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A Christian Young Woman

by Mrs. Lonnie Iglesias, missionary

Miss Elizabeth Perez is a San Blas Indian. Her parents are primitive Indians. They were not enthusiastic about her coming to school, and many times she found it difficult to continue. After graduation, she became a member of the church, began helping in the Sunday school, singing in the choir, and then became president of our Young Women's Missionary Society. She is the only Christian in her family but she does have a young brother in our school.

Elizabeth represents about 200 Christian women in our Indian churches. Since our culture tends to be matriarchal, these Christian girls will exert a tremendous influence in their homes and upon the coming generation.

Elizabeth has a reading and speaking knowledge of Spanish but for the most part speaks the Indian dialect. We are especially thrilled with these Christian girls because we worked for years without being able to reach even one with the gospel. The chiefs and parents would not permit them to come to school or Sunday school. And now these Christian girls are really the backbone of the church. The young men go to the cities to work, as there is no work here in the islands; but the girls remain behind to work in the churches. Their lives are far from easy because they still are not free. They have to adhere to the regulations and customs of the people but they all say that the Lord knows their hearts and they look forward to the day when they will be free.

Elizabeth spoke at the annual meeting of Woman's Missionary Union in Louisville last year. That was a great experience for her.





Winsome, shy, and charming little girls are seen everywhere when one spends . . .

A WEEK ON THE

San Blas Islands

by **DR. JOHN MILLER,**
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MANY PEOPLE seem to wonder why Dr. James Sawyer, dentist from Benton, and I wanted to go on a working vacation to the San Blas Islands off the coast of Panama.

Have you ever had a desire to be a missionary and above all, a pioneer in a new area? What consecrated young person has not had such feeling?

God called and led me to China as one of your medical missionaries a number of years ago. Due to my experiences as a missionary war prisoner of the Japanese, and my experiences in the army, my health failed and I had to resign from the Foreign Mission Board.

This is why I say it was a privilege to be invited to go and serve among these people for one week. Dr. Sawyer and I knew that we were



Professional chanter with incense pot sings cocoa bean chant against disease

Photos by Dr. Clyde Keefer

Christian woman has learned to read the Bible; Missionaries Iglesias and Miller translating the book of Mark into Cuna



A WEEK ON THE BLAS ISLANDS

helping to strengthen the work of our Home Mission Board workers and that was enough reason for going. Besides this, we could tell that the Holy Spirit was using us to help open the field a little wider for the gospel.

It reminded me of the story of Peter Parker as he "opened China at the point of a lance" over a hundred years ago. We were doing the same type work in June 1959 and only one hundred miles from the Canal Zone and modern medical facilities. Today, there is no doctor to minister to these people on San Blas who in 1955 became spiritual and physical responsibilities of Southern Baptists.

In many ways, the spiritual need has been met and the people are anxious to receive all the preaching and teaching which can be provided.

On one island, they have some sort of general church service each night. The people have become used to it, and when nightfall comes on, they all go to church

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Baptist missionary house at Ustuppu has no parking problem

as they did in New Testament times.

The San Blas Islands are still pioneer territory, in many ways, but they are rapidly being opened to the gospel. I can best illustrate with an experience. One of the last people I met in San Blas was a Panamanian who had just graduated from the University of Iowa in Agriculture. He was being sent to San Blas by the Panama government to see what could be done in experimental farming and animal husbandry. Yes, these people have learned that there is a better way of life and are now gladly accepting it.

Their desire to know Christ is perhaps the most evident thing that we could see. One of the more primitive islands the island is only one year old and still carried on as a mission. For the result of a year's work, there are twenty-two baptized believers but four hundred and fifty have been told that they want to be baptized and as they have had sufficient instruction. The work on these islands was

begun a quarter century ago by Dr. and Mrs. A. L. Iglesias and has developed rapidly.

It is only a hop to Panama and after another hour you are in San Blas—but here the calendar rapidly turns backward.

Between islands, travel must be by dug-out canoes which are usually propelled by outboard motors. We never felt very safe on the water; we were assured that the area was well infested with sharks!

The first clinic which we held on the islands was at Ustuppu. Most of the grown men wore shirts of different colors but they almost always wore dark colored trousers. The remainder of their dress was a felt hat and invariably bare feet.

Standing in this first group of clinic patients with five or six young San Blas women gathered around him, was a man in a well-worn white shirt and white trousers. He was the native medicine man and he had brought these expectant mothers with him to seek my opinion of their

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conditions and how he should treat them. One of them had had an extremely hard time during her first delivery. I advised her and her native medicine man the best I could.

Even though it had practically never been done before, I found little trouble making pelvic measurements on some of these women and advised them as to what they could expect.

I always took opportunity to explain to them that they needed a doctor to help them when an emergency arises.

Immediately, I assured the native medicine man that I was glad to see him and that I, in turn would like to go to his house and see how he did his work. After clinic was finished we went to his house and found large baskets filled with every imaginable type of object which he uses in his effort to drive out the evil spirits.

It seemed that he used a large number

Ankela Rivera, native Christian, member of Ailigandi Baptist Church, an excellent weaver, the finest artist in San Blas

of metal bolts, pieces of wood, bones, etc. He had a good many wooden idols which we were told he either placed under their hammock or rubbed them against the affected part of the body.

He assured me that he did have a tonic which he uses for several maladies and showed me one that was being prepared in a hollowed-out log. He was soaking bark, roots, and some type of stalks in water to make a preparation which, we must agree, might relieve certain conditions.

This type medicine has been developed through centuries of trial and error method and we know that some of it has true medicinal values. However, we doubt the ability of the wooden fetish to drive out evil spirits.

There are five or six medicine men on each island where one or two thousand people live. Also on each there are several women who call themselves midwives but they are little more than witch doctors. They have had no training at all and know nothing to do if the patient becomes seriously ill. The missionaries told us that they forcefully push on the baby until great damage is done to the baby and the mother also.

On one island, there are two midwives who have been trained almost to American standards. They live on Nargana Island and the Indians are building their own maternity clinic as a community project.

We worked under conditions which must have been similar to those experienced by pioneer missionaries in China of a hundred years ago. Indeed it was like a page in pioneer missions being unfolded before you each day, and most wonderful of all, we were having the privilege of being in the act. In so many ways, we could see the Holy Spirit making his entrance into some home and life where he had never been heard of before.

People stop and listen when they are in pain. Medical missionaries do not want to take advantage of people but they seek every opportunity to present the message of Christ.

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High Standards of Speech and Conduct

A BOY from a pagan background came to work in the home of a Christian woman on one of our mission fields. After working for three months he announced abruptly that he was leaving to work in the home of a leading Moslem in the community. When the Christian employer asked why, his surprising answer was, "I have decided I want to get away from my pagan background and I will be either a Christian or a Moslem. To help me decide what I want to be I decided to work three months in the home of a Christian and then three months in the home of a Moslem. Then I will know what my faith is to be."

The Christian woman was quite taken aback. She began to think back over the past months. What had she said and done which might influence this young man in his decision?

Time will tell what this young man's decision will be, but the same thing, though perhaps in a less dramatic way, is happening all over the world. Whether we realize it or not, our attitudes, our words and our deeds have great influence on those with whom we live and work and on those who serve us in many capacities. We may well ask ourselves whether others are turned toward Christ because of what they see in us in public and in private. Do they say,

"If that is Christianity, I'll have none of it?"

This was brought home forcefully to me when I conferred recently with some of our mission leaders in South America. I was there to help with plans for the Baptist World Congress which will be held at Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, June 26-July 3 of this year. We are expecting at least 5,000 Baptists from outside Brazil to attend this Congress in addition to thousands of Brazilians and others from over Latin America. Hundreds from the Southern Baptist Convention and from all of North America will be visiting mission fields as they journey to Rio and back. Small wonder that our missionaries in South America are concerned about the impact of our lives on those we meet in the various Latin American countries.

This is the first time a Baptist World Congress has been held in the Southern Hemisphere and the first time in a predominantly Catholic country. We are to meet in a great mission area where we have sent hundreds of missionaries and poured out hundreds of thousands of dollars in schools, colleges, and seminaries. The acts and attitudes of Baptist visitors next summer can materially advance the Christian cause, or can lead many to say,



by Dr. Theodore F. Adams, president
Baptist World Alliance

"If that is Christianity, I'll have none of it."

It will not be just what is said in public meetings that will count—but also actions and words with the waitress in the dining room, the maid in the hotel, the porter who carries baggage and the clerk in the store. What will the taxi drivers think of this host of Baptists? What will be the impression of the man in the street? What a wonderful opportunity to witness for Christ if we make the most of it and are at our best as Christians.

I asked our Baptist missionaries to list some suggestions I should make to those who are to visit South America next year. Their suggestions may surprise you, but the missionaries feel very strongly about every one of them. Here they are:

1. Do not smoke or drink and use little in the way of cosmetics. Baptists in Latin America frown on such things. One missionary said, "If some feel they must smoke, tell them to do it in their own rooms; but even there the maid and porter will know what they do."

2. Do not say unkind or uncomplimentary things about a country or its people, thinking that you will not be understood. Most of the people with whom you deal will understand enough English to know what you say.

3. Do not brag about our country or quote statistics about Baptist life and work in such a way as to disparage the land in which you are a guest.

4. Go with your eyes open to learn what you can from other cultures and other people who may speak a different language and have different customs, but who are proud of their own way of life and have much to teach us.

5. Do not refuse to sit next to someone of another nationality or race or color. Such distinctions are not usually made in the lands you will visit. Rather go with an understanding spirit and help to promote brotherhood and good will between different races and nations.

6. Remember that the people you will visit are Brazilians, and Argentines and Chileans and Mexicans and are proud of it, just as proud as you are of being a citizen of the USA.

7. Be prepared to distribute tracts wisely. All who travel with official tours will be provided with tracts in Spanish that are being printed now by our Publishing House in El Paso. Those who travel in Brazil will receive tracts in Portuguese to distribute in that country.

8. Go with a prayer in your heart that God may use the witness of your life hour by hour and day by day to lead others to want to know the Christ whose name you profess and to follow him as Saviour and Lord. Remember that when you are in a foreign land you are a missionary too. What kind of missionary will you be?

God grant that because of the influence of your life and the lives of others who visit Latin America in 1960, many will be won to Christ and the cause of the Kingdom advanced, the cause to which our missionaries are giving their lives with such devotion and consecration.

Willing Heart—Willing Offering

AFTER forty days and forty nights with the Lord, Moses descended from Mount Sinai. Gathering the children of Israel together he told them all that the Lord had spoken to him in the mountain. Then he laid before them the plan for building the tabernacle sanctuary. "This is the thing which the Lord commanded, saying, Take ye from among you an offering unto the Lord: whosoever is of a willing heart, let him bring it. . . .

"And they came, both men and women, as many as were willinghearted. . . . The children of Israel brought a willing offering unto the Lord, every man and woman, whose heart made them willing. . . . Exodus 35:4, 5, 22, 29.

Because their hearts were willing there was an outpouring of offerings—more than enough for building the tabernacle: "And they spake unto Moses, saying, The people bring much more than enough for the service of the work, which the Lord commanded." Exodus 36:5.

What a lesson this ancient building program has for us today. There are churches, missions, good will centers to be built. The Annie Armstrong Offering is the source of funds for most of these buildings.

FOR THE first time in three years the Annie Armstrong Offering goal of \$2,600,000 was reached in 1959. Because of our failures in the two earlier years buildings which were badly needed were not built. More willing hearts this year will bring more willing offerings and the result will be more buildings such as the good will center in Tucson, Arizona, built with Annie Armstrong Offering funds.

At three o'clock, September 13, more

people came than could be seated for the dedication of the center. The very next day a regular program of activities was begun—a program designed to make Jesus known to the Mexicans, Indians, Negroes, Chinese as well as the Anglos in the area. Miss Helen Lambert wrote of the "marvelous" response of these people even in the early weeks of ministry through this good will center.

FROM the Manhattan Baptist Church in New York City, the WMU president, Mrs. Herbert Maher wrote, "Dr. Paul James, our pastor, asked me to speak in the morning worship service following the Week of Prayer for Home Missions. Then a chairman from each of our four circles came forward to present the offering which had been given. The total was over \$600. There is a spirit of love and loyalty among our women—and we have actively enlisted almost 50 members.

"The 'heritage' of this New York work is being written daily with the lives of each member of the Manhattan Baptist Church. What a privilege it is to feel in the will of the Lord Jesus Christ! There are so many people in the New York metropolitan area that it is staggering to wonder where to begin. The Woman's Missionary Societies begun and missions and churches established can be real New Testament lighthouses.

"You spoke (she was writing to Mrs. Mathis) of the bells ringing for the Baptist chapel in Ruschlikon, Switzerland when you were there. Sunday, April 12, when our Manhattan Baptist Church was dedicated in the midst of the bustling city of New York there were no other church bells ringing for us but in the hush of our



'new' church each pew was filled and the Holy Spirit dwelt among us. There was love there—joys and sorrows shared as well as hard work—by Christian people—Southern Baptists in particular—from all over the country and world. Some New Yorkers turned Southern Baptist were there, too. The president of the real estate corporation who leased to us the property was there—he is a Jew. He sat there through the service with his face beaming!" This Manhattan church was begun as a Home Mission Board project.

