for 25c.

**The Purpose** of this study is to bring increased awareness of personal witness responsibility and to lead each member to be a witness.

**The Teaching Plans:** Three things necessary for adult learning are: (1) need, (2) effort, (3) satisfaction. Apply these in your study.

**1. WMS members must sense a need.** When a woman's heart is aware of the lost around her, then the Holy Spirit can lead her to be "acutely uncomfortable" until she does something about them.

**2. WMS members must exert effort.** Learning and growth take place when there is challenging activity to engage in. Teacher, WMS members will need help in overcoming a reluctance to witness.

**3. WMS members must feel satisfaction.** Put into practice what has been learned.

Every WMS member should know the satisfaction of winning others to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.

### The Study Schedule is as follows:

July—Chapters I, VI  
August—Chapters II, III, VI  
September—Chapters IV, V, VI

### SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIAL

#### From Baptist Book Stores:

*Every Christian's Job*, Matthews, 60c  
*The Plan of Salvation*, Crouch, 60c  
"New Life for You," filmstrip on personal soul-winning, in color, \$3.

#### From Brotherhood Commission, 1548 Poplar Avenue, Memphis 4, Tennessee:

"Witnessing, Using a Marked New Testament," 85c per 100.

#### From American Bible Society, 450 Park Avenue, New York 22, New York:

New Testament P230, paper back, 15c each, or B235N, imitation leather, 25c each (enclose remittance with order).

#### From Woman's Missionary Union, Birmingham 3, Alabama:

Soul-winning Tracts Packet, 25c.



Live Oak Baptist Church and missionary home near Montegut, Louisiana

Planned by Eda Stertz

See Program Meeting Suggestions  
on page 11; also other helps

#### PROGRAM OUTLINE

Sing: "Come, Thou Almighty King"  
Introduction: The French in Louisiana  
Deliverance Through the Scriptures  
Deliverance Through Personal Witnessing  
Deliverance Through Radio Ministry  
Saved and Serving  
Prayer Period

ROYAL SERVICE

#### AT YOUR MEETING

##### Our Changing Times

We live in a revolutionary world. Change is everywhere. Even with casual observation we see that old things are passing away. In our country dependable freedoms we once took for granted are no longer stable. Freedom of religious belief in practice and conscience is being threatened. Every Baptist woman will know that the principles involved in Roman Catholicism and the Presidency of the United States are vital to her life. But even more so in the life of her children. In many places in our country, mission work already is curtailed because of un-American pressures originating with Roman Catholic clerics. In his article "Roman Catholicism and the Presidency," Mr. C. Stanley Lowell presents important facts which women should know. (Tell "Roman Catholicism and the Presidency," page 7).

Pray that Christian women will exercise every right as citizens of our country.

##### Introduction:

### French in Louisiana

When large numbers of French settlers came to Louisiana in the seventeen hundreds they brought along their system of government, their Old World customs, the French language and the Roman Catholic religion. The descendants of these early settlers are scattered throughout Louisiana but most of them are concentrated in the southern part of the state. Many of the old traditions and ways of life have been preserved, particularly in out-of-the-way settlements and rural areas, and the Catholic Church maintains a strong influence over the people. This church has no patience with other faiths and tries in every way to discourage the Protestant witness (give additional information from "A Missionary Among French Americans" on page 26, a large map on page 33 and use).

Of the 800,000 French in Louisiana a

small group is of pure French extraction. Descendants of the pioneers who settled in and around New Orleans, they have never married outside their own group (add information from first section of "French Americans in Louisiana," page 1).

Another small group of about 4,000 is made up of French-speaking Indians living in the bayou country of South Louisiana. They are descendants of the Houma Indians (*oo-mah*) who have resided in this area or nearby communities for many decades. Though some intermarried with French settlers the Houmas are Indian in appearance and culture.

Most of the French in Louisiana are a mixture of French and some other national group such as the Spanish, Irish, or English.

