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WHAT IS AN AMERICAN?

by Harold W. Ruopp

AN AMERICAN is one who believes in the right of

TRUE FREEDOM

Victorious in all the wars
our legions fought . . . on
singing stars . . . on
Our young men thundered
across the sky . . . And in
trust . . . with fearful mistad eyes

But let us know while banners wave
upon our awful might . . . the future holds no
freedom save . . . for men who love the right. . .
Nor wings of war, nor valiant youth . . . can
give us liberty . . . for only God's eternal
truth . . . can make us really free.

Lon Woodrum

ARE YOU AN AMERICAN? If you are, then give me your hand, for I am an American too

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It's Quite an Experience— WRITING A BOOK!

by Alma Hunt

MANY of our readers have asked Mrs. Mathis and me if we're going to write more about experiences on our journey around the world and my answer is yes, but for this time I want to tell you about an experience which was awaiting my return from lands afar. In fact, the responsibility went along with me. I thought about it on long flights, and then pushed it aside when I arrived on a mission field. On reaching Birmingham there could be no further delay.

While I had circled the globe the deadline for the book I was to write had drawn four months closer. It is number three in our WMU Jubilee Series of eight books. Once again at my desk I settled myself for a new adventure. Now that the writing is over and the manuscript has gone from my desk to the printer I can assure you with strong feeling—"It's quite an experience—writing a book!"

The book is not about the trip. It's about us. It's about Woman's Missionary Union.

That is the book's title—*Woman's Missionary Union*.^{*} It concerns our work now as well as that of those who went before us, and those who shall follow after. It is written for WMU members, including youth leaders, and also to tell others about Woman's Missionary Union—its work, its witness in the Southern Baptist Convention and in our churches. It tells of our background, organization and program. This book attempts to meet the need for a comprehensive interpretation of Woman's Missionary Union.

Frequently pastors, ministers of education and associational missionaries have asked what they can read to get an understanding of the total program of Woman's Missionary Union. This book is intended for them and for seminary professors who are teaching ministerial students and those entering another church-related vocation.

^{*}Order it for 85c from Baptist Book Stores, Teacher's Helper, 23c. Off the press on May 15.

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By now you have probably concluded that the book, *Woman's Missionary Union* is all things to all people! It is not. It is a simple book written for those who desire to know about this missionary organization for women in our Southern Baptist churches. Though it deals briefly with the history of Woman's Missionary Union it in no way replaces *In Royal Service*, by Fannie E. S. Heck, the history of the first 25 years, or *Following in His Train*, by Ethelene Boone Cox, the history of the first 50. It does not meet the need for the history which will be written for Woman's Missionary Union's 75th Anniversary Year, 1963.

The book does not replace the manuals of the organizations. *Woman's Missionary Union* supplements the manuals and vice versa.

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during the Jubilee Advance period. The Aims chapters in *Woman's Missionary Union* are but background for the book development of each. Two of these Aims books are already available—*Christian Witnessing* by Floy Barnard, and *Educating Youth in Missions* by Mildred McMurtry. The other four will follow in remaining years of our Jubilee Advance, ending in 1964.

Yes, it's quite an experience—writing a book! It made me scrutinize our organizations. It deepened my appreciation for the vision of those who dreamed and prayed and brought Woman's Missionary Union into being. It gave me a sense of security to see that though methods have gone through a period of development, the missionary education purpose of Woman's Missionary Union remains unchanged. It strengthened my conviction that we are about our Master's work and that he has blessed our efforts. I hope you will take the book and make it yours, for it was written for you.

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Today Cover 3 Cyril E. Bryant

COVER Has every woman in your society studied the two new Alma books, *Christian Witnessing* and *Educating Youth in Missions*? Well, what about the even newer one by Miss Hunt *Woman's Missionary Union*? The latter book is an interpretation of Woman's Missionary Union. Summertime is ideal for back yard or patio study. Every woman who studies and reads these books will find a blessing.

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Gladys Keith (center) in the midst of river front children she loves

DREAMS Come True

A TALL WOMAN of strong, striking personality stepped out of the taxi in front of Rachel Sims Memorial Mission at 729 Second Street. She was Miss Gladys Keith, the city was New Orleans, the time, May 1935.

Before the new missionary entered the two-story frame building to report for her assignment, she cast her eyes across Clay Square. What a sight! Boys playing ball, a

wad of paper tied with twine was the ball, a broomstick the bat.

"We must get balls for those boys!" she exclaimed, forgetting her loneliness for the little town in Mississippi she had just left. That week the boys had their balls and bats.

Gladys Keith heard about these boys on the river front through Miss Auris Pender, foreign missionary-appointee who spoke at Gladys' church. The missionary's message stirred the heart of this young woman, who for seven years had been a teacher in a public school. Gladys had accepted Christ

by Charles H. Rankin

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River front area where many children have a missionary friend

when she was eleven and all her life had wanted to serve him. Soon she was in touch with Rev. Maurice Aguilard, then director of Rachel Sims Mission. Before long she had accepted the new challenge in the South's largest city, ending the years of searching in her soul.

Miss Keith can hardly believe that was a quarter of a century ago. Since then she has bought many bats and balls for boys and helped little girls mend broken dolls. She has pointed youth and their parents to Christ through Rachel Sims or one of the other good will centers owned and operated by the Home Mission Board on the Mississippi river front. She knows the important roles of the Baptist churches and institutions in New Orleans, and friends who have been her mainstay in this river front work built largely through the Annie Armstrong Offering for Home Missions.

It began in 1919 when the Clay Square Mission was opened. New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary began classes in the fall of 1918, which gave encouragement and impetus to this venture, for the seminary through the years has provided many workers for this Mission. Rachel Cane Sims was appointed to this work in 1923

and directed it until her death in 1930. The name of the mission was changed to Rachel Sims Memorial Mission in her honor. Students, graduates, and teachers have left footprints on the river front across the years and Gladys Keith has given stability and continuity to all these labors since 1935.

Until 1938 Rachel Sims was the only Baptist mission on the river front. First Baptist Church, which has helped sustain the activities, secured an abandoned bakery on Toledano Street and began another mission Sunday school. This became Toledano Mission. In 1947 First Church gave the property to the Home Mission Board, and a good will center was made of it. Later a better building was purchased on Louisiana Avenue, a beautiful boulevard with waving palms.

The year 1939 brought another thrilling experience, when Gladys Keith was one of 36 charter members organizing Third Street Baptist Church across Clay Square from Rachel Sims Mission. Again First Baptist Church came to their assistance, and their pastor Dr. J. D. Grey was in charge of the initial organization meeting.

The need of a place of worship for the

Plans and work, when they are of the Lord are a sure combination for making dreams come true

missionaries and those won through the missions prompted the founding of Third Street Church. Miss Keith, an active member and one of the first trustees, has seen the church grow to more than 300 members. Taking deep roots in these two decades, this church stands today along with the missions as another lighthouse beaming the gospel to 20 nationalities along the river front.