WITH THE Week of Prayer for Home Missions just a month away it is time for each of us to prepare ourselves for it. We can begin preparation with family and in private prayer—that the Week of Prayer may be for us an experience of praying with dedication, that home mission work may be advanced because we pray believing. Because we pray faithfully, our hearts will be willing and we shall experience an outpouring of offerings—offerings which will combine to a total of not only the \$2,350,000 goal but offerings which, like those of the Israelites, will overflow, even beyond our goal.

We can begin preparation as societies. Worthy offerings do not just happen. They come when hearts have been made willing. Careful preparation for the five-day observance of the Week of Prayer will help to make hearts willing. The cause of missions will be helped by a vigorous attempt to have every woman in the church participating—not only WMS members but women not yet enlisted in membership. The pastor's leadership is needed in gaining the prayerful support of the entire congregation to this prayer effort and offering for home missions.

by Alma Hunt

Panama

Through the Eyes of an Army Officer

BY LT. COL. WALTER L. MORROW

A person hardly knows what to expect when suddenly orders arrive saying that your next duty station will be Albrook Field in Panama Canal Zone. Immediately we thought of jungles, heat, heavy rainfall, and primitive conditions. But no sooner did we arrive than we found we were entirely wrong. The climate is delightful, people friendly, and the surroundings interesting.

An American in the Canal Zone, whether he be airman, army, navy, or Panama Canal employee, finds "a little bit of North America" dropped into a tropical scene and soon he can feel very much at home at this "Crossroads of the World." However, it wasn't long after uniting with First Baptist Church of Balboa, where Rev. W. H. Beeby has been pastor for thirteen years, that I discovered a complex mission field in which our church has an active interest in four areas.

Americans away from home and detached from their local churches present a tremendous challenge to our Home Mission Board workers in Panama who for the past eight years have been led by Rev. R. G. Van Royen. These Americans, away from home influences need to be reached for Christ. To bear a witness for Christ the Home Mission Board has established three Baptist churches to reach North Americans, namely Atlantic Baptist Church on the Atlantic side, the Cocodi Baptist Church and First Baptist Church, Balboa Heights, on the Pacific side of the Isthmus which together form the Canal Zone Association.

There is a strong, positive aspect also. Loyal and faithful Christians who settle down in one of our Baptist churches and share the burden with others are of great assistance to the Home Mission Board in the task of evangelization of the Americans away from home.

The wonderful thing about being on duty here is that you not only hear about missions and see the Home Mission Board work firsthand, but it stimulates you to get into mission work. All three American churches have mission extension work for the investment of time, money, and talents for Christ. Prayer for this work is needed that these three churches be able to continue to meet the tremendous opportunity that appears on every hand. As one air force man said upon leaving for the states, "I don't know what I would have done without this church home while I've been in Panama. I can now go back to my home church saying that the Lord has kept me close to Him during these years, opened my eyes to missions, and has offered practical opportunity for service."

A Service person's first impression of the Spanish work in Panama is the slavery of heart and mind that has been imposed upon the Spanish people by the state church which for centuries has enslaved South and Central America. To reach the Spanish people for the Lord Jesus one can meet some of our finest national missionaries under the direction of Mr. Van Royen. For the past eight years he and his workers have done a magnificent work. In seven

years the Spanish workers have increased from six to twenty-two and now number seven churches and four missions in the Panama Baptist Association.

This work presents numerous problems, however: prejudice, hardness of heart, low economy, and long-standing customs, not the least of which are the moral and marital problems which must be made right before the converts can be baptized and admitted to the church. This is especially true in the rural areas. Because of lack of proper marriage, it is not uncommon for a man to have an "inside" wife (the one he resides with) and one or two "outside" wives, and perhaps children by each of them. Several years ago there were five couples properly married in one ceremony as their children and grandchildren were the witnesses. Yet these people, converted, instructed and properly married became staunch members of the Biqui Baptist Church.

There is now a Panama Baptist Seminary which is five years old. Six students graduated in 1958 in the first graduating class. There are enrolled this year eighteen students. Our seminary is the hope that Baptists have in the future, as the Lord provides enough national workers to reach the countless villages and small towns of Panama with the gospel. Rev. Aurelio Dawkins and his wife graduated from this school only a year ago, yet they now have a thriving work both in English and Spanish. They work in the Bocas del Toro region where the United Fruit Company has great banana plantations. The Board has five churches in this Bocas Association. If the seminary graduates serve the Lord as eagerly and effectively as this couple, the prospects for kingdom work for Panama are indeed bright.



Balboa Heights Baptist Church

Three great needs present themselves to the workers in our Spanish churches: the securing of a permanent site for the development of the seminary, the inauguration of day schools leading eventually to a Baptist high school, and the establishment of an orphanage. Educational and social work are of extreme necessity among Latin people where the Roman church controls education and social work of the country.

The third obvious mission challenge in Panama is the bi-lingual West Indian, who during the construction of the Panama Canal was brought to Panama from the West Indies. With the completion of the Canal thousands of them moved into Panama City, and like the American Negro, they have a culture all their own. This is Southern Baptists' oldest mission work in Panama. These churches are among the largest, many of them with a fully-organized Sunday school, Woman's Missionary Union, Brotherhood, and Training Union. Rev. David Morgan at the Bethany Baptist Church of 600 members in Rainbow City, claims the largest Training Union in Panama with 425 attending on a Sunday night. There are twenty-one national missionaries of our Board working with the West Indian churches, most of them in the Central Panama Association which numbers six churches and three missions.

The needs here are tremendous in the auxiliary ministries of the church. Many

people live in miserable cramped quarters, are unemployed, and many lack any education. Several churches, good will centers, schools, and a relief program are desperately needed. Baptists here are looking to Southern Baptists for help.

Perhaps the most colorful work of our Board is the work with the San Blas Indians. The San Blas number about 18,000 and are among the more numerous of the tribes of Indians in Panama who pride themselves in keeping their strain unmixed with other groups. For generations they have protected themselves against foreigners, not allowing anyone to remain on their islands overnight. In the process of colonization these Indians were pushed from the mainland to hundreds of islands off the coast.

Their community life is unusual. Every father is expected to give a "Chicha Feast" for his daughter at which chicha is served. Chicha juice is a fermented mixture made by a most astounding process. The Indian women sit around a large pot and chew the grain until it is well masticated, then spit the mouthful into a pot and stir. The process takes days. You, no doubt, shudder over this pot of strange mixture, and there are also some Indians who refuse to participate in the Feast. They are the "outcast" Christians who are converts resulting from the work of the Holy Spirit through our missionaries, Dr. and Mrs. Lonnie Iglesias. We should praise the Lord for these two who have faithfully proclaimed the gospel on the San Blas Islands for over twenty-five years. Being Baptist in persuasion, the Iglesias mission came under our Home Mission Board program at their request about five years ago.

Through the years they have led young San Blas fellows to the Lord, sent them away to Bible school and high school, and then have brought them back and gradually set up day schools and Sunday schools on the islands. Their greatest contribution has been the formation of a written language of seventeen letters, the establishing of schools through the sixth grade, and the

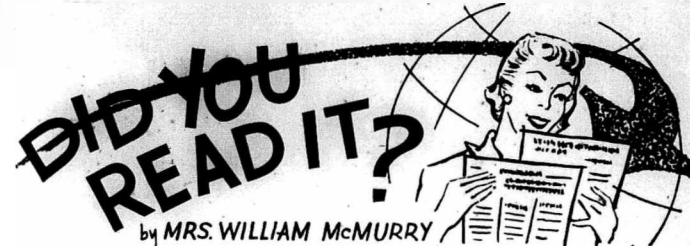
translation of Mark, Acts, Romans, and John into the San Blas language.

There are 4,008 in the Sunday schools on the San Blas Islands, and the Board is supporting thirty-four preachers and teachers in the island churches and schools of the San Blas Association of Baptist churches. Being an island work, transportation from island to island is provided by native boats powered by twelve outboard motors provided by the First Baptist Church in Balboa and three churches in Texas, Florida, and Alabama. The newest work is the dispensary and medical work recently added to the church and educational work. By this time next year a clinic will be built by the First Baptist Church of Balboa and the last three years of medical service will be expanded. The medical work has been helped by US Government doctors of Gorgas Hospital in the Zone taking their leave (time for medical trips). Recently some doctors from Arkansas came to the islands for medical clinics.

Your prayer is requested for the expansion of the school work, building of churches, raised living standards of the Indians, funds necessary to occupy more islands with additional workers, and a means of radio communication with the islands.

Recently a request for missionaries has come from the Valiente Indians, numbering some 50,000, which affords an entry to a new field of evangelism of the largest tribe of Indians. Much of the Indian area is yet untouched by our missionaries.

To an American air force officer observing our Baptist workers, it is a great surprise to visit the newly organized Panama Baptist Convention. Five Associations representing three language groups and four racial groups make up a most unique mission field. They are ministering through 23 churches and 38 missions. Certainly we can praise the Lord for the wonderful advances that have been made and the ministry of God's Holy Spirit in developing the harmonious spirit among our Baptist brethren of Panama.



Crisis in Morals

Public opinion is gradually being aroused over the peddling of sex through the wonder-world of communication: television, the motion picture, the highway billboard and the printed page. Dr. Pitirim Sorokin, Harvard sociologist, in his book The American Sex Revolution states "Every phase of our culture has been invaded by sex. Our civilization has become so preoccupied with sex that it now oozes from all pores of American life." Sex appeal ads and editorial matter in reputable magazines, plays dealing with sex abnormalities, and popular sexy records illustrate the truth of this statement. Mr. Sorokin adds the warning, "Unless we develop an inner immunity against these libidinal forces we are bound to be conquered by the continuous pressures of a gigantic army of ever-present sex stimuli."

Harm has already been done. A noted gynecologist speaking before a Congress on Obstetrics and Gynecology reported that illegitimate births to teen-agers had doubled during the past fifteen years. He attributed this to a wave of sex hysteria. The doctor stated that children today are subjected to sex in its rawest form before they have the faintest concept of its total meaning in life and adults furnish the example.

Many grown-ups who justify openness and freedom in sex argue that in steering away from the natural order of things we have been afraid to face up to biology. A further answer to these advocates is the reported number of 202,000 illegitimate births in a given year, 40 per cent of them involving teen-age girls. Thousands go unreported and not all of the states give the US Office of Vital Statistics figures for the national totals. Additional proof, if needed, as to the fallacy of this approach to sex is revealed in a report of the American Social Hygiene Association that in 1958 venereal diseases among teen-agers increased in 14 states and that there were epidemic outbreaks in 19 states.

Temptation Trap

Professor Sorokin's statement about the invasion of sex into every nook and cranny of American life is illustrated by a story Howard Whitman told in The Houston Post. A happily married man said to a marriage counselor, "Let's face it. I think I could manage sex all right if I weren't being shoved and nudged off the deep end all the time. You know what I mean--temptation everywhere I turn." The apparently satisfying life of a faithfully married couple is not

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often portrayed in a best-seller, on the stage or in the local movie house. On TV as sexless a product as toothpaste or shaving cream is advertised in a deep-throated come-hither voice. The weather report over the radio is calculated to conjure up the picture of a sultry siren. A glamorous beauty scantily dressed appears in a magazine ad for heavy duty industrial machinery. This is what the happily married man meant when he asked the counselor, "What are they trying to do, wreck my marriage?" "This is the psychology of temptation," writes Mr. Whitman. "Its effect on our culture is pronounced. We propagandize, almost mesmerize ourselves into believing that the pursuit of the half-clad doll is the highest good. By comparison marriage is made to seem old hat, boring and dull. Lure and deception are the prerequisites to any well-made trap."



Dr. Bell

Ten Commandments, a Substitute

Dr. L. Nelson Bell, father of Mrs. Billy Graham and executive editor of Christianity Today, says he is opposed to sex instruction in public schools. "The present demand for sex education for children is psychologically unsound," Dr. Bell said in his magazine, "for it places in the child's mind an emphasis on sex that is unwholesome, and eventuates in more, not less, sex experimentation on the part of those so trained."

He suggested that young people should be directed to read the Ten Commandments as a partial solution to the moral problem.

He also proposed an experiment for parents and children:

"Take the book of Proverbs. In it you will find 31 chapters, one for each day of the month. For one year read one chapter a day (beginning with the corresponding chapter for the date begun), and I will promise on the basis of personal experience, the professional background of 40 years as a practicing physician, and yet more years as a Christian, that every problem of youth will be found and met in that one book."

Demoralization of Youth

"Adults are to blame," said a 16-year-old boy who was trying to turn over a new leaf after running afoul of the law. "They set the example--all we do is follow. What do they expect from us?" When a group of parents expressed shock at a teen-agers' party which had to be broken up by the police, some of the youngsters remarked that it was exactly the same kind of party they saw in the movies and read about in books. "Youth lives in a climate of imitation. It turns to the world of the grown-ups for patterns."

Christians have failed to be sufficiently concerned about the moral behaviour of youth. "This shocking negligence," states an editorial in Christianity Today, "unless it is immediately corrected will earn for the church the name of delinquent."

Plato wrote, "What is honored in a country will be cultivated there."



Prodigal

THE PRODIGAL forsook his home . . . and went his wasteful way . . . and in the streets of sin he spent . . . his fortune day by day . . . but aftertime he found that he . . . had drained his cup of wine . . . and sounds of bands had given place . . . to grunts of hungry swine . . . But he arose, a starving man . . . of all his goods bereft . . . aware that all the things worthwhile . . . were in the place he'd left . . . All men are only wanderers . . . upon a lonely road . . . who never, never will be home . . . until they're Home with God.