Today the French of Louisiana are usually called "Cajuns" or "Creoles." Cajun is a derivation of Acadian and originally referred to descendants of the French who lived in Acadia (Nova Scotia) before they were driven out by the English settlers there. Creole once meant a French child born on foreign soil, then it was used to refer to the child of a French-Spanish marriage, and later still meant a child born to a French parent married to someone who was not French (other information on page 2, "The French Came Long Ago").

One year after its organization the Home Mission Board in 1846, sent its first missionary to Louisiana. The French people were for the most part poor, limited in education, and much restricted in personal freedom by the Catholic Church. Work moved slowly because of the scarcity of trained missionary personnel, inadequate physical resources, and the dominance of the Catholic Church.

Today there are twenty Baptist churches and missions for the French. Twenty-six missionaries seek to testify for the loving God who forgives man of his sin, delivers him from ignorance, and uses him in joyous Christian service.

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### Deliverance Through the Scriptures

For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword. Hebrews 4:12 RSV.

*Thy Word is a lamp to my feet,  
A light to my path alway,  
To guide and to save me from sin,  
And show me the heavenly way.*

ERNEST O. SELLERS\*

Knowing that the written word of God can bring salvation to those who read and believe it, Baptist missionaries try to place Bibles in as many homes as possible. This task is not easy for the French in Louisiana are traditionally Catholic and are forbidden by their church to read or interpret the Scriptures for themselves.

New Testaments, Gospels and tracts are many times more readily accepted because they are easily hidden and read much of the time in secrecy. This was true of a young girl to whom a missionary gave a New Testament. Visiting other members of the family he could see her reading the Testament behind a door. Called by her mother, the girl hurriedly hid the Testament in her apron pocket before entering the room.

An eleven-year-old boy brought a Bible on several occasions to school and told his

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French boy, the son of a trapper, poses with other skins drying before sale at market



teacher he had read another chapter in that book. He wanted to read to her but she hesitated for the people of the town are largely Catholic. At his insistence she listened and was surprised at how well he could read from the Scriptures. Learning that the Bible was his sister's she gave him a New Testament of his own.

Visiting the home the missionary found that the family claimed no belief. When they learned that the lad's teacher was a member of a Baptist church they agreed to attend services. The whole family came once and then the mother and children came to a Sunday school service, but then they did not come again.

The missionary drove to their home one Sunday morning hoping they would attend services if they had a ride. The mother met him at the gate. With emotion choked voice she said, "We're not going." She thrust the children's Sunday school books at the missionary. "My husband has forbidden the children to attend your church or read these books." With this she ran into the house. The missionary was bewildered and heartsick, but there was one ray of hope. The little boy's New Testament! It was not among the books returned. With the gospel message still in the home, salvation may yet come to this family. (Pray for them.)

### Deliverance Through Personal Witnessing

Conduct yourselves wisely toward outsiders, making the most of the time. Colossians 4:5 RSV.

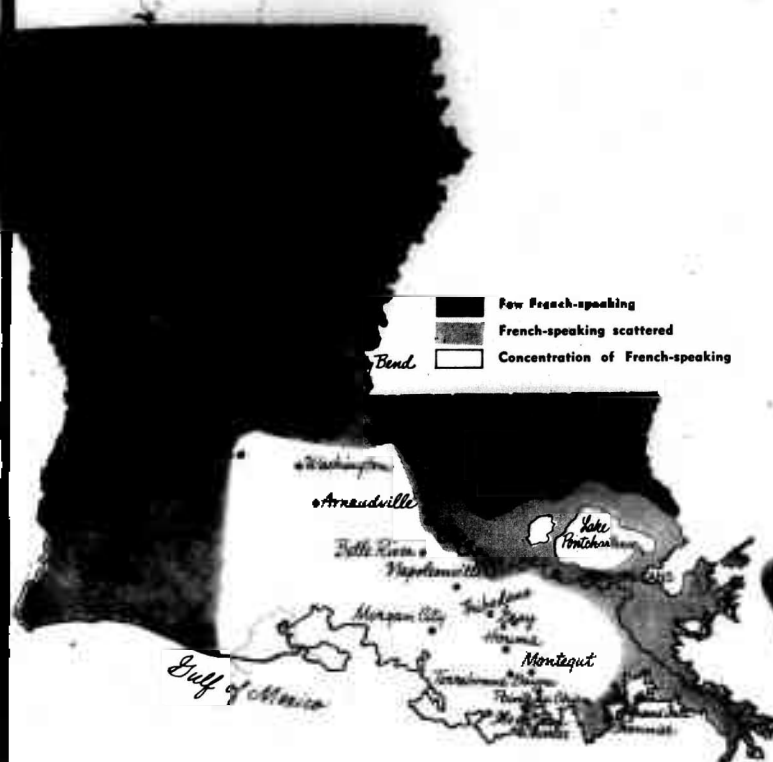
Aspire to live quietly, to mind your own affairs, and to work with your hands, as we charged you; so that you may command the respect of outsiders, and be dependent on nobody. 1 Thessalonians 4:11, 12 RSV.