In less than five years this tiny church of meager resources, itself the product of missions, began a new preaching point and mission adding still another strong link to the chain of good will centers. With the help of Calvary Baptist Church of Jackson, Mississippi, a house was purchased in 1944 in a government housing area. Third Street Church presented this property to the Home Mission Board in 1947.

While new links were being formed in the river front missions, Rachel Sims, the original center, was bursting at the seams. The Home Mission Board in 1944 had pur-



Miss Keith has built both lives and buildings for Christ

chased a duplex adjacent to the old site. In 1949 a new building replaced both of the tired old houses and was dedicated May 10 of that year.

A small Negro girl stood with eyes fixed and fastened upon the lovely new red brick structure. Her searching, searing question, "Is it just for whites?" haunted Miss Keith night and day, week after week. She could not be content, nor would she let others enjoy these new facilities until something more was done for the thousands of Negro families huddled along the ageless Mississippi River.

She shared her dream. Her restless vision was translated into hard work and faith in God. With gifts from the Annie Armstrong Offering, Carver Center became a reality. This mission for Negroes was dedicated November 18, 1951.

Missions is more than cement and bricks, buildings and budgets. Gladys Keith believes. Under the glass on her desk were pictures of dozens of boys and girls who have gone out from the missions to many parts of the world.

"Bill is an evangelist, Amelia a home missionary, Elliott and Mary Louise teachers in Baptist colleges, Zola a church kin-

Kindergarten at Carver Center





Inside Rachel Sims Mission there is happiness and joy in learning and doing

ergarten teacher, Venancia and Evelyn graduate nurses, LaVora a missionary in Argentina, Mary Ethel and Donald students in Louisiana College, Charles a YMCA athletic director," recalled Miss Keith with pride when she pointed to pictures of only a few of "my children."

"You must keep remembering," young people recall her saying, "that God cares for you and that the cattle on a thousand hills are His and that He holds within His hands all true wisdom."

When the first wagon for her work arrived in 1946, she wrote a post card to one friend, a telegraphic-like message of only ten words: "God answers prayer. We got the station wagon. Maroon Ford."

Should a tour with visitors end around five o'clock in the afternoon, they heard music and a Bible message. A loud speaker carried it for many blocks around Rachel Sims Mission, the hub of spiritual activity. Vesper services are a vital part of the daily activities in the Missions.

"That PA system," Miss Keith recalled, "is a wonderful blessing to the Mission." She believed in casting herself upon God in prayer. This firm, fixed faith smoothed out many an impossible and impassible way for her.

On one occasion a college student who had been blessed by the Mission wrote her for advice about starting a mission near the college town. After telling him to secure a local church sponsor, among other things, she added, "Salt all this down with prayer

and hard work. Plan as if you will be there for a hundred years; work as if you had only one year to do it."

This philosophy guided Gladys Keith for 25 years. As other links were added to the river front work she was made superintendent of the entire chain of good will centers known for a long time as River Front Baptist Missions.

"Work long enough," she often said, "and they come asking. Rush them, and you drive them away. Love, kindness, helpfulness, and understanding are what the unsaved need."

President E. N. Patterson of Grand Canyon College, former New Orleans Seminary professor and director of the seminary practical activities, served as interim pastor of Third Street Church several times. He remembers, "Miss Keith has gone up and down the streets of this section of our great city telling by word and by life the love of Jesus for all people lost in sin."

Miss Keith is now residing in her own house near the Rachel Sims Center. She manifests the greatness of her spirit by maintaining a prayerful interest in the work. She can never retire from the thousands of hearts and lives where her influence continues to motivate Christian living and unselfish service. Her many friends will think of her often and will thank God upon every remembrance of her.

Miss Elizabeth Provence, WMU youth secretary of Florida, becomes director of this work in September 1960.

Summertime is filled with vacation Bible school opportunities. Read this story from far off Kenya.

But look around your church for openings to serve in

An Affair of the Heart

by Earl R. Martin, Nairobi, Kenya, East Africa

The brilliant sun shone through the windows on African children busily active in vacation Bible school. It was the second annual Bible school of the Baptist Center, Nairobi, Kenya. Across the street there suddenly arose a commotion at an African dwelling and many people were gathering. Several women howled and wailed, with frantic movements they danced back and forth until the health department van came to take away the body of a small boy who had died. Then suddenly all was quiet except for ordinary noises of the street. Ukuku (oo-KOO-oo) was the five-year-old boy's name. He had come to Bible school two days earlier. Unexpectedly he was ill and on the second day he died.

It is a custom of the Luo tribe of Kenya to weep and wail when they mourn their dead. The traditional tribal religion offers no hope for life after death. This small boy's weeping mother still abides in the darkness of a hopeless paganism. She is willing for her children to come to Sunday school but she has not yet found the light of Christ in her heart nor knows the peace and hope of a living Lord.

The tragic need of this mother illustrates the lost multitudes who come from a rural, tribal way of life to live in the city of Nairobi. In some respects life here for them is worse than before. Uprooted from traditional ways they are exposed to the dangers

and evils of a crowded city. Alcoholism, prostitution, and thieving—vices characteristic of "civilized" men—are rampant in the city. Before the advent of the white man, these three evils were relatively unknown. Now tribal restraints are gone and the need for the saving Gospel of Christ is more than ever urgent.

The Baptist Mission of East Africa is committed to help the "city" African. In Kenya work has been strategically established in the two largest cities, Mombasa and Nairobi. Baptists are trying to meet the spiritual needs of the African by ministering to his physical and social needs. Through community centers the gospel is presented to sin-enslaved hearts. The winning of men, women and youth to Christ is the prime objective, and other activities are planned to train for Christian living.

A Center is to go up at Mombasa (mombasa). There Missionary and Mrs. James Hampton have established an evangelistic witness. The village of Kisauni (kee-sa-OO-nee) on the outskirts of Mombasa, now has a beautiful Baptist church. In the Changamwe (chan-GA-mway) location another center is to be established soon.

The Nairobi Baptist Center is in the Shauri Moyo (sha-OO-ree MO-yo) African location. In Swahili, Shauri Moyo means "an affair of the heart." For Missionary and Mrs. Earl R. Martin the task of giving

an effective witness through this Center is indeed an affair of the heart. The Center provides an opportunity for compassionate service every day of the week.

Women gather daily in the morning for sewing, literacy and homecraft classes. They are proud of their new skill in sewing clothes for their children. At a mid-morning session all women gather in the auditorium for a half hour of Bible study. Several who have been won in Christ through this witness have formed the nucleus of the women's class in Sunday school. Mukai (*moo-KA-ee*) is one of these who has also joined the Inquirer's Class. Five days every week she walks from her home three miles each way to the Center. Josephine is the full-time African women's worker. She is highly qualified for teaching sewing and homecraft. Ruth is a part-time literacy and Bible teacher. Both women are devoted Christians and active in the Sunday services. With her second child on her back and the birth of her third child imminent Ruth came faithfully to teach. The result of such faithfulness is that the women's activities are a strong point in the Center's ministry.