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Carver School of Missions and Social Work

by Nathan C. Brooks, Jr., president

The Southern Baptist Convention in its Louisville meeting last May reaffirmed its plan to develop at Carver School a graduate institution for missions and social work training.

Here are some questions and answers that may help Southern Baptists to understand and evaluate more fully Carver School of Missions and Social Work. Our purpose is to provide you with information about this Southern Baptist Convention school which will enable the Holy Spirit to lead you to see its aim, program, and the need in administration and faculty seek to fulfill.

What is the aim of the School?

Carver School is not a seminary and its trustees do not propose that it become one. The purpose of this school is to develop a curriculum which will provide specialized missionary training and professional preparation in the social work field for future public, private, and church-related social workers.

What need does the School seek to meet in the social work area of its ministry?

Baptists, with their children's homes, good will centers, homes for the aging, and hospital ministries, have become deeply involved in a social work program without developing a corresponding social work education ministry. A similar situation would exist if Baptists constituted churches but provided no theological training for preachers. It is like trying to establish mis-

sion stations around the world without the missionaries with proper educational preparation.

One children's home superintendent wrote, "So many of our secular social work graduate schools can give good professional training but place no emphasis whatsoever on the Christian aspects of this type work."

Another said, "I have found it extremely difficult for non-denominational case workers to relate themselves to denominational work, particularly that of Baptists, and since every case worker is an important part of the public relations of a children's home it is essential that he understand and know something of the attitude of our people and what they want and expect in church relationships."

In addition to the present unmet demand for workers with specialized training, Southern Baptists through the Home Mission Board are now beginning a first major assault upon the large cities of the nation. The need for specialized missionary and social work training is pressing in metropolitan areas.

What need does Carver School seek to meet in the missionary training area?

Missionary appointees of our Foreign Mission Board who are preachers are expected to have at least a B.D. degree. The



Visiting Lecturer Goddard and Professor Kay Big-ham interview students from Alabama and India

required courses in a theological seminary generally do not allow electives enough for the bachelor's degree candidate to secure some of the specialized training that he may need. For the appointee who seeks further specialized training before going to the mission field, for the missionary on furlough, for women who do not seek a theological degree, and for nurses, doctors, and other specialists who need missions orientation in a denominational graduate school, Carver offers such courses as Literacy Education, Fundamentals of Phonetics, Medical Information, Cultural Anthropology, The Christian Family in a Non-Christian Society, and Teaching of English as a Foreign Language.

There was a time when Baptists sent only preachers to overseas mission assignments. Experience has led us to send doctors, nurses, teachers, secretaries, editors and writers, photographers, and other specialists to make their contribution to the world mission task. Carver School is seeking to aid in the preparation of specialists for their task.

Women can easily visualize the numerous places Carver-trained home missionaries may serve—in good will centers, rescue homes, children's homes and there are many other places where Carver graduates will contribute with fine results for kingdom advance.

What about accreditation at Carver School?

Questions have been asked about Carver School's accreditation. The institution is in the process of seeking accreditation from three agencies: The American Association of Schools of Religious Education, The Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, and the Council on Social Work Education. Just as each of our newer seminaries must pass through a period of development before being accredited by the American Association of Theological Schools, so Carver School, an agency of the Southern Baptist Convention for only two and one-half years, is on its way toward proper accreditation.

Graduates of Carver School have been accepted for appointment by both the Home and Foreign Mission Boards and are already serving in Southern Baptist child care agencies.

During 1958-59 students were enrolled at this, your school, from seventeen states and five foreign countries. Two degrees are offered: Bachelor of Arts, for those who complete 66 semester hours at Carver after finishing 60 semester hours in a standard junior or senior college; Master of Arts, with a major in Missions or Social Work, for those who are college graduates. At a later date a Master of Science in Social

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Prayer Motto: Day by Day for the World I Pray

Prepared by Mrs. H. Leo Eddleman

1 Monday So likewise ye, except ye utter by the tongue words easy to be understood, how shall it be known what is spoken? 1 Cor. 14:8.

From Dar es Salaam, East Africa, newly appointed missionaries Rev. and Mrs. Eric Clark write: "In these cities the Moslem mosques and Hindu temples, filled to capacity on their holy days, stand as an indictment to the half empty churches of Christendom." Pray for the Clarks as they try to master the Shihili language in order to communicate the knowledge of Christ to their neighbors.

PRAY for Mrs. B. T. Griffin, Lagos, Nigeria, J. A. Herring, Kaohsiung, Taiwan, Mrs. Andres Rodriguez, Marianao, Cuba, ev.; Sarah Herring, B. T. Griffin, Jr., MF; Maria Grimaldi, San Antonio, I. E. Gonzalez, Corpus Christi, Tex., ev. among Spanish-speaking; Obdulio Gonzalez, MF; Gladys Keith, New Orleans, La., GWC; Mrs. R. C. Coppins, Indonesia, pub.; Mrs. M. K. Wasson, Oshogbo, Nigeria, ed.

2 Tuesday The word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword. Heb. 4:12.

Missionary Jim Kirk has been doing evangelistic work in Vitoria, Brazil, but after furlough this year he returns to Rio to work in the Publishing House shops where denominational literature is printed; also Bibles, New Testaments, Gospels. "It will be a thrilling task to have such a vital part in the sowing of seed. We covet your prayer as we prepare ourselves to take up new work," writes Mr. Kirk.

PRAY for J. P. Kirk, Brazil, ev.; Sara Wilson, New Orleans, La., GWC; Mrs. A.

Worthington, HMB, retired; Dean Worthington, MF, G. W. Thomas, New Orleans, La., ev. among deaf

3 Wednesday 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. Isa. 55:11.

Leaving her first love of teaching, Miss Mary Lucile Saunders has now subjected herself to the confining hours imposed by deadlines to become co-manager along with Virginia Mathis of Baptist publication work in the Philippines.

With a vision of the potentiality of wiggling Primaries, fast-growing Juniors, changing Intermediates, keen seniors, maturing young people, and able adults, she is aware of the power of the written page as well as the spoken word. She is willing to sacrifice the great joy of personal witnessing for this wider witness by means of the printed page. Pray for these two missionaries.

PRAY for Mary L. Saunders, Manila, Philippines, pub.; C. A. Talley, E. St. Louis, Ill., Res. Mis.; Mrs. C. J. Smith, Clinton, Okla., ev. among Indians, Mrs. J. T. McRae, Giza, Dorothea K. Lane, Kokura, Japan, ed.; F. B. Owen, Indonesia, G. H. Koltmar, Colombia, MD; Mrs. H. D. McCamey, Ibadan, Nigeria, RN; S. A. Qualls, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, B.A.

4 Thursday 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.

A Christian girl who had sinned against society and against God came to Selva

Baptist Home in New Orleans for medical and spiritual help. Soon she was asking God to restore unto her the joy of her salvation. She related that her parents regularly attended church but were more interested in social life than things of the spirit. Pray for this girl and other unwed mothers who come to this home, for the missionaries there.

PRAY for Mrs. Frank DiMaggio, Mrs. J. G. Sanchez, HMB, retired; E. F. Holmes, Chile, Mrs. J. E. Jackson, Philippines, Mrs. B. A. O'Neal, Brazil, ev.

5 Friday Him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out. John 6:37.

Many Israelis have said to Missionary Bob Lindsey, "We do not want to be God's chosen people; we have suffered enough. Let some other people be chosen for a while." The Jews have been persecuted much. Little do they seem to realize that their forebears once cried to Pilate, "His blood be on us and on our children."

Pray for the Israelis and all Hebrews to realize that God saves a person as he chooses Christ as Saviour.

PRAY for Mrs. W. J. LaFleur, Washington, La., ev. among French; Duesadeth Escobar, Panama City, Panama, Mrs. J. P. Gilbert, Quito, Ecuador, Mrs. S. P. Jackson, Brazil, Mrs. L. N. Nelson, Hiroshima, Japan, C. F. Robinson, Nigeria, ev.; Lila Watson, China-Taiwan-Hong Kong, retired

6 Saturday Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. Matt. 5:11.

"Last Sunday," writes Mrs. Gebhart, "we witnessed another victory for Christ. Two Catholic women with their children attended services for the first time. Days of victory are the result of work and fervent prayer. Thanks to the many who are praying for us and our work."

PRAY for Mrs. V. T. Yearwood, HMB, retired; Homer Yearwood, MF; Mrs. Dan Contreras, Clovis, N. Mex.; Epifanio Salazar, Waco, Tex., ev. among Spanish-speaking; Francisco Rodriguez, Corral Nuevo, Cuba, Jerry Hobbs, Nakorn Nayoke, Thailand, Reiji Hoshizaki, Shizuoka, Japan, Hattie Mae Gardner, Okuta, Nigeria, ev.

Missionaries are listed on their birthdays. Addresses in *Directory of Missionary Personnel*, from Foreign Mission Board, Box 6597, Richmond 30, Virginia, and in *Home Missions*



7 Sunday Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain. John 15:16.

In Colombia, South America a dearth of formal education helps perpetuate the two-class system of extreme poverty for many and great wealth for a few. Little wonder that a small crippled man, himself barely a high school graduate, should start a school in Cartagena. Says Missionary Zack Deal, who has helped this man grow in Christ, "He would have this school whether paid or not. He trains children in reading, writing, and arithmetic to be able to teach them the Bible. We baptize more young people from his school than from any other source." Pray with thanksgiving for this fine Christian.

PRAY for Isidoro Garza, San Francisco, Daniel Sotelo, Calif., Mrs. E. M. Treadwell, Las Vegas, N. Mex., ev. among Spanish-speaking; T. H. York, Canton, Okla., ev. among Indians; Mrs. Paul Rogosin, San Francisco, Calif., ev. among Russians; Mattie A. Baker, Brazil, retired; Martha E. Knox, Kokura, Japan, ed.; Mrs. C. L. Martin, Jr., Tokyo, Japan, SW; L. C. Atkin, So. Rhodesia, ev.

8 Monday That whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you. John 15:16.

The Zion church in Salvador, Bahia, Brazil grew so rapidly that its building was far too small. Through prayer and effort the church now has an ideal location. The little building on the new property has been remodeled while a church building is erected. Money has been received for the first payment on property and building. "The answer to prayer has been so evident," Mrs. Lingerfelt writes, "that even non-members acknowledge God's hand." Mrs. Lingerfelt requests prayer in behalf of these Baptists that necessary money be available by the appointed time.

PRAY for M. E. O'Neill, Casa Grande, Ariz., ev. among Spanish-speaking; Mrs. Ross Hanna, Quapaw, Okla., ev. among Indians; Katie Murray, Taiwan, ev.

9 Tuesday By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another John 13:35.

Rev. and Mrs. Domingo Fernandez after completing seminary training in Costa Rica went to Spain, Mr. Fernandez' native land. In 1941 they came to live in Cuba. During the many months of revolution in Cuba, this couple has witnessed to the community where they work as Baptist missionaries. Mrs. Fernandez requests prayer that each in their family be filled with Christian love. Let us remember to call by name their two children, Samuel, a Margaret Fund student at Georgetown College in Kentucky, and Rachel, a sixteen-year-old student in Cuba. *Pray for this scattered family, for the parents' witness in Cuba.*

PRAY for Alexander Pasetti, Immokalee, Fla., ev. among Spanish-speaking; Mrs. Domingo Fernandez, Havana, Cuba, ev.; G. R. Martin, Penang, Malaya, ed.

10 Wednesday Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ Gal. 6:2.

"Three families with one Catholic parent in each were willing for the other members of the family to come to our mission until one or more publicly professed faith in Christ," writes Mrs. Abraham Wright. When these babes in the faith asked for baptism and church membership, the Catholic parent in each case exerted subtle pressure which resulted in fifteen in these families being stopped from church attendance. *Pray for the Holy Spirit to strengthen these people, and for persecutions to be modified so they may worship again in freedom.*

PRAY for Abraham Wright, Benld, Ill., ev. among Italians; Mrs. D. N. Mayhall, Iwo, W. D. Frazier, S. E. Ray, Ogbomoso, Nigeria, Nadine Lovan, Kumasi, Ghana, ev.*

11 Thursday For the bread of God is he which cometh down from heaven, and giveth life unto the world John 6:33.

Africa is on the march. Nationalism is gaining ground. Communism is extending a hand of fellowship as its followers exclaim to the Africans, "Comrade." On seeing pastors and church leaders from three different tribes studying together to learn better ways of leading their people and hearing them sing such hymns as "I Know Whom I Have Believed" in different languages, Miss Nadine Lovan wrote with renewed conviction,

"Christ is the answer to Africa's crucial problems in this significant day of her history." *Pray for this work among Africa's leaders, the white men there, for our missionaries.*

PRAY for A. M. Lugo, Edinburg, Tex., ev. among Spanish-speaking; Miss Clifford Barratt, Hsinchu, Taiwan, Mrs. S. P. Howard, Jr., Shimonoseki, Japan, ev.; Ruby L. Wheat, Korea, RN; Mrs. C. A. Baker, Brazil, retired; E. H. Walker, Baguio, Philippines, ed.