*Lift Him up by living as a Christian ought.  
Let the world in you the Saviour see.  
Then men will gladly follow Him who once  
taught,*

"I'll draw all men unto me."

—JOHNSON OATMAN JR.

ROYAL SERVICE



There are some areas in Louisiana where our missionaries cannot hold services, for the people will not attend, and cannot visit or introduce Bibles into many of the strictly Catholic homes. Here the work of witnessing is possible only through day by day friendly contact. The missionary makes friends at the post office, grocery stores, and other places of business. As he wins the confidence of neighbors he finds opportunities to speak for the Saviour. The work requires loving patience for results come slowly.

Two of our missionaries seeking to create an "opening wedge" are Rev. and Mrs. James G. Phelps. They live in Cloutierville, the only French settlement north of Alexandria. The summer of 1958 the Phelps knew of but one convert. This past winter their hopes were raised that they might soon rejoice in at least one more. A French woman, to whom they have witnessed many times by word and personal interest in her family has expressed a need for a more satisfying religious experience. Yet, fear of what may be said of her by

family and friends hinders her in making a definite decision for Christ. The missionaries know their work with this woman has not been all in vain. They feel there are others whose lives in the future may show that seed sown in faith produces harvest.

In Moreauville Missionary Roy Remont and family are the only known Baptists. He is pastor of the small church a few miles away, and is charged with the responsibility of paving the way for work to begin at some future date in the towns of Moreauville, Plaqueville, Bordelonville, and Hamburg. Like that of Mr. and Mrs. Phelps and other missionaries in this area, the foundation for this work is slowly and patiently laid by daily acts of friendship and by the witness of Christian living.

In a sense all work among the French is "opening wedge" in that personal witnessing is its very foundation. Rev. and Mrs. Curran Gunn, missionaries in Marks-ville, worked six and a half years to win one French woman to Christ.

Three obstacles stood in the way: her deceased child, her mother, and her lan-

guage. The small son had been buried in the Catholic cemetery. (At that time all the family was Catholic, although the father and three daughters were inclined toward the Baptist faith.) "I want to be buried by my boy," she often cried. "If I change my religion, the Catholic Church will not allow me to be buried in their cemetery."

Then she used her mother as an excuse. "She always told me it was a sin to change my religion."

As a last resort she used her language as her reason for refusing to do what her heart urged her to do. She understood English but felt she could express herself only in French. So she said, "The preacher will not know why I've gone up to the front when I speak in French."

Repeatedly she used these excuses to the missionaries, visiting preachers, and other Christian witnesses who sought to explain the teachings of the Bible to her.

Many times the missionaries did not receive a warm welcome at her home when they called. She convinced all her family

that they should stop attending Baptist services, but the missionaries continued to call from time to time particularly in periods of family trouble or illness. As they witnessed they did not try to bring her to a decision, fearing that she might misunderstand and think they were trying to make a Baptist out of her.

After six and a half years their interest and concern was more than rewarded when this woman, her daughter, husband, and son all made public professions of their faith in Christ as personal Saviour.

### *Deliverance Through Radio Ministry*

The word of God is not fettered 2 Timothy 2:9 RSV.

Preach the word, be urgent in season and out of season, convince, rebuke, and exhort, be unfailing in patience and in teaching 2 Timothy 4:2 RSV.