The joyful voices of children playing outside the Center are heard every afternoon. Four youth clubs meet weekly. Outdoor games and handcraft projects are favorites of the seven-to-twelve-year-olds. In the girls' teen-age club embroidery is a

special feature. Teen-age boys like football (soccer) at the close of every meeting. All clubs have a time of Bible study and prayer. Eventually these will develop into Girls' Auxiliary and Royal Ambassador Chapters.

The club for library enthusiasts has an enrolment of more than forty. This is an avenue of approach to the educated Africans. Members can go to the Center library and enjoy an hour or two of quiet reading in an attractive room. David Kimilu (*AEE-MEE-loo*) the assistant superintendent of the Center is also in charge of the library. A well-educated Christian himself, he has a fine influence among his people.

A popular feature for all ages is the Friday night film when more than 400 come. Usually two films are shown. The first is of general interest highlighting a feature on education, health, or travel. The second is one of the "Life of Christ" series. Between the two films there is a brief evangelistic message. This makes possible the preaching of Christ to many who would not come to a religious service. On Sundays the Center is a hub of activity. The Sunday school has five classes covering a range of ages from the very smallest child through adults. Adults meet in two classes, one each for men and women. Attendance grows steadily. Immediately following Sunday school there is the worship service. An enhancing feature of this service is a choir led by an

In Kenya, East Africa, the Baptist Center is a happy beehive of activity. A keen desire to learn from books and from doing marks the attitude of youth and adults



Literacy classes are provided for adults who are eager to learn; literacy teacher Miss Ruth Mwendaka uses the blackboard in teaching to read



African Christian. These singers meet twice a week for rehearsal. Special unaccompanied selections are sung every Sunday. The day is rounded out in the afternoon as faithful Christians go visiting their friends on behalf of the Saviour.

Adult literacy evangelism is another function of the Baptist Center. Teaching illiterates how to read and write is a fruitful rewarding work. Through classes in both Swahili and English teachers seek to make people literate, to lead the literate to Christ. The response to this effort has been most heartening. Eight classes meet three times a week. There are many who have to be turned away because we lack enough competent, Christian teachers.

With a vision of the unlimited opportunity Missionary Davis L. Saunders opened the Baptist work in Nairobi more than three years ago. In the basic strategy it was planned that the Baptist Center should be the foundation of evangelistic outreach. Other preaching stations have been established within a fifteen mile radius of the city. Three of these are in strategic housing developments. At Rizuta there are now under construction dwelling units which will provide for ten thousand population. Athi River will soon have six thousand living in its immediate area. The Maringo development will have 15 thousand Africans living there. In each of these areas Baptists have secured choice church plots where churches will be constituted and buildings erected to enable Baptists effectively to minister to the great hordes of Africans in the cities with no knowledge of Christ.

This affair of the heart grows and grows as missionaries and Africans join together in this work.

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NEW LIFE OUT OF TRAGEDY

by Louise W. Propst, missionary, Atlanta, Georgia

WHEN WE LEARNED of the family's eviction, we went to see the mother. She was sitting out on the sidewalk, her worldly belongings all about her. It seemed a hopeless situation. After assuring her we would do all we could to help the family, we asked if we could have prayer before we left. Startled, she looked up, "You mean you can pray out in the street like this?" she asked. A trace of hope was in her face as she said. "That's the first time I've bowed my head in prayer in a long, long time." We knew the family needed spiritual help as much as they needed physical help.

A photographer and a reporter from the *Atlanta Journal* came to take pictures for a story on this family's plight. Material assistance began to come in quickly—from individuals, Sunday

school classes, business firms, even some from other states.

The family asked if we would help to supervise the expenditure of this money in securing for them the things they so desperately needed. An apartment was secured, rent paid in advance, food, clothing, furniture purchased. It was a new and different day for the entire family. Eight-year-old Kenneth went to school and exclaimed to his teacher: "Guess what—I slept on a bed last night!" The teacher noted his shining blue eyes and he was more responsive in class that day.

Daily, we talked with the family regarding their need of the Lord in their lives and their home. The mother was first to trust Christ as her Saviour and the real burdens of her soul were lifted. The children were enrolled in weekday Bible classes at the Mis-

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Often God uses the tragedy and despair
in our lives to bring us to a
knowledge and trust in Him.
This family will need continuing
encouragement and understanding
from Christian friends



This family knows that the road ahead is rocky but there is now hope where despair prevailed. Family sharing in family altar as well as in beautifying the home point toward spiritual growth

sion Center. The father could not read and write, seemed to have an extreme inferiority complex, and he felt that he was friendless. One day he came to the mission, broken in spirit, asking for spiritual help. That day he found a Friend in Jesus who has made his life new and worth living.

It has been two years now since the family was evicted. There have been difficult times for them since then, but they are learning to look to the Lord for strength as they try to solve their own problems. The father has employment, the boys have supplemented the family income with their paper routes. In a meeting at the mission one day, the mother testified that the greatest blessing which had come from their tragic experience was that the family had come to know Christ in new hope, and a new life.



JULY CIRCLE PROGRAM

Theme for Quarter: Sharing Possessions

Topic for July: Christian Means of Acquiring Money

Book to Study: *Woman's Missionary Union*,* by Alma Hunt

BY MRS. H. C. HUNT

To the Leader:

Make your interest center a conversation piece! Place in a circle on a small table various objects which have been used for money or barter: colored beads, sea shells, small pieces of colored cloth, toy sheep and cows, coins, paper money. Let these form an outside ring. Inside the money circle place labels, price tags from various articles: clothing, groceries, furniture, medicine, etc. Along with these put trade-marks, brand names, or labels. In the center place a blank check or pay envelope. As members arrive engage them in conversation about various mediums of exchange. Some of them may recall exchanging at the grocery store, eggs or drink bottles for candy in their youth.

Leader's Introduction

Our program unit theme for this quarter is Sharing Possessions. In this, the first program, we will consider "Christian Means of Acquiring Money," in August, "Recognizing His Ownership," and September, "Beyond the Tithes." (Read page 24 in your 1959-60 WMU Year Book and review in the minds of your church members WMU teachings concerning the acquisition of money, the tithe, and the nine tenths.)

Because the United States is today the wealthiest nation in the world and has the greatest per capita wealth, we need to look with prayerful hearts at our own bank accounts. Today, we shall talk about how we get our money and how much it means to us. But, first, let us pray that God will help us to accept the stewardship of getting.

Prayer that we will remember it is God who gives us power to get wealth.

Listen! Your Money Is Talking

Is it true that "money talks"? Take a bill or coin (takes one from the table) hold it to your ear, and there is only the slight noise made by the movement. But your money talks to those who watch your life.

William Gladstone once said, "When you know what a man does with his money, how he gets it, how he spends it, what he thinks about it, then you know some of the most important things about that man."

What does your money say about you?

In the workaday world money does a great deal of talking. Listen.