12 Friday God hath spoken once: twice have I heard this: that power belongeth unto God Psalm 62:11.

Many times Miss Beulah Wingo, a pioneer missionary in Ohio, becomes discouraged in WMU work until she reflects how the work has grown in the three years from 65 missionary societies to a reported 147 today. This growth is due to God's working in the hearts of women throughout the state, Miss Wingo believes. *Pray for this pioneer work of Southern Baptists.*

PRAY for Ada Young, New Orleans, La., GWC; J. B. Hipps, China, Ruth Randall, Brazil, retired; Mrs. H. O. Headrick, Maringa, Mrs. Earl Peacock, Campinas, Brazil, Mrs. H. B. Boone, Mbeya, Tanganyika, ev.

13 Saturday For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men Titus 2:11.

Although our missionaries the John Allen Moores are not permitted to live and work in Yugoslavia, they have contact with Baptists there as they work at our Baptist Seminary in nearby Switzerland. Mrs. Moore encourages the Yugoslavia WMU executive secretary, Mrs. Hilda Lohocki, in her work. Because of the encouragement brought to Baptist women by the visit of a Baptist woman from Germany, one group decided to help a needy student in the seminary. *Pray for the women of Yugoslavia.*

PRAY for Mrs. Daniel Rodriguez, Consolacion del Sur, Cuba, Mrs. G. M. Faile, Jr., Nalerigu, Ghana, Mrs. J. D. Spann, Montevideo, Uruguay, R. E. Morris, Taipei, Taiwan, J. R. Marshall, Jr., Bangkok, Thailand, Mrs. T. O. Cox, Tokyo, Japan, ev.; J. C. Anderson, Buenos Aires, Argentina, ed.; S. R. Flewellen, Nalerigu, Ghana, med.; Mrs. M. S. Blair, Argentina, retired



Call to Prayer

ROYAL SERVICE

THIS MONTH

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FORECASTER

Prepared by Margaret Bruce, WMS director



FEBRUARY is often referred to as love month because of Valentine's Day. In his book, *What Men Live By** Dr. Richard Cabot says, "In addition to work, worship and play we have love. Love takes time. It is a learned behavior and not all people have taken the time to learn it. To love is to enter into the mutual supports of life which favor the process of self-realization and self-discovery. To love is to repent, forgive, confess and receive absolution endlessly in the human predicament. And it takes time."

The Jews had 672 laws of moral conduct; Jesus reduced them to two—love to God and love to man!

*Out of print.

All Officers and Chairmen

Avoid these—

TWO PITFALLS FOR WOMEN:

1. Women leaders are apt to be unwilling to have strong assistants who might threaten their position.
2. A woman, after asking an assistant to perform something is apt to stand over her until it is done.

—The Art of Leadership, Ordway Tead, \$4.00 from Baptist Book Stores

Enlistment Chairman

*How Do You Score?
And Your Committee?*

(15 to 22—excellent, 10 to 14—good, 5 to 9—fair, less than 5—poor)

1. Have you made a survey of your community for prospective members?
2. Have you contacted all on your church prospect list?
3. Do you have an up-to-the-minute list of employed women in the church?
4. Are circle meetings being provided for employed women?
5. Are general WMS meetings being provided for employed women?
6. Have you secured names of prospects in industrial plants?
7. Stores?
8. YWCA residence?
9. Nurses' residences?
10. Other rooming houses for women?
11. Schools and/or colleges?
12. Are you distributing the leaflet, "Our Church Wants You in WMS," (free from state WMU offices) to prospective members?
13. Have you made efforts to enlist YWA members approaching the age of 25?
14. Those marrying?
15. Do you acquaint newcomers to the community with WMS work?
16. Do you make an effort to reach women who are not members of any church?
17. Do you make women of all ages feel wanted and welcome?
18. Do you arrange transportation to meetings when necessary?
19. Do you seek to enlist every woman in full participation?
20. Do you use the WMS Membership Folder containing Statement of Aims? (20c dozen, \$1.40 for 100 from Woman's Missionary Union, Birmingham 3, Ala.)
21. Do you really want to see every woman in your church a WMS member?
22. Are you seeking to make your WMS such a dynamic organization that women will want to belong?

Mission Study Chairman—Jubilee Chairman



To Reach Rural Churches

Now that your WMS is studying or has studied the home mission book, *Reaching Rural Churches*, 75c from Baptist Book Stores, you have become interested in strengthening the churches of your association. One of the best ways is to organize Woman's Missionary Societies in churches where there are none.

Have you discovered how many churches in your association are without a WMS? Without WMU youth organizations? Where the churches are located? Who is the pastor? What are the prospects for organizing? Mission study chairman, work with your Jubilee chairman in leading your WMS to achieve Jubilee goal number four, "Assist associational WMU in organizing WMU organizations in churches."

Contact your associational WMU officers and let them know that your WMS wants to reach rural churches by helping organize more Societies.

Remember that organizing is only the first step in enlisting

women for missions. Officers and members must be instructed in WMU work. Secure subscriptions to *Royal Service*, show how to order free and priced materials needed for the work. Send names of officers to state WMU office. Tell them about the booklet, "Programs for a New Woman's Missionary Society," free from state WMU offices. The six programs in the booklet will give the new Society a better understanding of What Woman's Missionary Union Is and Does, How Woman's Missionary Union Began . . . Learns . . . Serves . . . Prays . . . Gives.

One outstanding result of your home mission study should be reaching rural churches by organizing WMU organizations.



Mission Study Chairman

Making posters, turn-over charts, or other teaching and promotional aids? Then Cut-Out Letters of colored cardboard may meet your need. These 2" capitals, 180 letters and numbers are \$1.00 a set; 1 1/2" manuscript, 240 letters per set in red, black, white, green, yellow, and blue, \$1.00 per set. You may order C.O.D. or write for free samples from Mutual Aids, Department 242, 1948 Hillhurst, Los Angeles 27, Calif.

Prayer Chairman

"Be a Blessing" WEEK

"Christians in America will never be able to affect the world for Christ until we affect our own nation for Christ." March 7-11 is the week set apart for WMU members to affect their nation for Christ.

Last November Federated Women's Clubs had "Count Your Blessings Week" and every member was asked to make a contribution to CARE. Prayer chairman, you and your committee can make the Week of Prayer for Home Missions a "be-a-blessing week" by seeking to enlist every member participation.

Make efforts to clear the week on church, home, and community calendars

Talk about the Week of Prayer in WMS and circle meetings and in Sunday school and Training Union groups

Study thoroughly all Week of Prayer material just as soon as you

receive March Royal Service
Arrange planning meeting of prayer committee with pastor, WMU president, WMS stewardship and publicity chairmen

Place articles and clippings from Home Missions magazines on church bulletin boards. Display information showing America's need of the gospel

Begin sending reminders to WMS members of five-day observance of Week of Prayer

Help every WMS member realize that she can be a blessing to home missions as she prays and gives.

To Promote Use of Call to Prayer

at WMS and Circle Meetings—

Have someone who is good at writing rhymes prepare a birthday greeting for members having birthdays on WMS or circle meeting days. Write the greeting in "Guess Who?" style leaving the name to the last to keep them guessing. Do some "detective work" and discover some funny story, incident or information to help members become better acquainted.

Read the greeting, call the names of missionaries on the calendar of prayer having the same birthday, then pray for the missionaries and the WMS member, or members.

Program Chairman and Community Missions Chairman

Doorstep Witness

"At the American Exhibition in Moscow last summer a hundred or more 'controversial' books were removed from the shelves at the insistence of the Soviet government. When we promised to place plastic covers to keep the people from thumbing through the books, seventy were returned to the shelves. Maybe books are our most potent guided missiles yet, and we don't know it!"

God's Word is powerful! One of our most effective means of witnessing is through distribution of Scriptures. It is hoped that from the study of February's program women will be motivated to dis-

tribute God's Word.

One husband made an attractive tract rack for his wife. She filled it with tracts on salvation, cults, etc. and placed it at the front door. Almost every day tracts are given to solicitors or others ringing her doorbell.

From the American Bible Society, 450 Park Ave., New York 22, N. Y., New Testaments, Gospels, and other Scripture Portions may be secured as follows:

New Testament P230, paper back, 15c each

New Testament B235N, imitation leather, 25c each

Scripture Portions, 3c each

Community Missions Chairman

Last Year...

Twenty-seven international students from the University of Texas were entertained in homes of members of First Baptist Church of Temple, Texas. The community missions chairman was in charge of plans along with the WMU president.

Arrangements were made for the students to travel on a chartered bus, receive home assignments, make tours of agricultural and industrial areas, hospital, radio and television stations, and then attend the annual Sweetheart Banquet for young people. Following the banquet arrangements were made for all the international students to attend a community concert where they heard harp,

vocal, and string ensemble music.

The students attended Sunday school and the morning worship at which time the pastor preached an evangelistic message. The WMU president said, "It was one of the most stimulating experiences we ever had. I feel that the effects of this project will be far-reaching. Some of the hostesses were not members of the WMS. They just wanted to share in so worthwhile a project."

Students from Lebanon, Hong Kong, Japan, India, Indonesia, Egypt, and Iraq were in the group which represented the following religions: Moslem, Hindu, Catholic, and no religion.

Stewardship Chairman



Americans spend \$850 per minute on their churches.

Americans spend \$17,000 per minute on alcoholic beverages.

How many minutes will you support the work of our Home Mission Board through your Annie Armstrong Offering?

Draw the face of a large clock on poster board, attach minute and hour hands with a brad or paper fastener so that they may be moved. As offerings are received and your WMS moves toward its goal place the hands to indicate the amount of time your WMS will serve on Home Mission fields through offerings.

From the following information you can figure the amount of time:

The cost of the whole Home Mission program (not including construction of buildings):

- Per minute \$7.70
- Per hour \$462
- Per day \$11,088
- Per week \$77,616
- Per month \$337,260
- Per year. \$4,047,120

How Many Minutes?

Our Jubilee goal for the Annie Armstrong Offering is a 12 per cent increase over the amount given last year. If we are to reach this high goal of \$2,350,000 each Woman's Missionary Society must give 12 per cent more than last year.

Some can give more than a 12 per cent increase.

Publications Chairman

Double the Number

Use the "date-bait" plan to double subscriptions to *Royal Service*. The plan is to give special recognition to the circle having 100 per cent subscribers by a certain date.

Nine hundred subscriptions for *Royal Service* (one for each member) have just been received from the Woman's Missionary Union of First Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas. Can your WMS be 100 per cent in subscriptions to *Royal Service*?



YOUTH DIRECTORS

Recently a questionnaire went to 1200 Americans asking "Do you see religious significance in what you do?" Those questioned were in a highly trained occupation. Not one person answered "yes."

This quarter YWAs will be studying their Home Mission book, *Call to the Country* (75c from Baptist Book Stores). They will see that life is sacred and the Christian can honor God in any useful vocation. YWAs will be faced with the questions, "Do I want to do God's will?" "What is his will for my life?" Remind WMS members to pray for YWA members during these important days of their lives. See that every girl has an opportunity to read *Call to the Country*.

Your WMS is eager for YWA Focus Week, February 14-20, to be an outstanding week. Call on your WMS to help carry out Focus Week suggestions in *The Window*. This week should stabilize the "miss" in missions" and help the entire church be more interested in Young Woman's Auxiliary.

YWA, GA, and Sunbeam Band directors, encourage your counselors, leaders and assistants to read *March Royal Service* for heart and mind preparation for the Week of Prayer for Home Missions and the Annie Armstrong Offering.

GAs will soon be filling the slots in their savings books with dimes. WMS members can help the girls reach this \$2.00 per member goal for the Annie Armstrong Offering by encouraging them to save their money.



Sunbeam Band director, be sure that counselors and leaders are visiting in the homes of members.

Sunbeam Band Aims for Advancement includes "Visiting in homes of all children enrolled in Sunbeam Band," "Promoting a continuing program of parent instruction and co-operation," and "Providing one parent meeting during the year." Sunbeam Activities and the Sunbeam Band manuals give suggestions for these. WMS mothers and grandmothers may help Sunbeam Band workers with this parent program.

Parents and WMU youth leaders working together help young people understand that all they do has religious significance.





Margaret Applegarth's prayer for love is timely for WMS presidents and officers.

"Father of all mankind, throughout this day help me to remember that a very real portion of Thy Kingdom has been placed in my keeping. Therefore teach me to love Thee:

with all my heart—that I may love those whom Thou lovest, giving back to the most unlovable and difficult Thine own everlasting mercy and compassion:

with all my soul—that I may seek fresh ways in which Thy divine power may surge through my commonplace routine from morning till night:

with all my strength—that my hands may work the works of Him who sent me, that my energy may be poured out for the needs of Thy family, until all I own or earn or gain may be spent in a stewardship of loving kindness:

with all my mind—that I may think Thy thoughts after Thee from moment to moment, making beautiful and significant each expenditure, always placing Thee first, that Thy Kingdom may come through my sharing, my caring, my daring—for Thy name's sake. Amen."

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14 Sunday Thou shalt be his witness unto all men of what thou hast seen and heard Acts 22:15.

Our missionaries from East Pakistan request prayer for Christian people who seem to have no desire to see others brought to Christ. Mrs. Trueman Moore writes of a Hindu man who told her, "For many years the Christians have prohibited others from coming into their churches and worshipping with them! Now no one knows whether he is welcome or not." *Pray for our 6 missionaries in East Pakistan.*

PRAY for Gladys Farmer, Columbia, S. C., GWC; Mrs. Eulogio Garza, San Antonio, Tex., ev. among Spanish-speaking; J. R. Cheyne, Salisbury, So. Rhodesia, W. A. Hatton, D. N. Sharpley, Santa Maria, Brazil, ev.*

15 Monday Whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive Matt. 21:22.

Mrs. Hoke Smith teaches at the Baptist Seminary in Cali, Colombia. A winsome mother, attractive wife, and talented musician, she also teaches young people who will one day lead in the churches of Colombia.