*Sweetly echo the gospel call,  
Wonderful words of life;  
Offer pardon and peace to all,  
Wonderful words of life.  
Jesus, only Saviour, Sanctify forever;  
Beautiful words, wonderful words,  
Wonderful words of life;  
Beautiful words, wonderful words,  
Wonderful words of life.*

—PHILIP P. BLISS

One of the finest missionary projects sponsored by Louisiana Baptists is that of the French radio broadcasts. Each week the gospel is preached in French in a thirty minute program over thirteen stations. The cost of these broadcasts is \$16,000 a year.

Reports come in constantly from many areas that multitudes of French people are listening to the "Wonderful Words of Life." Many have professed conversion as a result. Thousands of others who will never be known and will never enter a non-Catholic church will hear God's Word and believe it. Furthermore, preaching in French over the radio serves as a seed-sowing venture, preparing the way for missionary work.



Rev. and Mrs. Truman Granger, Arnaudville, Louisiana, Home Mission Board workers

A middle-aged man and his wife living a few miles from Lafayette heard the Word of God for the first time during one of these programs and wrote for a Bible. Their request opened the door for French missionaries to visit them. They found the man and woman distressed over their lost condition and willing to listen to the reading from the Scriptures. They promised to attend the Friday night French services at the Northside Baptist Church. Sooner than is usual among the French this couple professed their faith and were baptized.

Now they are so concerned about their lost friends and family that they want a mission opened near their home. The missionary hopes to start such a work by conducting a tent evangelistic meeting there soon.

During 1959 there may be employed a full time French radio worker, doing follow-up work as well as radio preaching. Good recording equipment will make tape recordings possible for use on all the stations. The Radio and Television Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention will assist in making duplicate recordings and in distribution.

Thus the Word of God is not fettered, but winging its way over air waves, continuing to speak to hearts and minds of men and women waiting for its message of salvation in French Louisiana.

At the Belle River mission, Rev. and Mrs. Johnny Johnson, Mrs. Nailene LeBlanc, Betty Jean LeBlanc, and baby



## BOXES FOR MISSIONARIES

Mr. Carl E. Conrad, who is director of French Missions in Louisiana, suggests that our missionaries among the French-speaking could use these items in their work:

### MEN

Colored shirts (sizes 15½, 16, 16½, 17)  
Socks (stretch) T shirts  
Handkerchiefs Shorts

### WOMEN

Dress lengths (4-5 yards)  
Blouses  
Hair brushes and combs  
Sweaters Aprons  
Hose (stretch) Bed linens

### MISCELLANEOUS

Bath cloths Toothbrushes  
Towels Toothpaste  
Soap Pencils  
Band aids Tablets

### Send boxes to these missionaries:

Rev. Wiley LaFleur  
Box 239  
Washington, Louisiana

Rev. J. O. Johnson  
Marine Route, Box 17-0  
Napoleonville, Louisiana

Rev. Curran T. Gunn  
Route 2, Box 194  
Marksville, Louisiana

Tell "The Need for Preaching in French" page 5 and "The French Area," page 6. (Enlarge map on page 33 and show where French live.)

### Saved and Serving

Thou art my hiding place; thou shalt preserve me from trouble; thou shalt compass me about with songs of deliverance Psalm 32:7.

Then my soul shall rejoice in the Lord, exulting in his deliverance Psalm 35:9 RSV

*Redeemed, and so happy in Jesus,  
No language my rapture can tell;  
I know that the light of His presence  
With me doth continually dwell.*

—FANNY J. CROSBY

Before the Houma Indians of southern Louisiana accepted the Catholic religion they worshiped the Thunderbird and believed that sun, wind and fire had religious significance. They venerated the crayfish from which they get the name of their tribe.

Baptists came to work among these

French-speaking Indians in 1938. As the tribesmen made contacts with Christianity and the outside world they built better homes, learned rules of sanitation and improved in their dress and habits.

For some, a far more significant growth, in the realm of the spirit, has followed the realization of Christ's redemptive power.