Pay Checks: (Speaker takes a check or envelope from the table.)

This might be a pay check. It represents the exchange of a person's talents, his work for money. God ordained that people should work. Here is what his Word says: Genesis 2:15; Exodus 20:9; 2 Thessalonians 3:10; and Revelation 22:3 (have verses read from play money bills or small time cards).

The Bible also affirms that a person receives wages for his toil. In Genesis 29:15 "And Laban said unto Jacob, Because thou art my brother, shouldest thou therefore serve me for nought? tell me, what shall thy wages be?" and Jeremiah 22:15 "Woe unto him . . . that useth his neighbour's

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service without wages and giveth him not for his work."

A Christian should not only pay a living wage to employees but also should seek God's will concerning what his work shall be whether "doctor, lawyer, merchant, chief." His work reflects his Christian dedication. Dr. Daniel A. Poling has said that what a man "believes inevitably affects his relations with his neighbors . . . the manner in which he earns his living, the way he fills out his income-tax form, everything about him and involving him."

Our present day society might be characterized by the dollar sign. It is the bright symbol of contemporary living," said a speaker not long ago, and familiar is the idea "Money may not be the most important thing in the world, but it's way out ahead of whatever is in second place!" To get money there is great temptation to compromise conviction. It is at this point that a Christian must examine his standards and actions. Paychecks which have been harmfully earned or paid, which come from questionable business cannot honor God.

There are ways of acquiring money which are not useful to mankind, some which lead man downward; these can only bring reproach to the Christian and dishonor God. Among them are gambling, dishonesty, manufacturing or distributing liquor, traffic in dope, and any form of crime (name others).

In a church in the South there was a man who seemed to find the Lord as Saviour almost accidentally. He came to revival services one night to be with a visitor in his home. The Holy Spirit so strongly convicted him of his sin that he wholeheartedly accepted Christ. Even before he was seated at the front he said to the pastor, "I've got to get into another business first thing in the morning. A Christian cannot continue to run the kind of busi-

ness I have now." And he stuck to his decision too. Such a stand is not easy in our materialistic world, but it is the only valid one for a Christian.

Trade-marks: (Speaker picks up labels from table)

"Famous Brand Names" is a slogan we recognize from trade journals and advertising. Purchasers are urged to buy certain brands. As brands become well known, representing quality, the consumer recognizes them as superior.

People have trade-marks, too. They are the result of things we do. There are many labels no Christian should ever wear. The little jingle we learned as children said "rich man, poor man, beggerman, thief." A Christian who does not represent Christ as he should not only becomes impoverished himself spiritually but he robs the lost of an opportunity to know Christ. Honest dealings with our fellow man are a part of God's law. "Thou shalt not steal," was written into the commandments which God gave to Moses. In Proverbs 11:1 we read "A false balance is abomination to the Lord: but a just weight is his delight." In Luke 9:14 "Do violence to no man, neither accuse any falsely; and be content with your wages."

A Christian should avoid any business that would hurt his influence for good, and he should guard against any practices which are unjust or questionable. HONESTY must be the trade-mark of the Christian.

"Let the buyer beware!" can be no part of the Christian's philosophy, nor can he disclaim responsibility for what he sells. Fake advertising on TV and radio has become a national concern. One way to express one's disapproval of false advertising and poor business practices is to refrain from buying a product or buying from a concern. (discuss).

J. C. Penney of the famed Penney stores says of his early experience, "When I was a young man it was a generally accepted concept that you could not create a fortune

and remain a Christian, and I wanted very much to do both. I invested my savings in a butcher shop. My best account was a local hotel, and I was told that if I would buy the chef a bottle of whiskey each week, it would help my business. I bought one bottle, decided it was wrong and wouldn't buy another. I lost the account and the shop. Fortunately for me, my parents influenced my thinking for the right." (Discuss how parents influence their children's attitudes.)

Price Tags: (Take a price tag from the table.)

Here is a price tag. It is found every day in the market place; everything has a price tag; we pay for the things we want.

The Bible tells of a rich young man who wanted the greatest thing—eternal life. But when he looked at the price tag, he decided it was too much to pay. "Rich man, poor man" goes the little jingle. Poor young man, in turning away from Christ, he did not realize his eternal poverty of soul and spirit.

Price tags are a disturbing part of the struggle to keep up with our associates, and women are often the worst offenders. We want all the electrical gadgets, furniture, cars, and clothes if for nothing more than prestige value. We want "advantages" for our children often never realizing the deep spiritual hunger they experience. Sometimes a demanding wife and children cause a man to compromise or steal for the gadgets. Sometimes men do unworthy deeds to satisfy their own drive for power.

Recently a newspaper carried the story of a mother who embezzled a large sum of money from the firm where she worked as a bookkeeper. She said the money was to buy a house, a car, and clothes for her son and daughter.

According to the Society of Savings and Loan Controllers,* embezzlers of money from American banks and business firms have jumped more than 50 per cent since 1940. The embezzler is usually highly respected in his community and sometimes

active in a church. He appears a typical, average American. The reasons he gives for stealing add up to a tragic picture of the American way of life.

George Lorimer must have had something like this in mind when he said, "It is good to have money and the things money can buy, but it is good, too, to check up once in awhile to make sure we haven't lost the things money cannot buy." Money is not the root of all evil, but the love of it is. When man excludes God, loving money first, he has made money his god. The Bible gives no choice. A Christian cannot love God and mammon.

In Proverbs 13:7 we find somewhat the same idea: "There is that maketh himself rich, yet hath nothing; there is that maketh himself poor, yet hath great riches."

Conversation among a group of women visiting in a patio turned to the problem of hired help. "She worked hard all day for me, scrubbing floors, ironing, washing pots and pans and dishes," one said. "I stayed right with her to see that she gave me a good day's work, that I got my money's worth."

"When she was through and was ready to leave, I gave her the money we had agreed upon. Timidly she said, 'What I do, you like it?'"

That question jarred me. I had forgotten that in addition to wages we must give fairness and appreciation. My price tag that day must have looked shoddy to that woman who had worked pleasantly and well.

For Further Discussion:

Is it Christian to pay unfair wages, to mistreat hired help, or try to save money ourselves by giving old clothes in place of money?

Can a Christian justify questionable business practices by giving generously to the church?

Close with prayer that we will seek God's plan for our lives, that our total influence will be for Christ, and that we might lead our children to have a right sense of values.

SILENCE *is not always golden*



by Lon Woodrum

IT WAS A moment that history would always remember. The mob screamed, Pilate washed his hands. The soldiers slapped Jesus. The priests stirred up the people to cast the ballot that would send him to Calvary.

While rereading that account in the New Testament I was arrested by something that is emphasized by the fact that it is not stated.

The crowd cried for Jesus' death. But what you wish, and might even expect, does not happen. No one stands up and shouts for Christ. All that raucous uproar for his execution and not a word from the opposition!