In this Catholic city a converted Catholic priest fell away to secularism, forsaking his studies at the seminary. He has become a prayer burden of the mission staff. *Join them in prayer for this former priest.*

PRAY for Mrs. Hoke Smith, Jr., Cali, Colombia, Martha L. Franks, Taipei, Taiwan, ed.; Jovita Galan, San Antonio, Tex., ev. among Spanish-speaking; Olive Lawton, Taipei, Taiwan, Mrs. D. R. Cobb, Bangkok, Thailand, Miss Dale Moore, Joinkrama, Nigeria, ev.

16 Tuesday But I know, that even now, whatsoever thou wilt ask of God, God will give it thee John 11:22.

Adnan a husky, handsome, fourteen-year-old lad of the Truett Home in Petah Tiqvah, Israel, has been a cause for concern since his coming there years ago as a half-starved orphan infant. In recent years he often has been a bad influence on the other children—lying, cheating, stealing. Aware of Adnan's need to know Christ as Saviour the missionaries pray continually for him. *Mrs. Milton Murphey asks that we join the missionaries in prayer that the Lord give to them guidance in dealing with him in showing to Adnan the miracle of salvation.*

PRAY for Ola V. Lea, Taipei, Taiwan, J. A. Yarbrough, Oyo, Nigeria, Mrs. W. B. Hicks, Philippines, ed.; D. L. Mills, Buenos Aires, Argentina, W. E. Verner, Kumasi, Ghana, ev.; E. M. Bostick, Jr., China, Mrs. L. L. Johnson, Brazil, John Mein, Brazil-Bahamas, retired*

17 Wednesday Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver 2 Cor. 9:7.

Missionary Ira Marks of Salt Lake City, Utah, requests our united prayer in behalf of Glendale Mission, now six years old. The loyal pastor has lovingly visited and preached while his wife makes the living. The mission has paid for a strategic lot and has a little money for a building. The mother church is not financially able to underwrite a \$10,000 loan. *Pray for this mission, the consecrated, capable pastor and wife, Rev. and Mrs. Roger Baxter.*

PRAY for R. J. Green, Tuba City, Ariz., ev. among Indians; Mrs. R. E. Chambers, China, A. S. Patterson, Nigeria, retired; T. H. Dowell, Korea, ed.; Mrs. J. C. Ware, Mexico, RN; Mrs. R. C. Hill, Chonburi, Thailand, ev.*

18 Thursday The prayer of faith shall save the sick James 5:15.

In Beirut Baptist School in Lebanon, where all the teachers are Christian, each home represented is visited by a teacher and a missionary when possible. Missionary Mabel Summers tells that on a recent visit in a Moslem home the teacher mentioned how the children often make requests concerning members of their families during the prayer period. The mother was deeply moved when she was told that her child had asked the class to pray for her when she was sick. *Pray for this Moslem home, the mother, for this school.*

PRAY for Mabel Summers, Beirut, Lebanon, Mrs. Manuel Quintana, Mariel, Cuba, ev.; Mrs. Quinn Morgan, Bakersfield, Calif., ev. among Spanish-speaking; Richard Voyles, Magdalena, N. Mex., ev. among Indians

19 Friday But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ 2 Pet. 3:18.

During a recent revival in Rosario, Argentina, a prayerful and observing missionary wife saw that a woman was keenly interested in the gospel message preached by

Missionary Allen B. Bedford. Mrs. Bedford also spoke to the visitor about Christ, and the woman invited her and Mr. Bedford to her home to hear more about the Master. Time passed and there were many opportunities for the missionaries to witness to Mr. and Mrs. Juarez and their son. Now they attend the First Baptist Church regularly as faithful members. Pray for this family as they live among their neighbors.

PRAY for A. B. Bedford, Comodoro Rivadavia, Argentina. Jenell Greer, Bangkok, Thailand. Mrs. F. A. Hooper, III, Haifa, Israel. Mrs. B. B. Tisdale, Philippines. T. J. Kennedy, Kaduna, Nigeria. Mrs. G. A. Canzoneri, Brazil. Atilio Rivera, San Blas, Panama, ev.; A. A. Rivera, MF; Mrs. Pedro Carranza, Douglas, Ariz., ev. among Spanish-speaking; Mrs. J. L. Isaacs, HMB, retired; Elizabeth Newman, Chattanooga, Tenn.; GWC, R. C. Seig, Oklahoma City, Okla., ev. among Indians

20 Saturday Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name Phil. 2:9.

Throughout Africa rays of light are dawning upon many people who for so long have been in darkness. Many countries look toward political freedom from colonialism this year. Missionary Bill Cowley feels that the chief challenge to Christians is to make haste as Africans achieve political independence that more and more of them will come to knowledge of the saving power of the God of grace and mercy. Pray for Africa for missionaries, for national leaders, for national Christians, for the lost.

PRAY for W. A. Cowley, Yaba, Nigeria, ed.; J. P. Gilbert, Quito, Ecuador, ev.; Mrs. Pascual Arpaio, Mrs. J. L. Moye, HMB, I. V. Larson, China-Philippines-Taiwan, retired



21 Sunday But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, Meekness, temperance Gal. 5:22, 23.

Bill and Helen Tisdale have completed their first term in the Philippine Baptist Mission. They now say tinapay instead of bread and kaligtasan for salvation. In all

their arduous language study they were constantly burdened by the realization that they lived in a city of 400,000 people where there were no other Baptist missionaries. Added to this heart-burden was the sad news which reached them just before starting on furlough that Bill's mother had died. Pray for these missionaries, for this unevangelized city.

PRAY for Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Sealey, Panama City, Panama. R. G. Van Royen, Balboa Canal Zone, Mrs. H. W. Fide, Jr., Ceres, J. E. Musgrave, Brazil. Lucy E. Wagner, Korea. Mrs. E. H. Walworth, Hermosillo, Mexico, ev.; Wyona King, Abeokuta, Margaret Marchman, Shaki, Nigeria, ed.; Amelio Giannetta, San Francisco, Calif., ev. among Italians; Doris Christensen, Santa Fe, N. Mex., ev. among Indians

22 Monday Go ye therefore, and teach all nations . . . Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you Matt. 28:19-20.

Mrs. Donald Orr, missionary to Colombia, is a musician of extraordinary talent who plays the piano and sings well. Colombians like music. Mrs. Orr says they love gospel songs and are eager to be taught music in the Baptist seminary at Cali. Music is building a wonderful spiritual fellowship in the churches. Pray for the Ors who teach sacred music.

PRAY for Mrs. Isaac Perez, Dallas, Tex., ev. among Spanish-speaking; Mrs. F. G. Ross, Mexico. Mrs. J. H. Hammett, Mrs. G. L. Hix, Taipei, Taiwan, ev.; Mrs. E. L. Oliver, Kagoshima City, Japan, med.

23 Tuesday And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose Rom. 8:28.

Missionary Flora Dodson, who had a fall while visiting in Italy in August of 1958, continues to be cheerful as she is bedridden from a broken hip and other complications. Her chief concern, however, is for the work of the kingdom. She often inquires in her letters about Christians she has taught through the years in China and Hong Kong.

"Please pray with me that I may have grace, wisdom and tact to use every opportunity the Lord gives me to witness for him that his purpose may be fulfilled and his name glorified," requests Miss Dodson.

PRAY for Flora E. Dodson, China-Hong Kong, Mrs. R. E. L. Meushaw, China, re-

tired; Lloyd Notah, Chandler, Ariz., ev. among Indians; Mrs. T. K. Edwards, Ogbomoso, Nigeria, RN; Alma N. Graves, Fukuoka, Japan, ed.

24 Wednesday And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life John 6:40.

In a large industrial area in Southern Rhodesia there is a large concentration of Africans. After a "united prayer" effort a large firm agreed to grant four church sites and a site for a Moslem mosque. Though seventeen denominations and sects applied before Baptists, one of the sites has been granted to Baptists. Missionary R. T. Bowlin attributes this to prayer "and a deep assurance that Baptists have a unique spiritual contribution to make." Pray for this new venture, for African Baptists.

PRAY for Mrs. Ruth M. Rumphol, Ogbomoso, Nigeria, RN; Mrs. R. T. Bryan, China. Lora Clement, China-Singapore, Mrs. R. L. Bausum, China-Taiwan, retired; George R. Bausum, MF; Viola D. Campbell, Torreon, Mexico, Mrs. J. K. Ragland, Beirut, Lebanon, L. A. Doyle, Jr., Manaus, Brazil, R. B. Robertson, Mendoza, Argentina, Mrs. J. T. Lochridge, Cotabato, Philippines, ev.

25 Thursday Thou therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus 2 Tim. 2:1.

Missionary Wyatt Lee writes of a Mexican student living in a student home provided by the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Alberto Botancourt comes from an unhappy home where the father often goes off for long periods of time. Neither parent attends church. Because of the influence of two sisters who had become Christians after entering the Girls' Student Home, Alberto already had been attending church. Many prayed that Alberto would take Christ as his Saviour. He is a quiet and timid boy but his face was aglow recently when he publicly acclaimed Christ as Lord. Pray for Alberto that his witness may be effective in winning his parents.

PRAY for Mrs. T. D. Guillatt, Ibaraki-ken, Japan, Mrs. B. E. Adams, Chile, ev.; Alice Hwey, China-Hawaii, Jane W. Lide, China, retired

26 Friday Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst John 6:35.

Dr. L. Glynn Breeden is managing the large Baptist hospital in Barranquilla, Colombia, South America. With a limited staff from the USA and a number of national interns, the hospital has become so popular that people from all walks of life choose it. The recent conversion of a prominent man further reveals the ministry of this hospital in winning to Christ lost men. Pray for Dr. Breeden and his staff in their work of witnessing and healing the bodies of men.

PRAY for Mrs. Donald Phlegar, Calexico, Calif., ev. among Spanish-speaking; Mrs. L. C. Guillott, Redell, La., ev. among French; N. T. Tull, HMB, retired; Mrs. R. F. Goldie, Ghana, RN; J. W. Ross, El Paso, Tex., pub.; Mrs. D. P. Appleby, Belo Horizonte, Mrs. W. B. McNeaty, Estado do Rio, Brazil, ev.; Walter B. McNeaty, MF

27 Saturday Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season 2 Tim. 4:2.

From Cuba comes the news that Baptist work is progressing since the revolution. Spanish New Testaments are being distributed at evangelistic meetings and at every opportunity. Also, more than one hundred New Testaments were given to the chief of police and distributed to revolutionary policemen. They were received gladly according to Missionary Enrique Pina. He requests, "Please continue to pray for those who heard the gospel in the days of the campaigns and those who now are reading their New Testaments."

PRAY for Mrs. Lee Aufill, A. W. Hancock, HMB, retired; Mrs. E. L. Cole, Guadalajara, Mexico, Mrs. W. D. Frazier, Nigeria, S. P. Jackson, Brazil, ev.



28 Sunday Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers 2 Cor. 6:14.

A young convert from Catholicism, formerly from Canada, has four uncles who are Roman Catholic priests and five aunts who are Catholic sisters. Mr. William E. Burke of our Home Mission Board asks that we pray for this young convert and his wife. They face a future of opposition from his family. Pray for this couple that their witness (Please turn to page 37)

Baptist Circuit Rider

by Charles H. Rankin, missionary to Spanish-speaking, La Junta, Colorado

TRAVELING as much as Luther Rice and more than Isaac Backus, area missionary R. H. Cagle averages 40,000 miles a year in his work in Colorado Baptist General Convention. Instead of riding a horse as did these early preachers, this modern pioneer uses a foreign car. But the West is big. An association may correspond in area to a district in Louisiana or Mississippi. His field covers four associations, touching all of southern Colorado, plus a small slice of Utah on the west and a narrow strip in Kansas on the east.

Neither of these states is in Colorado Convention, but one church juts out over into Kansas at Syracuse, and two are over the Utah line at Blanding and Monticello. Dr. Cagle covers this 100,000 square miles periodically, where there are 43 Southern Baptist churches and ten missions.

Dick Cagle does not spend all his time traveling, but touches ground at many points. Just to give you an example—in a single year he preached 203 sermons and gave 71 other messages; attended 32 associational meetings; took part in 16 camps, assemblies, and schools of missions; held 241 conferences; and surveyed 14 communities. That's covering a lot of territory!

A native of Oklahoma, he spent most of his early years at Wellington, Texas where he was converted at age 14. Later young Cagle entered Baylor University where he met Nancy King from Lovington, New Mexico, who became his wife. Besides this addition, along with a good education from Baylor and a master's degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, he

was honored in 1954 when Howard Payne College awarded him the Doctor of Divinity degree.