The M. Desire Verdin (*Day-see-ray Ver-re-dan*) family live in a nice house on the far bank of a bayou. They have a car, and in front of the house three shrimp boats are tied when not in use. All of this family, which includes fourteen children, are Baptists except the oldest boy. Monsieur Verdin cannot always come to church because of ill health, but Madame Verdin with her children and grandchildren attend services faithfully. When one of the little ones wiggles, a disapproving look from her settles him down.

One daughter, Arline, teaches school across the bayou during the week. On Sunday she is Sunday school superintendent and sings solos for the worship services. She helps in Training Union, and often goes to the Ile de Jean Charles on Sun-

day afternoon to work in the Sunday school. She has the respect of all who know her.

The Verdin family occupies a large place in size and service in the Lord's work on the bayou.

In Montegut (*mon-ti-gue*) Grandpere and Grandmere Naquin (*nah-can*) are the oldest members of their church. He is 84 and she 82. The church started under an oak tree in their yard and they sold to the Home Mission Board the land on which the church building and the missionary home now stand. (See picture of church on page 36.) Grandpere Naquin, stooped a little with his years, and Grandmere Naquin in her bonnet do not speak a word of English; they love to hear the gospel in French. Missionary A. V. Pickern, Jr., says that Grandpere enjoys the congregational singing. Sunday after Sunday they worship in their place on the second bench, an inspiration to younger Christians.

A missionary of the Home Mission Board who works among the French in Louisiana believes that it would have been as easy for her to hear about Christ in China as in French Louisiana in some of the remote areas.

Geographically, these neighbors are right next door to us, yet their distance from knowing the true gospel of Christ is as far away as the farthest places we can name.

Arline Verdin, schoolteacher



**Prayer Period:** Plan ahead with several women to lead in prayer for:

Renewed spiritual strength and courage for missionaries among the French  
Gospel broadcasts in Louisiana  
Continued blessings through distribution of Scriptures and other Christian literature

Those individuals among the French who are at this time struggling with the desire to make a public profession of faith in Christ

French Baptists that they may live victorious Christian lives and witness worthily among their own people.

See page 36 for suggestions of useful items which French missionaries can use in their patient witnessing. Will you send a box to each of the missionaries?

### In Your Circle

(continued from page 40)

"I speak for freedom because I saw it light up the eyes of refugees when they learned they had a chance to come here to live.

"I speak for liberty because I saw it brighten the voices of my fellow passengers on the ship which brought me to America eight days ago. I am only one of 150,000 people who had no home until America gave us one and no assurance of freedom until America promised it to us. And so I speak for freedom, and may God grant me strength to work for it and deserve it."

### What We Can Do (Discuss):

1. We can develop our own character by Bible study, prayer, and supporting our church activities.
2. We can be 100 per cent American citizens by co-operating with civic and political organizations which stand for principles God honors.
3. We can be peacemakers in our own homes and places of business and thus demonstrate to the world that Christianity is the practical way of life.

Prayer (ask all present to participate)



## Preserving Ideals of Patriotism

by Mrs. Lamar Jackson

JULY is a month of summer vacations when many Americans are "seeing America first." As we look at road maps of our nation, we see large areas set aside as National Parks. We can visit places of historical interest that have been restored in order to preserve the flavor of our American traditions.

Carry out a travel theme on invitations and programs. Use maps, toy automobiles, curios and serve ice-cold apple juice. Discuss after each part, "What we can do."

### Prepare the Way

Read Isaiah 40:3-5. "Prepare ye the way of the Lord." John the Baptist quoted this statement from Isaiah just before the beginning of Jesus' ministry (read Matt. 3:1-3). He declared the way could be prepared by repentance. We can only prepare the way for the Lord to enter our lives if we are truly sorry for the wrongs we have done. We must be sorry enough to give up bad habits and turn to the way Christ directs.

A missionary prepared for a trip up into the Himalaya Mountains of India. A member of his congregation drove a bus once a week to a village in the hills where the minister wished to start a preaching station. Rather than risk the great heights alone he decided to go with this experienced driver. When the day for the journey arrived, the driver was sick, so a friend offered to substitute for him. The missionary was impressed when this man knelt before the bus and offered a prayer. He was dismayed, however, when the bus ran out of gas high in the mountains. The man had not made adequate physical preparations. He had forgotten the gas and oil.