"He opened not his mouth." So says the report. Neither did anyone else open his mouth—on Christ's behalf. Jesus himself could not speak. He had identified himself with guilty men, and guilt has no right to speak.

Still, he wasn't really guilty. He was holy, all good. He had healed the sick, fed the hungry, blessed the children. Even his bitterest enemies hadn't been able to charge him with any sin.

You would think that someone in that crowd would speak for him—some ex-leper,

ex-blind man, some magdalene or tax-collector whom He had touched. You would have thought some voice would cry, "Don't crucify him! Crown him King!" But no such voice was heard.

That isn't the only time in history that people have kept silent before the voice of evil. In his *Brave New World* Aldous Huxley speaks of tyranny that was established not only through the propaganda of the despots, but through the silence of those who hated tyranny.

Silence can be golden, as the old proverb says; but it can also be murderous. It has slain its thousands, put nations in chains, sent innocent men to prison, set guilty men free. It has put cruel demagogues in high places, flooded the earth with corruption. It has made sin seem desirable and righteousness seem foolish. Silence can be a deadly thing among Christians, among citizens.

How often Jesus opened his mouth to speak the truth, to express compassion, to bless, or to heal. There were times when judgment leaped from that mouth, smashing greed and hypocrisy and lust. It has been well said that Jesus was not despised by the hypocritical because he said that

God fed the sparrows, but because he thundered at them "Ye serpents, ye generation of vipers."

It is often much safer for a man to be silent. And is not this the age when we all seek "security"? Does anyone read this who has not been troubled because he has held his peace when he should have stood up-right against something wrong?

The Apostle Paul was anything but the silent type. He was often a terrible trouble maker. He got himself mobbed, jailed, flogged. But one thing he won't have to answer for—dropping a curtain over his testimony for Christ!

We heard of a Christian lad, cornered by other boys who called him "chicken" for attending Sunday school. The Christian boy said, "If you can yak about your silly 'kicks,' then I can sound off about God!" Well, Jesus ordered his disciples to "sound off" about the gospel.

Many modern minds shy from the word "preach." Yet that very word was the one that Jesus used when he sent his disciples out to save the world. "Go . . . preach the gospel." "Ye are my witnesses." We cannot carry out his orders in a shy or diffident manner. One does not take the witness

stand to be mute.

The loudest atheist in the world has never hurt the church so much as the tongue-tied members who keep silent when the kingdom of God is at stake, when it needs a trumpet with no uncertain sound.

There's a report in the journal of the primitive church which we might do well to read. Some followers of Jesus got themselves beaten for their faith, for testifying to the grace of Christ. The authorities flogged them, then charged them that they were to desist from further talk about their gospel. But Peter flung back the reply, "We cannot help speaking about what we have actually seen and heard" (Phillips).

And there you have it! A thing can be too big for a man to keep still about it. And there are some things too bad for a good man to keep quiet about them.

So down the ages Christians have not kept still—those dedicated to God's will, touched by his Spirit. If you listen you can still hear some of them "sounding off" for Christ. The God who commanded them to speak has never told them to hush. It is theirs to obey the divine order.

And it is not enough to speak. Good lives and deeds must be back of words.

GLORIETA

July 28-August 3

Bible Teacher—Dr. John L. Slaughter
Stewardship Emphasis—Dr. Albert McClellan
Music Director—Mrs. H. H. Grooms

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Rev. James Hampton, Kenya
 Rev. and Mrs. Dan Sharpley, Brazil
 Rev. and Mrs. Bill Tisdale, Philippines
 Dr. and Mrs. Ben Welmaker, Colombia

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 Rev. William Mitchell, Jews
 Rev. Alexander Posetti, Spanish
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Forecaster

Prepared by Margaret Bruce, WMS director

At the adoption of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776, there were only 13 colonies. This year for the first time we commemorate a Fourth of July with 50 states: Now the flag of the United States has 50 stars in the blue and it will be waving over the far north and west.

Americans need to be reminded that only "In Christ there is no East or West, In Him no South or North."

On this 1960 Independence Day let us be reminded of John Oxenham's prayer:*

Lord, set the people free!
Let all men draw to Thee
In unity!
Thy temple courts are wide,
Therein let all abide
In peace, and side by side,
Serve only Thee!

God, grant us now Thy peace!
Bid all dissensions cease!
God, send us peace!
Peace in True Liberty,
Peace in Equality,
Peace and Fraternity,
God, send us peace!

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PRESIDENT

Informed?

In WMS Statement of Aims we say, "We will give to our organization an informed leadership." There is no better way to be informed about Woman's Missionary Union than by taking the WMS Leadership Course.

Has the course been taught in a class for your officers, chairmen, and other members?

Have those unable to attend the class been urged to take the course individually?

How many members in your WMS have completed the course and received the WMS Leadership Card?

See page 65, WMU Year Book for full information on WMS Leadership Course.

"We will . . . an informed leadership."

ALL CHAIRMEN

HALF A HEART?

"He did it with all his heart and prospered" 2 Chron. 31:21.

Summertime sometimes causes us to be lazy and neglectful.

As you approach your committee work do not leave half your heart behind. Diligence and zeal are needed in the Lord's work. Let it be heart work and let it be done with all your heart.

Just three more months in this 1959-60 WMU year. Check up on your goals. If you have not attained them there may still be time. Can you say "The zeal of thine house hath eaten me up . . ." and with all my heart have I done thy work?"

NOMINATING COMMITTEE



After the next three months new officers will take over their duties. Have you secured all officers and chairmen needed for your WMU?

It is hoped that you and other members of the nominating committee have impressed new leaders with the importance of their responsibility; that job descriptions have been so clearly outlined that officers and chairmen know what is expected of them. Pages 59-64, WMU Year Book, list duties of officers and chairmen.

JUBILEE CHAIRMAN

J is for Jubilee

J . . . is to remind Jubilee chairmen that July begins the last quarter of 1959-60. Jog all leaders to check on their job and see if goals have been reached. Help them keep out of a jam during the last few weeks of the WMU year and experience the joy of achieving all twelve Jubilee goals.

President—Train WMU leadership

Mission study committee—Study Woman's Missionary Union, Hunt, 85c, —Study Educating Youth in Missions, McMurry, 85c, (Teacher's Helps for each, 25c, from Baptist Book Stores).

Enlistment committee—Assist associational WMU in organizing WMU organizations in churches
—Set a worthy goal for increasing membership

Stewardship committee—Increased gifts through the Cooperative Program

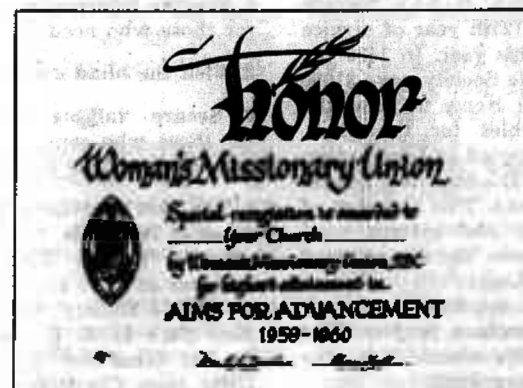
- Increased number of tithers
- Increase of 12 per cent in Lottie Moon Christmas Offering
- Increase of 12 per cent in Annie Armstrong Offering

Publications committee—Subscriptions to Royal Service equaling 60 per cent of members

Community missions committee—Co-operate in church plans for establishing missions

All leadership—Work to be an Honor WMU

How many of these 1959-60 Jubilee goals have been reached by your WMU?