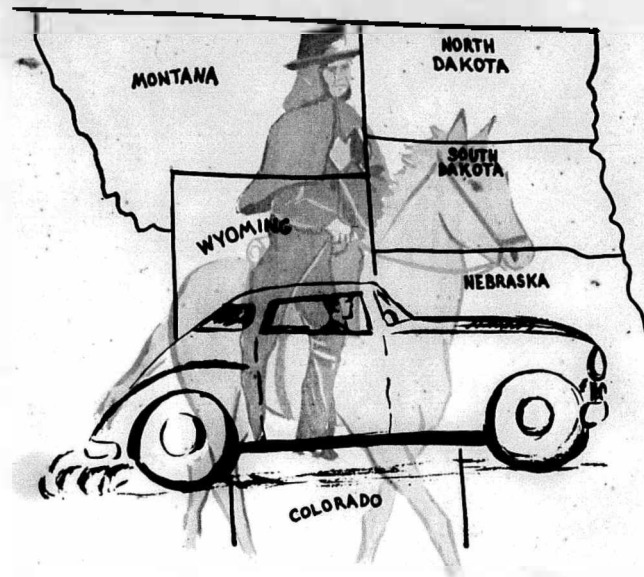
Dr. Cagle has been a pastor in Texas at Herford, Ft. Worth and Dallas. This background has been of immeasurable help to him in his present work.

They were 23 busy years in preparation for his "second career" in Colorado. This work he began in June, 1956, the year Colorado Convention became a cooperating body in the Southern Baptist Convention, having been organized in the fall of 1955.

Dr. Cagle believes new work is primarily the responsibility of nearby churches already established. He has helped organize 14 new churches since coming to Colorado, serving briefly as interim pastor for some of these. But he says the greatest reward for his toil is in helping a church find a pastor or secure a loan, then seeing that church "go."

Four other area missionaries serve in Colorado Convention, made up of Colorado, Wyoming, Montana, the Dakotas, and western Nebraska. These states are in an area of the Pioneer Mission Program of the Home Mission Board. Though this program now includes 27 states, it began in the West, and was known until recently as Western Mission Program.

Dr. Courts Redford, executive secretary of the Home Mission Board, says, "In the beginning of the Pioneer Mission Program, excluding the older states, Illinois, New Mexico, and Arizona, there were only 11 Southern Baptist churches. At present there



are more than 3,000 churches in these 27 states, including Alaska." The Mission Board expects to see 6,000 churches in these states by 1964.

In 1954 the Eastern Pioneer Program began with Illinois sponsoring work in Indiana, Minnesota, and Wisconsin; and with Arkansas promoting missions in Michigan. Later Minnesota-Wisconsin was carried by the Texas Convention. In 1957 the Western Program and the Eastern Program were combined into what is now known as Pioneer Mission Program, of which New York City is also a part.

On this pioneer field, the area missionary is a key man as he gives guidance and counsel to young churches. His work with pastors and churches is vital and valuable in establishing new missions. He plays an important role in surveying communities where new churches are needed, then helps in selecting locations and securing loans for these churches when they are in need of such help. While promoting the total denominational program, the area missionary links a link between state office and local

churches.

Amid his busy schedule, Area Missionary Cagle on his Colorado Convention field has an added responsibility in the summer and one he likes. It is that of setting up schedules for summer student workers, attending several camps, and taking part in Home Mission Week at Glorieta. If there is any time left, he enjoys hunting quail and pheasant, and sometimes deer!

A favorite text of Dr. Cagle's is Acts 20:24: "That I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God." On this pioneer field, where the work is never easy, he is often heard to say, "The future is as bright as the promises of God." This he believes, and he causes others to believe it by his life.

When one meeting is finished, R. H. Cagle hits the highway again, sometimes getting home after midnight. Tomorrow he will have another busy day blazing trails in one of Southern Baptists' newer areas.



HER BIRTH DATE is important to a young woman. She also feels keenly the special quality of this day when it belongs to one she loves: father, mother—and, in a breathless sort of way, she cherishes her steady's birthday.

GRADUATION DAY is a time for turning backward with a lingering, bewildered sadness—and a day of yearning toward the future's fulfillment of clamoring dreams.

A daughter's dates are likewise of primary importance to parents. A smile of gladness is the only reward they require for loving observance. A church which cherishes her youth will help them mark certain days of importance.

FOR MEMBERS OF YOUNG WOMAN'S AUXILIARY, February 14-20 are days to be remembered, for this is YWA Focus Week. A Woman's Missionary Society, a church which takes note of the deposit this missionary organization makes in the lives of young women encourages yet others to become a part of this group. The direction of a young woman's life is often determined in Young Woman's Auxiliary. Some missionaries testify "It was in YWA that God called me to the mission field." Is your church making plans for this significant week, February 14-20?

ROYAL SERVICE



from Washington

Vulgarity at Your Neighborhood Theater

by Cyril E. Bryant
Editorial Staff
Baptist World Alliance

It may have been an act on Premier Khrushchev's part when he complained so bitterly about the vulgarity of a cancan dance on a Hollywood movie lot last fall. His reaction understandably could have been triggered by his disappointment in not being permitted, for security reasons, to visit Disneyland.

But whether Mr. K. was serious or kidding in his vehement criticism of this stage full of sex, we do agree that he had a right to be disgusted at Hollywood's offering to his family, his friends and himself. And all America would be better off if millions of us griped just as loud, and did so consistently. The same type of fare and worse is being served much of the time to our children and friends and ourselves whenever we go to our neighborhood movie theaters.

It is not likely of course that our complaints will land on the front pages of America's newspapers, as did Mr. Khrushchev's expression of disgust. But a US Senate Subcommittee on Juvenile Delinquency says that American parents have tremendous potential in determining the nature of film content.

The Juvenile Delinquency Subcommittee, a part of the Senate Committee on the Judiciary, is headed by Senator Thomas C. Hennings, Jr., of Missouri. It discovered in its hearings that motion pictures have tremendous educational potential, and that from our entertainment screens this influence is for evil rather than good.

A youngster can get full instruction in hoodlumism at the theater just down the street from his home. The movie emphasis on violence and brutality has been seen as a vital contributing factor to the rise in juvenile gangs in American cities. And detective stories may often give more insight into how to commit a crime than to the fact that crime does not pay.

"One of the chief complaints heard," the Juvenile Delinquency report on causative factors states, "was the tremendous increase in brutality that has been injected into motion picture content."

Hollywood codes, established several years ago to outlaw scenes offensive to American consciences, especially immoral sex, need to be strengthened to place heavy restraint also on improper presentation of narcotic addiction, brutality, violence, and other social problems. The Committee has said, "Too often codes are violated. When they are violated, so are the minds and sensibilities of our children."

Loose sex is more of an adult than a juvenile concern. We don't need a Congressional committee to tell us that Hollywood's glorification of love triangles, easy divorce, and the "distinction" of alcoholic beverages dig away at Christian concepts of the sanctity of the home.

Are we powerless against this Hollywood trust that undermines the nation's morals and leads both to juvenile delinquency and broken homes? Senator Hennings' committee

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FEBRUARY 1960

READ

These Suggestions Before You Plan Your Program for February

Dear Ye! Program Chairman! (Read the program through at one sitting, then you will understand better the comments which follow.) Let's be truthful about women. We all love to talk. This magazine is just for women, so let's admit this among ourselves—and it's no secret either that we all like to feel included.

What About It? In your program planning, have you been guilty of asking the same people to participate in a sermonette-lecture type presentation or worse still, looked around for outside speakers instead of cultivating the talents of your own members? We'll grant that only a few in any group really like to study. Few of us have outstanding speaking ability either, but all of us have had experiences which will enable us to make contributions in any meeting.

For This Program: Plan to use five unsuspecting members! Selecting them will be your problem and will depend on the size of your society. We would suggest that you could pick every fifth, sixth or tenth person that comes through the door and have each ushered to the front of the room. Or do you have a circle of young women who think the "older" women dominate the meetings? Inform their chairman that you expect five of her members present for a surprise event. No preparation over baby bottles or running noses will be expected! Write their names on a poster or blackboard in the order in which they speak. Is it possible that the older women might not know their names?

The Program Surprise? A drawing demonstration. Please read on; no finished work of art will be expected. The materials can range from art paper and charcoal pencil, if you want to splurge, to butcher paper and crayons if you are counting pennies. Copy the five Scripture verses at the top of poster-size sheets of paper. This does not need to be written large enough for the audience to read, but is for the artists and the leader's use. Also number these as indicated. Hand to your five "artists" on the exact minute your program is to start. Be a fanatic about this. We want no wasted time. Latecomers will catch on. Have five tables and materials at the front of the room so all present can see them as they prepare. All five will go to assigned tables at the same time. The program begins and you give instructions for all to hear. Tell them they have five minutes to illustrate the Scripture verses. Other members will observe them as they work. No doubt some will

comment aloud. When time is up all will be seated except number one. She will then give her verse, explain her art and tell her information. Others will follow in order.

The information presents background history of Panama, illustrating how "in word, speech, and deed" our nation was not always above reproach in dealing with this territory.

Alternate Suggestions: If your society will not enjoy this informal beginning, ask women beforehand to prepare materials for posters, then let them put the colored pictures together on posters with paste before your group. They should be able to do this in two or three minutes.

Another idea is that posters may be prepared ahead of time and thumbtacked at the front of room by women giving Scripture verses and information.

The leader also presides at the conclusion where personal application is made in a devotional period.

Broadcast Your Intentions: This is a program on "words," so use a few well-chosen teasers in advertising through your church paper or on a bulletin board:

Five "Artists" Present Their Work at
WMS General Meeting

The date is February _____ at _____
There will be a surprise for the artists and for
you too—maybe! Will one be you?

Add Interest—

... by map. Use Map No. 9565 (39a) 29c each from Baptist Book Stores to paint out the location of Panama and the San Blas Islands.

... by pictures. *Holiday*, January, 1953, has lovely pictures. Also, use pictures from other popular magazines. Use those in *Royal Service* and other WMU magazines. A leaflet, "Baptists in Panama and Canal Zone," free from Home Mission Board, 161 Spring Street, N.W., Atlanta 3, Ga.

... by extra reading. Check your church library for Dr. Alfred Carpenter's excellent mission study book, *Handclasp of the Americas*. This was published in 1949; it presents the beginnings of mission work in Panama. Check with your local library or Baptist Book Store for *The Strength to Move a Mountain*, by W. Storrs Lee, price \$5.00. This is a 300-page thriller about the ditch diggers of Panama; *Land of the Moon-children* by Clyde E. Keeler, \$4.50 is a fascinating book about custom, culture, and religions of the San Blas Islands.

PROGRAM

IN WORD AND SPEECH AND DEED Panama, Canal Zone, San Blas Indians



by Mrs. Lamar Jackson

George Q. Holland

Tourists come by the thousands to see ships pass through these locks at the Panama Canal, trade route to the world

OUTLINE OF PROGRAM

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Prayer

Southern Baptists in Panama

82 missionaries

1 seminary for training those in Panama and Canal Zone and from San Blas Islands

23 churches and 38 missions, for English, Spanish-speaking, and for those on San Blas Islands who speak the Cuna Indian language

In Word and Speech and Deed

Leader: (Comment that the artists will complete their work as we observe them; each one will tell us about her drawing and give us information about the early history of Panama; that today we are looking at Panama, including the Indians on the San Blas Islands. Point to both on map. Then call on Artist No. 1; the others will follow in order.)

Demonstrations: (using five artists; each woman explains her drawing or poster and then gives Scripture verse and information.)

Artist No. 1 "For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart" (Heb. 4:12).

Artist's drawing could include: a Bible with a sword across it.

In the sixteenth century Spain's Philip II had ambitions to "divide asunder" the mountains and jungles of Panama. But after his discerning engineers evaluated the problems involved, Philip decided it was "contrary to the Divine will to unite two oceans which the Creator of the world had separated."

Three hundred and fifty years later, North American canal diggers used as their motto, "The land divided, the world united."

These words dramatized man's victory over bottomless swamps, mud flats, towering mountains, deadly insects, temperamental rivers, Congressional investigating committees, and sensational writers. "A graveyard of wrecked hopes and lives" was changed to a world utility of vital significance.

Artist No. 2 "Even so the tongue is a little member, and boasteth great things. Behold, how great a matter a little fire kindleth (James 3:5).

Artist's drawing could include: a fire which is leaping up in tongues of flame.

It took a lot of digging to build the canal, but it also took a lot of talking by fascinating world personalities. Ferdinand de Lesseps (the SEPS), called "the Great Frenchman," had built the Suez Canal, completed in 1869. Swayed by his magnetic oratory, citizens on two continents supported his "Panama Crusade" rather than the route through Nicaragua so strongly advocated in the United States. In 1880 the Panama Company led by de Lesseps began the Canal linking Atlantic and Pacific Oceans. However, it was not until August 15, 1914 that the canal was opened.

Artist No. 3 "For he that will love life, and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips that they speak no guile: Let him eschew evil, and do good: let him seek peace, and ensue it" (1 Pet. 3:10-11).

Artist's drawing could include: profile view of a person who is holding a dove of peace in her hand.

President Theodore Roosevelt boasted, "I took Panama." Others claimed the questionable glory, among them a Frenchman, Bunau-Varilla (bu-nuh-vah-ree-yah), who had heavy investments in the de Lesseps Company. The independence of the state of Panama from the South American country of Colombia was declared November 3, 1903. French canal rights expired in 1904. The Colombian government delayed approval of the transfer of the zone to American hands, but rebels were aided by the presence of US battleships and Marines from the US cruiser Nashville shortly thereafter stopped Colombian troops from crossing the isthmus on the grounds that the US had signed a treaty with their government to keep the isthmus open. Easy recognition followed and Bunau-Varilla, a French citizen, was recognized as Panama's first ambassador to our country.