We must not neglect the everyday, practical aspects of consistent Christian living in preparing for the way of the Lord to come into the hearts of those around us

and to show forth in our lives. Just as a car must have gas and oil in order to run as it should, the Christian must be through God's grace well-supplied with faith, virtue, knowledge, temperance, patience, godliness, brotherly kindness and love (read 2 Peter 1:5-8). Christian characteristics such as these prepare the way of the Lord. In the desert of human sorrow and despair they point straight to a God who is the answer to all our needs.

### Travel the Highroads

One of the most ambitious undertakings of our day is the Pan-American highway. When completed, this road will make it possible to travel by car from Alaska to the tip of South America. Maintenance is a big problem. In the Central American countries, large sections of the road have been completed, but the roots of giant trees break through the concrete and these tough places have to be "made plain" again.

Americans today are traveling a highroad of privilege. We must watch the signposts of our times, however, for warnings of danger. The trouble with most Americans is that we accept our democratic way of life as we do our health, not giving it a thought until we begin to lose some of our liberties. Benjamin Franklin saw the danger that lay in careless citizenship. As he was leaving Independence Hall after signing the Constitution, an elderly lady asked, "Doctor, what do we have now . . . a monarchy or a republic?" Franklin said, "A republic, if you can keep it."

Our government is not a legacy left by indulgent forefathers to spoiled children so that we might live a life of ease. The strength of our government has rested in the fact that its citizens have been willing to sacrifice some of their time and talents to make it great. The gravest danger to our government is the checkbook attitude of many Americans. As long as we foot the bill by paying our taxes, we expect the same kind of government that our forefathers fought and died to maintain. "Eternal vigilance (not the paying of taxes) is the price of liberty."

Another danger is our increasing dependence upon government for things that we can do ourselves. We are becoming like the Romans during the decline of the Empire. They looked to the government for corn and entertainment without assuming any responsibilities. The leader or group that made the promise of greater benefits was supported by the majority of the people regardless of the principles for which he stood. We have seen what happens to people in other countries who give up their liberties in return for promises. Remember the old saying, "The bigger the government the smaller the people."

### What We Can Do (Discuss):

1. We can use our right to vote and insist that every other American have this same privilege.
2. We can think out issues for ourselves rather than being rubber stamps. We must maintain that others have this same freedom of thought and speech, even though it differs radically from our own.
3. We must stop asking the government to do things for us that we can do for ourselves.
4. We must encourage Christian men and women to run for public office, and then support them with our prayers and our sincere expressions of appreciation.

### Map Out the Route

The early settlers in America followed the Indian trails. These usually took the

course of least resistance with no thought of cutting straight through the wilderness. Missionaries now follow paths in the Amazon jungles of Peru and Brazil originally made by wild animals.

In the days when California was under Spanish rule there was an unusually good road called "El Camino Real" (the Royal Road). Every forty miles, a good day's journey, a mission was built to furnish rest and protection for the night. Today a modern highway follows this same route. In Italy also many roads are built on the solid construction of roadbeds laid in the days of the Roman Empire. They had strong foundations of rock, lime, and stone.

Our American democracy rests on strong religious foundations. The Pilgrims who came to New England were fleeing from religious persecution. James I of England had warned them that unless they conformed to the Anglican Church, he would "harrie them out of the land or else do worse." They fled to Holland where their children were "in danger to degenerate and be corrupted." The new lands across the seas beckoned to them. Here they could be missionaries to the heathen Indians. Here they could establish a government based on their religious ideas. So they came in 1620.

Before they landed in the new world, they committed themselves to God's care. "Solemnly and mutually in the Presence of God and one of another," so the Mayflower Compact says, they set out to form a Christian community on the bleak New England shore. At the end of the first winter, only fifty of the 100 were still alive. Yet they continued to stress that religion and life go hand in hand.