MISSION STUDY CHAIRMAN

Wake Up and Read

This month we begin the study of a book just off the press. It is *Woman's Missionary Union*, by our Executive Secretary, Miss Alma Hunt (85c from Baptist Book Stores, Teacher's Helps, 25c). The book gives information that every Baptist will want to know. Ask your pastor to teach it to the men as well as the women. Urge every WMS member to read the book (see page 2, RS).

During National Library Week last April the theme, "Open Wonderful New Worlds . . . Wake Up and Read" was used extensively in observance of the week. The theme is appropriate for any time.

Use the summer months to encourage WMS members to read.

Check up on your WMS Mission

Study Chart. Has your society earned 350 points to qualify on the chart? It is possible, you know, to gain 100 points by promoting missionary reading. See pages 41-43, WMU Year Book, for full explanation of the WMS Mission Study Chart.

Mission study chairmen will encourage women to read this month, not just to attain the distinction of qualifying on the Mission Study Chart but to "open wonderful new worlds!"

FOR YOUR SUMMER READING

The Other Side of Rome, John B. Wilder, price \$2.50 from your nearest Baptist Book Store. The book gives to the average reader a clear understanding of Catholicism.

COMMUNITY MISSIONS CHAIRMAN

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The American Bible Society celebrates its 125th year of service to the blind this year. In 1835 the American Bible Society gave \$1000 to Dr. Samuel Howe to print the very first Bibles for the blind. These were printed in Line Letter.

It was in 1911 that the Braille system was used. This alphabet of raised dots is the system most widely used now. The dotted word above means Light.

Community missions chairmen lead WMS members to give light to the blind this month. This may be done in many ways:

1. Provide transportation to church for those who need it
2. Visit the blind and read to them
3. Secure "talking book" records for those who cannot afford them (see August, 1959 Forecaster, p. 3)
4. See that they have Braille volumes of the Bible. (It costs \$90 to print a Braille Bible—20 large volumes at \$4.50 each. The American Bible Society, 450 Park Ave., New York 22, N. Y., supplies these to the blind for 25c a volume. Gifts from Christians supplement

the cost.)

Through your Lottie Moon Christmas Offering last December you gave \$20,000 to the American Bible Society; \$2500 was given through the Annie Armstrong Offering in March.

STEWARDSHIP CHAIRMAN

Sharing Possessions

Throughout this fourth quarter Sharing Possessions will be emphasized at circle meetings. In July the circle program topic is "Christian Means of Acquiring Money." (See "Let's Talk About" suggestion, page 37, RS.) August's circle program topic is "Recognizing His Ownership" and September's "Beyond the Tithe."

Stewardship chairmen can be on the alert to find facts of interest concerning these topics and distribute them at circle meetings.

In 1959 Southern Baptists' total gifts were \$453,338,720. Available to all SBC agencies, such as seminaries, hospitals, etc., was \$27,475,124, which was an increase over the previous year of \$2,600,000.

In 1949 there were 711 Southern Baptist missionaries under appointment by the Foreign Mission Board in 24 countries. In 1950 there were 1361 missionaries in 44 countries.

In 1949 the Foreign Mission Board had an income of \$5,861,709.23. In 1959 the income was \$16,475,780.34.

PRAYER CHAIRMAN

Retreat to go forward

A current magazine article, "Retreat—to go forward," speaks of the necessity of a periodic retreat from people as being one of the important ways of replenishing one's personality. But is it more than "people-fatigue" and a need to refurbish one's own spirit that makes it essential that we retreat and meditate. Such a quiet time in communion with God not only refreshes but enables one to experience real spiritual power which may be of inestimable value to others.

July and August are vacation months for some. Many women will find more opportunity than usual for retreat moments. Stress the importance of the Intercessory Prayer League this month and next. Urge women to pray for:

- Guidance in selection and election of the president of USA
- Each of the fifty states which comprise the United States of America
- A peaceful and just settlement of racial disturbances throughout the world
- The Baptist World Alliance meeting in Rio, June 26-July 3
- Glorieta WMU Conference, July 28-August 3
- Ridgecrest WMU Conference, August 11-17

Such a retreat for intercession will empower you to go forward in your Christian witness.

"And the Lord said unto Moses, Wherefore criest thou unto me? speak unto the children of Israel, that they go forward."

ENLISTMENT CHAIRMAN

"Media People"

Enlistment committee members are the medium or agent through whom enlistment in WMS is accomplished. So "media people" check up on your progress on Aim VI, Enlistment for Missions.

1. Definite program of visitation throughout the year in the interest of WMU enlistment

Do you have planned visitation each week or month? Are you using the leaflet, "Our Church Wants You in WMS," (free from state WMU offices)?

2. Annual increase in membership until all resident women members of the church have been enlisted in WMU

How many resident women members are there in your church?

How many women are enlisted in the WMU of your church?

3. An average attendance for the year of one third of the members at the ten general missionary program meetings of the society

What has been the average attendance at your ten general missionary program meetings? Is this one third of your members?

4. Organization of additional circle(s)

Has your enlistment of new members necessitated the organization of more circles?

5. An average attendance for the year of one third of the members of each circle at the ten general missionary program meetings of the society

Has each of your circles participated in the ten general mission-

ary program meetings?

Has the average attendance of each circle been one third of its membership?

6. WMS Focus week observed
Did your WMS observe Focus Week last January? Did your observance promote all phases of WMS work?

TRIP Tips

So you are planning a trip to Glorieta, N. Mex., July 28 - August 3 or to Ridgecrest, N. C., August 11 - 17, to attend the WMU Conference? You are wise! But if you have never been to a WMU Conference at Glorieta or Ridgecrest you may welcome a few "trip tips."

1. Carry comfortable walking shoes, rain paraphernalia, a sweater and coat

2. Take your Bible, notebook, and pencil

3. Include extra money for buying books, WMU Year Book, and renewing your subscription to *Royal Service*

4. Remember that Glorieta and Ridgecrest are our Southern Baptist Assembly grounds. There are a few rooms with private baths; college students serve the meals, make the beds, etc., so you will not expect the kind of accommodations you have at home or that you would receive at a resort hotel.

YOUTH DIRECTORS

There's Nothing to Do?!

School is out and children and young people are asking, "What can I do?" They are saying, "There's nothing to do!" Youth leaders, take advantage of this free time and help your young people profit by their summer activities.