Let's Talk About...

President, ask the prayer chairman and members of the prayer committee to talk about plans for the Week of Prayer for Home Missions.

As they talk they will be sure that the time and place of the five-day observance, March 7-11, is clearly fixed in everybody's mind. They will urge the women to set apart this week for prayer for home missions.

They will show how the spiritual lives of WMS members may be developed as the theme "Behold Your God" is worked out at each day's meeting.

This "Let's Talk About" period should help WMS members want to meet the conditions for answered prayer—

"If my people, which are called by my 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.

Testimonies of missionaries concerning answered prayer given in Home Missions may be used, or the following prayer* for human rights:

"O Lord, Creator, who gave man a mind, A heart and spirit, sparked with something more Than trees and beasts, from thee all men implore

The chance for living as befits their kind; And, imaged like thee, they all long to find

The right to lift their heads and walk before

Their fellows in respect and see no door Fast closed by those whom prejudice strikes blind.

Lord, may each little child who starts today

His journey with all pilgrims of the earth Be privileged to grow to his full height And share with all his fellows every right Until at last no one shall be, I pray, Denied the dignity of human worth.

Ann Barcus Mingo

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Artist No. 4 "A wholesome tongue is a tree of life; but perverseness therein is a breach in the spirit" (Prov. 15:4).

Artist's drawing could include: a smiling woman and a large tree.

Many speeches and words have been written about our part in the new Republic of Panama and the grant made by the government of Panama to the USA "in perpetuity" of the strip of land ten miles wide by 40 miles long known today as the Panama Canal Zone. It was the age of imperialism, and William Howard Taft declared, "We have a right to govern that strip, and we are going to govern it."

Billants and mosquitoes caused death and pain in the infested zone. General William Crawford Gorgas, in spite of op-

position, succeeded in spraying and screening, and health conditions improved. Not even the cathedral "holy" water escaped his vigilance. Nuns had placed containers of water under hospital bed posts to keep man-eating ants off their patients. These were fertile breeding places for mosquitos. The good-natured West Indians looked on the spraying as a new form of voodoo.

Artist No. 5 "For many nations and great kings shall serve themselves . . . and I will recompense them according to their deeds, and according to the works of their own hands" (Jer. 25:14).

Artist's drawing could include: names of several nations, a king's crown; hands.

After ten years of words, speeches and

deeds, the canal was opened on August 15, 1914. Thousands of laborers were dispersed, and now only 50 men are actually needed to operate the canal. Maintenance requires the employment of an additional 19,000. There are only 78 men in the world who can qualify to pilot boats through these waters, and the job becomes more difficult each year as larger ships are built. Guarding the canal is a major undertaking by the US government.

Treaties can be broken. Canals become obsolete. Nations rise and fall. This program tells how a witness to eternal things has been woven into this historical background by word, speech and deed of Christian missionaries in Panama.

By Word: Along the Trade Routes

Fishermen were the first Baptist witness in Panama. It is altogether fitting and proper that this should be so, for the country's name means "Fisherman's Paradise" or "Plenty of Fish." They came from the British islands of Jamaica, Barbados and Trinidad to make their homes on the northeastern shore near Costa Rica. Being products of British mission endeavor, they brought their Bibles, the Word of God, with them. Their worship and witness was not prohibited, for they were isolated; 150 miles of marshy jungle coast separated them from the main route of travel across the isthmus.

This route had been used for centuries. The Chagres River and its tributaries cut

nearly two thirds of the way across the land almost meeting the Rio Grande as it flowed to the Pacific. The cut through the Continental Divide was lower than anywhere else in Panama. Indians used it as a pack trail even before the Spaniards made it a main thoroughfare for explorers and traders. Loot from western South America and Mexico was carried overland for reshipment to Spain. It became happy hunting grounds for pirates. Ruins of the first Panama City are a reminder of the havoc wrought by raiders.

By the middle of the nineteenth century, the Gold Rush in California focused our attention on a Panamanian short cut from east to west. Many pioneers wanted to avoid the hazards of an overland trip across our country through hostile Indian territory. Neither did they want to travel 18,000 miles around South America. Construction of a railroad across the Isthmus was hastened by US engineers. More than 7000 men were employed from all over the world. West Indian Negroes, proving themselves to be hardy workers, were used later by the French canal builders in the 1880's. Instead of returning to their homes, hundreds remained in Panama. When the first British Baptist missionaries arrived in 1900, they found a Baptist church which had been organized and active for two years. Like the fishermen, the construction workers had brought their religion with them.

In 1905, when the United States took

control of this ten-mile strip of rented real estate, British Baptists asked the Home Mission Board to assume responsibility for their work. Rev. and Mrs. J. L. Wise of Louisiana went to witness to North Americans. The English missionary couple already in Panama was asked to continue the West Indian Negro work. They served these people until broken health forced their retirement at the end of a 21-year ministry. Another British couple, transferring from Costa Rica in 1910, labored for 19 years. The fact that the West Indian churches survived the depression period with deacons assuming pastoral responsibilities is a tribute to their dedicated Christian lives.

The Anglo work has been continuous and largely self-supporting. Toward the end of construction days, a church was built in Balboa Heights, capital of the Zone. This is actually a tri-city with Balboa, the Pacific terminal of the canal, Ancon, residential section for Canal employees, and Panama City, capital of the Republic. This church has furnished stability and financial assistance to our work.

When Dr. Alfred Carpenter was pastor at Balboa Heights (1928-32), he co-operated with the American Bible Society in distributing the Word of God in gospels and tracts in the interior. As Bibles were taken to towns along the *Carretera* (*kah-reh-teh-vah*) *Interamericana* connecting the Zone with Costa Rica, history was repeating itself in Panama. The seed was being sown for Baptist churches and missions to spring up along another trade route.

Only 50 per cent of the land of the Republic is inhabited. In the area toward Colombia there are almost impenetrable jungle swamps and mountains. This section and southern Mexico will probably be the last links in the completion of the Pan American Highway.

In Speech: The Mission Advance

December 7, 1941, is a date most Americans will "Remember Pearl Harbor." Southern Baptists should remember Rev.



Moon-child (Albino) with sister and brother

Land of the Moon-Children by Clyde E. Keeler

This book is easy and fascinating reading.

Clyde E. Keeler, the author, is professor of Biology at Georgia State College for Women at Milledgeville. He has spent five summers among the Cuna Indians on the San Blas Islands off Panama's coast.

Dr. Keeler tells of personal experiences, giving a fascinating account of the primitive Cuna culture and the changes which are taking place on these islands. He discusses native religious beliefs, as well as Christian missions and education.

Order it for \$4.50 from
Baptist Book Stores.

Paul Bell, a veteran of Spanish work in the States, who sailed for Panama on this day of national crisis in 1941. Additional military personnel was being rushed to Panama to the vital areas and construction of another set of locks. Opportunities for mission advance were limited only by scarcity of workers.

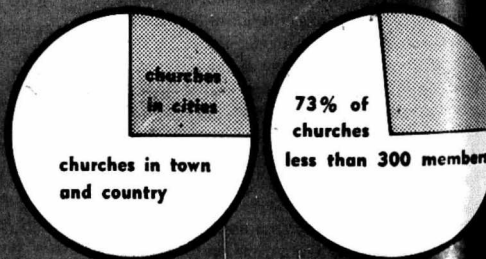
Mr. Bell began an effective ministry to servicemen, and by 1943, had established an Anglo church at Cocoli. Members of

Did You Know These Facts About Town and Country Churches?

That 23,750 of our 31,498 Southern Baptist churches are located in town and country areas?

That more than 75 per cent of our Southern Baptist churches have less than 300 members?

That WMU organizations closed last year the largest percentage gain in membership in open country churches?





Embassy of Panama

Colorful costumes are festival attire for Indians of Panama; these from Ocu

Coccoli contributed greatly to his mission activity as he organized churches and associations in Panama, Costa Rica, Guatemala and Honduras. (These last three are now under the Foreign Mission Board.) A missionary colleague has called Bell's achievements "probably the most outstanding pioneer work for Southern Baptists among Spanish people ever accomplished in an equal period of time."

The work has continued to grow until now, the Home Mission Board reports 82 workers in 23 churches and 38 missions. Nearly 5000 sermons and addresses were made to Baptist congregations last year along with almost 14,000 religious visits. Churches claim over 3000 members with some 7000 enrolled in Sunday schools. Rev. R. G. Van Royen, superintendent for Panama and the Canal Zone at the present time, states that "doors of opportunity are opening faster than the resources provided make it possible to enter."

These words are especially meaningful as we prepare for the Annie Armstrong Offering. They recall the tragic statement of Rev. Stephen Witt after giving 34 years

of Christian testimony to the West Indians in Costa Rica and Panama. For eight years he had worked alone with limited assistance from an indebted Board. Broken health forced his return to the States. He was asked if it had been worthwhile. Witt asserted, "I know of no other life more worthwhile. Of course, there are disappointments and difficulties, problems and dark days. Many of these are caused by Christians in the homeland not supporting the work as they should."

However, God's Word has been faithfully spoken and planted in the fertile soil of Panama. It has borne fruit in unexpected ways. It is growing like the fences that outline some farms and ranches in the western part of the republic. These are made of tree branches cut and stuck in the soil; they immediately take root. Panamanians say, "Plant a seed and jump back."

One day a missionary was visiting an interior town. He found a man with a gospel tract which had been passed out two years before in a service on the highway. It had been news too good to keep

and so it had been handed from one member of the family to another until it had reached this remote place. The missionary could witness to an inquisitive group whose interest had already been aroused. Many stories could be related of the effective testimony of God's Word in preparing minds and hearts for mission advance. The method is used today as a means of evangelizing. A thousand Bibles and gospels were distributed last year.

In order to instruct and train in Bible interpretation and doctrine, 21,000 classes were taught in 1958. Dedicated Christians from the churches aided in this work. Receiving advanced training are students of the Panama Baptist Seminary. This school completed its first four-year course in 1958 with 19 enrolled and six graduating.

Helping young people as well as adults is the new encampment developed this past year.

Another effective method of mission advance has been evangelistic crusades. These have been conducted for the past five years. Last year more than a thousand professions of faith were made.

By the Word of God and through spoken testimony God is blessing Baptist work in Panama.

In Deed: Action Brings Results

So many tourists came to watch the canal diggers that they proved a hazard and handicap to the work. More than 20,000 came in 1912 alone, asking questions, dodging trains, walking near dynamite blasts, strolling on collapsing dikes.

Tourists have come by the thousands since, and their behaviour has often been a hazard and handicap to the Christian witness of our missionaries.

Many, however, by word, speech and deed take their Christian convictions with them. Balboa Heights church has more than 5000 tourists annually. It witnesses to members of foreign legations, soldiers and sailors. People from such divergent parts of the world as Sweden, Peru, Australia, Czechoslovakia, Spain, Canada, and

Assyria have been baptized here. In Cristobal there is another strong Anglo church, the Atlantic Baptist Church. Its Sunbeam Band of five groups is an example of how dedicated North American Christians help the churches during their terms of service in the Zone.

In 1954, missionary-pastor Emmanuel Rojas (*row haas*) began a mission in the slum section of Colon, twin city of Cristobal. He stated that there were "many centers of corruption open day and night. It is a moral atmosphere similar to that which Paul found at Corinth." However, five churches have developed in these twin cities during the past ten years, finding like Paul that "where sin abounds grace does much more abound."

As late as 1948, no evangelicals had established missions in interior Panama. There were several reasons for this: the people were 60 per cent illiterate, many areas were inaccessible, and a pagan type of Roman Catholicism was more difficult to combat than in the more cosmopolitan areas near the Zone. Missionaries presented a Bible to the mayor of Ciudad (*see yaa dod*) David, the third largest city of the Republic. He read it for the first time in his native tongue. But in one village, the missionary saw at least a third of the Bibles distributed during the day burned at dusk by the priest in the town square. Some ten missions and churches have now

CARVER SCHOOL

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Work will be available.

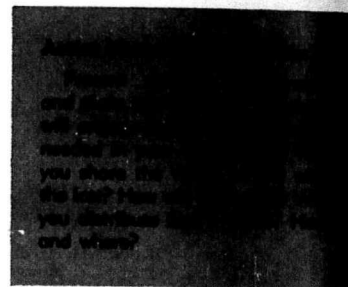
The future of this fine, unique school is promising indeed. Woman's Missionary Union's past loving care in planning, with present vision by leaders, plus Southern Baptist Convention backing assure this future. Because of God's past blessings on Woman's Missionary Union Training School which is now called Carver School of Missions and Social Work, we take confidence that he will continue to make bright the road ahead.

been established in this difficult and remote area. Stewardship of all life is stressed here as elsewhere. One church without a permanent building gives 45 per cent of its income to missions. The financial report of all the churches shows that a fourth of their receipts go for missionary causes.