The Massachusetts Bay Colony and the Plymouth Colony were united in 1692. No one could vote on this issue who was not a church member. The sabbath was strictly observed, even to making it unlawful for a man to kiss his wife on Sunday. Attendance at church was compulsory. And while the Puritan was there, monitors saw that he stayed awake and listened to the sermon, even if it lasted three hours. No sermon



eties for these folks—and they were not Christianettes in character either.

Although we do not believe in a church-state such as the Puritans established, there is much we can learn from our founding fathers.

#### What We Can Do (Discuss):

1. We can really believe what we profess to believe. Do we know what we stand for as Baptists? Would we be willing to die, to move to strange lands, to go to jail for our beliefs?
  2. We can discipline our lives and our activities. Is it understood that we go to church on Sunday, regardless of friends, relatives, or Saturday night parties? Do we give our children a choice of taking medicine to cure their illness or staying out of school whenever they like? Or do we say, "At our house we stand for all that's good in our community. Nothing interferes with the discharge of our duties and privileges?"
  3. We can make Sunday a pleasant family experience by having meals planned in advance, clothes clean and ready, the day set aside for church and family.
- (If "Roman Catholicism and the Presidency," page 7 is not used at the general WMS meeting, ask someone to present it at this time. Discuss.)

#### Proceed With Caution

One of the scenic wonders of the West is the Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco. It is a thrill to cross and a wonder to behold. The early American pioneers who pushed westward to the Pacific would have made more rapid progress if the valleys had been "exalted" as they are today.

The traveler back in the thirteen colonies had little to make his journey easy. The ruts were sometimes four feet in depth. Trees were thrown into them to make the road more level. It does not take much imagination to visualize the bumps a person received riding in a box coach without the benefit of rubber wheels, inner tubes, and shock absorbers. It took eleven days of torture to travel from New York to

Washington for Thomas Jefferson's inauguration. Even as late as World War I it was predicted that there would never be many cars sold in the United States because the roads were so poor. Today over our three million miles of roads, sixty-seven million cars, busses, and trucks travel. All must proceed with caution, or traffic accidents are the result.

America must proceed with caution in building the character of her people. She might learn from the Chinese who centuries ago built a wall 1400 miles across North China. The Great Wall of China ranged from 18 to 30 feet in height and was thirteen feet wide. At frequent intervals, fortress towers were constructed. No military might of that day could penetrate this bulwark. And yet within the first century after its completion, an enemy stormed through three different times. The weakness was not in the wall, but in the character of the men who kept the gates.

A newspaper editorial stated: "Democracy cannot be defeated in this struggle with communism. It can only lose by default as people deny through indifference and neglect their personal responsibilities for its security and growth. The danger lies not so much in a fifth column whose enmity is avowed but in a first column of well-meaning citizens, 100 per cent Americans in their daily protestations and 10 per cent citizens in their daily routine of neglect."

A little Latvian girl, the 150,000th displaced person to enter the United States, emphasized the citizen's responsibility in a speech in Washington. At the "I'm An American Day" exercises, Dace Epermanis said, "Mr. Vice-President, I am too young to remember freedom but I am not too young to speak for it. I was three years old when my family lost their own country altogether. When we came into the DP camp in Germany, the only souvenirs of our home were six little snapshots. But we still had our dreams, and like all DPs they were dreams of living again in a free land.

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#### Dolls for the Asking

You may secure from your state WMU office Arab, Japanese, Chinese, Seminole Indian 3½" paper dolls to use in WMS activities—as long as the present supply lasts

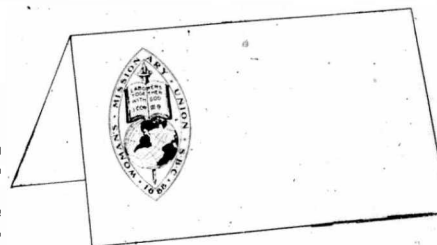
These are the Sunbeam Band "Brought-one" dolls which are a discontinued item, but there is still some stock on hand in your state WMU office. When this supply is exhausted, there will be no more available.

Suggestions for use of these dolls are in July Forecaster; you will think of other uses.

**Order only the number you feel sure you will use of all free materials. Please do not waste them; to produce costs money!**

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