Things to Do in July (Call on WMS members to help)

GAs do extra work on Forward Steps

YWAs work on YWA Citation

Teach mission study classes for GA, YWA, SB

Have day camps for 8-year-old Sunbeam Bands

Plan community missions activities for young people

Ann Hasseltine YWAs carry out "My Promise to Share" pledge

Arrange for YWAs and GAs to go to camps and retreats

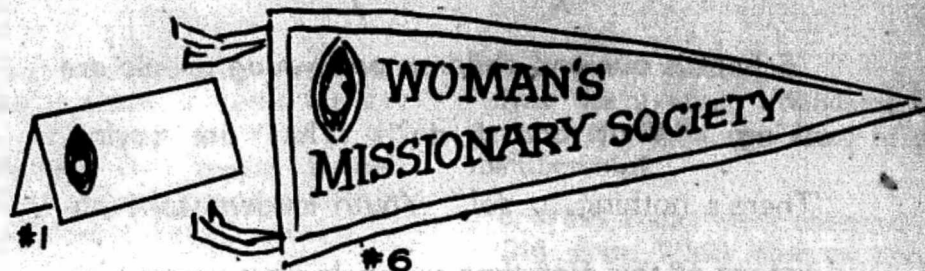
There are an estimated 18,000 summer camps in this country and more than five million young people will be going to them this summer.

Getting Ready for Camp

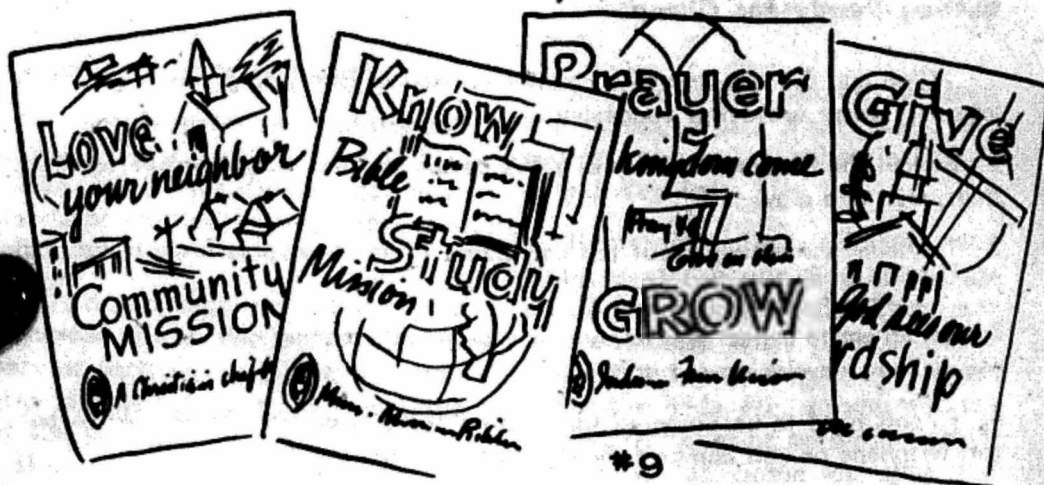
YWA and GA directors and counselors need to help young people get ready for camp. Here are a few suggestions:

1. Explain the purpose of GA and YWA camps and the daily schedule (worship, study, rest, and play)
2. Tell them something about the camp site, living conditions, food, transportation, etc.
3. Help them to expect and enjoy new experiences: making new friends, learning new skills or developing old ones
4. Parents need to be prepared for children being away from home. When parents telephone or visit campers, homesickness usually results.
5. Remind YWAs and GAs that when camp is over and they get home they will have opportunities to tell about their experiences.

Write to Us for —



1. Gift enclosure or place cards, 35c dozen
2. Invitation cards, 15c dozen; 65c for 100
3. WMU emblem charm ($\frac{1}{2}$ " x $\frac{3}{8}$ "), gold filled, \$2.00
4. Membership Folder, containing Statement of Aims for Advancement, 20c dozen; \$1.40 for 100
5. Offering Box, 4c
6. Pennant, white with lavender letters and WMU emblem, processed, (12" x 30"), \$1.25
7. WMU emblem Pin and Guard, with safety catch, ($\frac{1}{2}$ " x $\frac{3}{8}$ "), 14K gold, \$5.25; 10K gold, \$4.25; gold filled, \$2.00
8. Gavel guard with chain (worn by president), \$2.00
9. Posters: Set of four on mission study, prayer, community missions, and stewardship, 35c
10. WMU emblem seals, packaged by 25's, large, ($1\frac{1}{4}$ " x $3\frac{1}{2}$ "), 25 for 30c; small, ($\frac{1}{2}$ " x $\frac{3}{8}$ "), 25 for 10c



All of these may be secured from Woman's Missionary Union, Birmingham 3, Ala.

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Prayer Motto: Day by Day for the World I Pray

prepared by Dr. Carrie U. Littlejohn

1 Friday In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit Eph 2:22. (Read vv. 19-22.)

In a recent article about El Paso, the largest American city on the Mexican border, Dr. L. H. Waters says: "The average visitor would be curious to know how well Anglos and Latins live and work together. Baptist leaders express gratitude that they are unhampered by racial strife as El Paso churches welcome people from all over the world." The First Baptist Church of that city is a shining example of Christian togetherness in counting among its deacons a Chinese, a Mexican, and an Argentine. Pray that we may strive to see all people as God sees them.

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

2 Saturday Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me John 14:6. (Read vv. 1-14.)

One of the most serious problems of the young nation, Malaya, is fusing its cosmopolitan population into a unified nation. Racial envy, selfish ambition and feelings of inferiority hinder co-operation among the Malay, the Chinese, the Indian, and the whites. Islam is the state religion. The Chinese and Indians practice Buddhism and Hinduism. Against this background Christianity has made a beginning. Various Protestant groups have worked there for some time. Southern Baptists since 1950. Progress has been made. According to the latest re-

port there are more than 1,300 members in our churches. Pray for these young Christians and their national pastors.

PRAY for G. H. Clark, Malaya, C. R. Young, Honolulu, Hawaii, D. L. Saunders, Nairobi, Kenya, F. G. Ross, Mexico, ev.; Mrs. R. J. Green, Tuba City, Ariz., ev. among Indians; Mrs. Epifanio Salazar, Waco, Tex., ev. among Spanish-speaking

3 Sunday That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ 1 John 1:3. (Read vv. 1-10.)

Today the Baptist World Congress has its final meeting in Rio. Dr. E. F. Hallock, missionary and chairman of the local committee on arrangements, has looked upon the thousands of non-Brazilian Baptists at the Congress as individual evangelists spreading the gospel to Brazilian nationals through actions, conversations, and the distribution of printed materials. Dr. Hallock concluded: "The Brazil of this generation is the most fertile field for the gospel in all the world." Let us pray that the gathering of world Baptists in Rio will make a telling impact for Christ throughout Brazil and Latin America, that messengers will "advertise" well the Christian faith in all contacts.

PRAY for W. L. Clinton, Sao Paulo, Brazil, Mrs. J. R. Gray, Shaki, Nigeria, ev.