Work among the primitive San Blas Indians of Panama has great appeal for Southern Baptists. Approximately 18,000 people live on these coral islands off the coast of Panama. Cruel treatment by the Spaniards resulted in their hatred for all foreigners. For 400 years, they tortured any who attempted school or church work. Not until 1909 did the Catholics and Nazarenes succeed in establishing missions. Miss Anna Coope, an early missionary, encountered opposition from the Bishop of Panama, a government employee, as well as from the illiterate natives. In 1925, she and a missionary co-worker on another island were expelled, but not before a number of boys had been sent to the United States for study. One of these married an American, returned to the islands to establish missions, and five years ago petitioned Southern Baptists to take over this work. We know them today as Rev. and Mrs. Lonnie Iglesias, Southern Baptist missionaries at Ailigandi on these islands. Many years before Miss Anna Coope had called Lonnie, the promising young second son of a highly regarded medicine man, "my best boy, Lonnie." He it was who had gone to New York in 1932, this young Cuna Indian, to study electrical engineering. There at City Mission he met Miss Marvel Ilyia whose keen desire was to reopen the work on San Blas which Miss Coope had been forced to give up. In 1955 they became Southern Baptist missionaries. Last year Rev. Lonnie Iglesias was elected vice-president of the Panama Baptist Convention, which includes the churches on San Blas Islands!

For several years, leaders of Baptist work have felt the need for closer co-operation between the four types of churches: Anglos, West Indian Negroes, Spanish Panamanians, and San Blas Indians. On April

17, 1959, they organized the Panama Baptist Convention. The Word of God has been taken along the trade routes. It is bearing fruit as personnel and resources undergo mission advance. Results are now visible in strengthened organization. "Let us not be weary in well-doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not." The future for the enlarging of Christian witness in Panama is bright indeed.



Devotional Meditation: Have soloist sing or read second verse without chorus, "Take My Life, and Let It Be."

"For the word of God is quick, and powerful . . . a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart . . . better unto me than thousands of gold and silver" (Heb. 4:12; Psalm 119:72). Therefore, his followers must not be double-tongued nor slanderers, but faithful in all things.

A Chinese proverb speaks of the mouth as a bucket and the heart as a well. Jesus declared that "those things which proceed out of the mouth come forth from the heart; and they defile the man" (Matt. 15:18).

Do we know the Word of God? Do we believe that God knows the intent of our hearts? Have we really purposed in our hearts to take his Word "to all the world?"

Third verse without chorus, "Take My Life, and Let It Be"

"For he that will love life, and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil.

A wholesome tongue is a tree of life: but perverseness therein is a breach in the

spirit . . . how great a matter a little fire kindleth!" (Pec. 3:10; Prov. 15:4; James 3:5).

Think on these words of wisdom: "A fool's mouth is his destruction, and his lips are the snare of the soul." "He that ruleth in spirit is better than he that taketh a city." "The cheapest car makes the greatest racket."

Apply this old standard to daily conversation as you are tempted to repeat gossip: "Is it true, is it kind, is it necessary?" Perhaps women need to write on their hearts the prayer of the club collect: "And oh Lord God, help us not forget to be kind."

First verse without chorus "Take My Life, and Let It Be"

Do not love only in words and speech but also in deeds. Are we really doers of God's Word or hearers only?

Does it concern us that some in our community might not own a Bible and that others rarely read it? Can we encourage Bible reading by school essay contests, high standards of devotional and prayer periods at PTAs and clubs, distributing copies of Royal Service "Call to Prayer"? Are there Bibles in our jails, homes for aged, hospitals, doctors' offices? *Home Life* or *Open Windows* are most acceptable waiting room materials. Do we feel that distributing God's Word is only a missionary's responsibility in a foreign land or is this also our responsibility here at home?

Hymn: Chorus "Take My Life, and Let It Be," sung prayerfully and in unison.

Prayer: Use calendar of prayer emphasizing that all Christians should be missionary collaborators

that our speech and conduct should distinguish us as followers of Christ

that we have a responsibility both to know God's Word and to give it to others.

Close with all repeating Psalm 19:14: "Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord my strength, and my redeemer."

TODAY . . . VULGARITY . . .

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tee says we are not. The report recommends: "The public should recognize the potential they have in shaping the policy of the film makers, who are very sensitive to the demands of the motion picture audience."

Our protest and boycott of questionable movies would have a telling effect on the pocketbook of both the film maker and the neighborhood theater manager. And organized citizens groups, formed through civic or church channels, are able not only to protest the bad but to make suggestions for the good.

CALL TO PRAYER

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before these priests and sisters may cause each of them to know Christ, the living Saviour.

PRAY for Mrs. F. H. Linton, Panama, Mrs. W. E. Saltee, J. V. Dawes, China, retired; L. W. Crews, Lawrence, Kansas, ev. among Indians; Francisco Morales, El Paso, Tex., ev. among Spanish-speaking; Mrs. Marcos Rodriguez, Mari, Cuba, Mrs. C. G. McCallman, Campinas, Brazil, ev.; R. F. Goldie, Ghana, MD; Mrs. J. H. Humphrey, Honolulu, Hawaii, ed.

29 Monday As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord Joshua 24:15.

More than one million young people from our American homes run afoul of the law each year. Dr. Courts Redford in an address to a Juvenile Rehabilitation clinic suggested three attitudes, among others, which parents should cultivate in guiding youth. They are:

I will—

—seek to protect every member of my family from evil influences

—emphasize spiritual values

—make Christ the center of our home life.

Pray for your home, your children, the one million youths today who are in trouble.

PRAY for Mrs. B. T. Thorpe, Salisbury, So. Rhodesia, ev.; Ruby B. Hines, Brazil, ed.

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ed. educational evangelism	RN nurse
med. medical evangelism	Res. Mts. rescue mission
B. A. business administration	MF Margaret Fenn student
pub. publication evangelism	MD doctor

FEBRUARY CIRCLE PROGRAM

"... And Unto God"

by Mrs. H. C. Hunt

Invitation to Circle Meeting:

What do you do on Sunday?
Is it a Worship or Fun day?
Let's talk about it at Circle

Time

Place

Bring your Sunday menus and recipes.

To the Program Chairman:

Since the program is a panel, use women other than those on the panel to read the selections from the Scriptures.

Mount on cardboard a large picture of a church. Cut it in four odd-shaped jig-saw puzzle pieces. Write on the back of each piece one of the following:

1. Services for worship Acts 20:7; John 20:19, 26.
2. Taking Offerings 1 Cor. 16:2
3. Jesus rose from the dead on the first day of the week Matt. 28:1-6
4. John called it the Lord's Day Rev. 1:10.

As each woman reads the Scripture references she pins or pastes her piece of puzzle to a poster or on paper. When all pieces are in place the church is complete. Write below the picture: "I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord" Psalm 122:1.

Pray that each of us shall realize her influence in regard to the Lord's Day

Panel: The Shape of Sunday

Moderator: Last month we discussed "Render Unto Caesar" concerning our duty as Christians to respect civil authority and to obey our country's laws. Today, we are

to think about "Rendering Unto God," in which we discuss the observance of the Lord's Day.

The biography of Lloyd C. Douglas bears the thought-provoking title, *The Shape of Sunday*.^{*} The observance of Sunday has changed considerably through the years. Has the shape of Sunday in America today also shaped the destiny of its people? Is there a connection between the lack of respect for the Lord's Day and a break-down in the morals of our people?

We must recognize that in whatever mold we rationalize and cast the day, we cannot change God's Word which tells us: "Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy" Ex. 20:8.

One of the major trends of today we see is the attitude of Christians generally toward church attendance. Mrs. Pastor's Wife, will you discuss this?

Mrs. Pastor's Wife: Church attendance in some colonies was compelled by law in the early days of our country. Perhaps this was not good. But Sunday seems to have become, in part, a day of profit and pleasure. We know this is contrary to God's law. "The week end is made for pleasure-seeking" seems to be our present philosophy.

A pastor friend told us not long ago that one Sunday morning he made a quick survey around his church community during the Sunday school hour to see if what he suspected was true. To his consternation he saw some of his church members mowing lawns, washing cars, women hanging laundry on the lines, people sitting on

their porches reading the Sunday papers, children playing up and down the streets. He could only guess how many were off in their cars for a holiday, a fishing trip, or a visit with friends and relatives.

During the morning worship service the preacher could not forget those who had "forsaken the assembling of themselves together"—those who were neglecting God's house and forgetting the sabbath in work and pleasure.

My husband is thinking of doing a survey here some Sunday morning! All of us are concerned about the rising rate of crime and juvenile delinquency. My husband and I feel Sunday indifference is a potent contributing factor in this tragedy.

Moderator: Mrs. Average Housewife, what about you and Sunday?

Mrs. Average Housewife: Having time and energy to go to church and Sunday school is my problem. I feel more condemned after hearing Mrs. Pastor's Wife, because I am guilty of indifference toward church attendance. I read a story to my children not long ago about General Andrew Jackson. It said that during his later years he went down to New Orleans every January 8 to celebrate a military anniversary. The date fell on Sunday one year, and General Jackson told his friends he would not participate. "I am going to church," he said.

They did not believe him, and at ten o'clock on Sunday morning one of his friends came to the hotel to escort him to the parade ground.

Old Hickory said, "I told you I was going to church today." And his friend left muttering to himself, "I should have known better."

Even though stories like these impress me, I still have problems. I have four children to get ready for Sunday school, and then I am too tired myself to go. Then there is Sunday dinner. My family expects a "special" meal on Sunday and that takes time. What about me?

Moderator: I'm sure yours is a common problem and we could add that the homemaker who works six days a week often uses Sunday to catch up at home. Mrs. Mature Christian, could you help us? Surely you have seen the shape of Sunday change many times.

Mrs. Mature Christian: Yes, I have noticed many changes. We have problems of getting a household ready for Sunday. I have never held down a job outside the home. Saturday was always the day of advance preparation for our family when we planned the Sunday dinner, scrubbed, washed, and ironed. The children were trained to help, and each one was given tasks for both Saturday and Sunday.

There is one great advantage which today's working homemaker has, however. Meal planning is a great deal easier because of deep freezers and prepared foods. Then there are the many labor-saving mechanical appliances.

I certainly agree it takes patience to get a family ready for Sunday, but with careful planning and disciplined co-operation, these can be times of satisfaction and joy. A family, going together to the Lord's house on Sunday every week as a practice will experience rich rewards. When a family makes it a habit to worship together, the church can become a beloved place, a memory to cherish.

Moderator: Oh, if more of today's young parents could come to the realization of the importance of bringing up their children according to God's ways.

Mrs. Mature Christian: I mentioned that we prepared on Saturday for Sunday. That meant our buying, too. In my younger days there was not in our town any buying and selling on Sunday. We used to hear a great deal about "Blue Laws." No stores could be opened on the sabbath. I can understand what ninety-five-year-old Mr. Hayes meant when he said: "In my long life it has been grievous to note how the public mind has been lowered into cor-

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rupting the Lord's Day. In my young years I never saw businesses open on Sunday."

Mrs. Young Matron: In our newspaper recently there was an account of church groups in our town who wanted laws making used car lots and retail stores close on Sundays. There were those who opposed it however.

Perhaps laws are not the answer. If Christians would not buy and sell places of business would soon close for lack of customers.

We haven't talked yet about my main problem. What about sports and recreation on Sunday? My husband likes outings on week ends. He thinks that families should spend time together this way.

Moderator: Mrs. Church Visitor, will you comment on this?

Mrs. Church Visitor: Sports events on Sunday are certainly an age-old problem, and it is growing year by year.

King James of England caused to be issued a *Sports Book* in which he decreed that Sunday was a day for sports. He certainly has many followers today! Sunday has become one of our biggest days of commercialized sports, but just as closing the market place on the Lord's Day must come from the Christian's influence, I believe the changing from a "play day" to worship day must come in the same manner.

Once in a while we read a testimony from a sports figure who dares to "render unto God" his Christian influence against the desecration of Sunday. Gil Dodds who at one time held the mile track record would not run on Sunday.

"You'll never make the big-time sports if you won't race on Sunday," the experts jeered. But Gil Dodds stood by his conviction that Sunday was a holy day. A champion with such convictions has great influence.

This is the spirit all Christians need. A danger we face was brought into the open not long ago when at a religious meeting in New York, it was proposed to abandon Sunday as the day of worship and religious

training. It was pointed out that with a five-day week plan of work, people were leaving for beaches, resorts, games on Saturday and Sunday, returning on Monday. It was proposed that they have a worship service on Thursday night and a thanksgiving communion service on Monday before the people go to work. Does this shock us?

This is what happens when Christians forget or ignore God's laws.

Moderator: Mrs. Young Matron, what conclusion have you reached about the Lord's Day?

Mrs. Young Matron: I don't think I will ever feel like using the Lord's Day for pleasure any more. I really believe the little poem which says:

"A man may tinker with his car,
Or take a shotgun out,
Or, he may grab a rod and reel
And try to catch a trout;
A woman has her household tasks,
Like mending socks and shirts,
But Sunday isn't Sunday,
Unless we go to church" (Selected).

Moderator: And what about you, Mrs. Average Housewife?

Mrs. Average Housewife: I think we all are agreed that a family, individuals, need to study God's Word on the Lord's Day. We need the renewing of our spirits which comes from hearing our pastor and worshipping together as a church. Spiritual needs must be met and I am concerned about the spiritual nourishment of my family and their Christian growth. I think we can manage Sunday dinner, even a big one and all go to church.

Discussion: Discuss attitudes and trends in your community toward the Lord's Day. Are there businesses which need to be closed? sports discouraged? Share experiences about preparing Sunday dinner. Exchange menus for quickly prepared dinners.

Prayer—Sentence prayer, with everyone who will, praying aloud.

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Such an army of Christians
by the power of the Holy Spirit
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to every person in this generation.

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