4 Monday He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him Psalm 126:6. (Read vv. 1-6.)

Missionary T. V. Farris tells a story out of his own experience which proves the

validity of the above promise. During a revival a young Japanese girl accepted Christ as Saviour. Following her conversion she grew rapidly in the grace of our Saviour," wrote Mr. Farris. Some weeks later she was called on to lead in prayer in a service. Among other requests, one particularly touched the missionary's heart: "Oh, Lord, put your grace upon Mr. Farris as he preaches to us." Pray for this earnest young Christian.

PRAY for T. V. Farris, Tokyo, Japan, R. A. Miller, Kuiuik, Alaska, Mary Alice Ditsworth, Bandung, Indonesia, J. E. Mills, Mrs. J. N. Patterson, Ibadan, Mrs. C. F. Roberson, Nigeria, ev.; Mrs. Kent Faris, Cuero, N. Mex., ev. among Indians; G. T. Martin, Tampa, Fla., ev. among Negroes; Rosa Lee Franks, Miami, Fla., GWC; Mrs. R. W. Fuller, Hong Kong, ed.; Mrs. L. C. Smith, Oghamosh, Nigeria, med.

5 Tuesday Therefore said he unto them, The harvest truly is great, but the labourers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth labourers into his harvest Luke 10:2. (Read vv. 1-16.)

The city of Sao Paulo with more than 3,000,000 people is Brazil's largest city and the capital of the state of Sao Paulo. In this ripe harvest field we have only seven missionaries. A year ago the state Baptist board of the Sao Paulo field appealed to the south Brazil mission for fifteen new missionary couples, ten to begin work in ten of the largest cities in the state, where we have no work. Five were to help the over-worked missionaries in the city of Sao Paulo. Pray that these reinforcements may be sent soon to this needy field.

PRAY for P. C. Porter, Mrs. E. C. Wilson, Jr., Campinas, Brazil, Mrs. Jose Corrales, Matanzas, Cuba, ev.; Mrs. T. C. Bagby, Brazil, Anne Laseler, Chile, retired; Mrs. Burel Black, N. Mex., ev. among Spanish-speaking; Mrs. T. E. Lee, Birmingham, Ala., FW; Mrs. C. L. Thompson, Buenos Aires, Argentina, ed.

6 Wednesday But Jesus called them unto him, and said, Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God Luke 18:16. (Read vv. 1-18.)

More than a year ago a mission center was opened for Spanish-speaking people in an underprivileged neighborhood in San Antonio. It reaches people who probably would never be reached by a church. Rev. and Mrs.

Roger M. Baxter, Jr., direct the work of the center. Perhaps Mrs. Baxter's most important work is done in the kindergarten. There the little child gets a taste of life as it ought to be lived. Through the children Mrs. Baxter can open doors into the homes and hearts of mothers.

PRAY for Mrs. Roger Baxter, Jr., San Antonio, Mrs. J. E. Timmons, Cuero, Tex., Mrs. J. A. Anaya, Phoenix, Ariz., ev. among Spanish-speaking; Blanche Groves, China-Hawaii-Hong Kong, retired; F. W. Patterson, El Paso, Tex., J. C. Raborn, Kowloon, Hong Kong, pub.; Mrs. R. M. Willocks, Korea, Sister Givens, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, W. T. Roberson, Vietnam, ev.

7 Thursday Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ Eph. 5:20. (Read vv. 1-20.)

As we petition God on behalf of mission work, do we thank him for the victories? Praise him today for the evidences of his blessing on our work in Panama. Seven years ago we had ten Home Mission Board workers in Panama and the Canal Zone, now we have 81. Seven years ago we had ten churches and five missions, now we have 24 churches and 35 missions. While these signs of progress are heartening, let us remember that there is still great need. For instance, there are three cities in Panama with more than 20,000 population with no Baptist church or missions. Pray for missionaries and national pastors in Panama to be able to establish missions in these cities and towns.

PRAY for David Jemmott, Panama City, Panama, Stanley Crabb, Jr., Perugia, Italy, ev.; Mrs. C. E. Sanders, Ariz., ev. among Spanish-speaking; Alda Grayson, Pukalani, Hawaii, RN; A. E. Hayes, Brazil, retired; Christopher Hayes, MF; Mrs. Milton Murphy, Petah Tiqa, Israel, ed.

8 Friday Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them Mark 11:24. (Read vv. 12-26.)

Missionary H. H. Pike tells a heart-warming story of answers to prayer on his field in Brazil. They prayed for more trained national personnel and God sent them three seminary trained pastors. The lay workers in the churches needed to prepare themselves for better service. They responded earnestly to the first Sunday school clinic held on that field. The non-seminary trained

pastors needed a deepening of their spiritual life that would come from Bible study. They profited greatly from a month-long extension course. Let us thank God for these answers to prayer and for the 249 decisions for Christ resulting from revivals on that field.

PRAY for H. H. Pike, Vitoria, Brazil. Mrs. R. B. Fryer, Jr., Djakarta, Indonesia. J. W. Turner, Tripoli, Lebanon, ev.; Anne Dwyer, Gaza, RN; Job Maldonado, Carlsbad, N. Mex., ev. among Spanish-speaking; Mrs. Marvin Sorrels, Muskogee, Okla., ev. among Indians; Mrs. G. E. Robinson, Pt. Harcourt, Nigeria, ed.; Mrs. John Mein, Brazil-Bahamas, retired

9 Saturday I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing John 15:5. (Read vv. 1-8.)

Missionaries learn to be very resourceful in getting their message across. Mr. Charles E. Compton, Jr., told how he attracted the attention of a man as he put air in one of his tires. After the tire was fixed, the conversation took a more serious turn. "Many hours later," concluded Mr. Compton, "in talking about God, race, atomic bombs, economics, men and their need of a Saviour, I was able to tell him about my reading John 14 one night." Pray for this man that his mind may be illumined as he reads God's Word.

PRAY for C. E. Compton, Jr., Dourados, Mrs. J. E. Musgrave, Brazil, Cirillo Mogena, Matanzas, Cuba, Leonardo Miseli, San Blas, Panama, Mrs. T. O. Badger, Cavite City, Philippines, ev.; Mrs. Miguel Lopez, Santa Fe, N. Mex., Enoch Ortega, Salinas, Calif., ev. among Spanish-speaking; Mrs. A. H. Dyson, Jr., Oyo, Nigeria, ed.



10 Sunday God is faithful, by whom ye were called unto the fellowship of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord 1 Cor. 1:9. (Read vv. 4-9.)

In these days when we hear so much that is disturbing about conditions in Cuba, it is refreshing to recall a wonderful Cuban woman, who has given her life and wealth to make Christ known to the humble peasant farmers on her plantation. Mrs. Caudill

introduces us to this dedicated Christian in a recent issue of Home Missions. "Miss Martha," as she is affectionately known, gave up her professional career as a pharmacist in the city where life was stimulating and comfortable to live among the tenant farmers on her plantation in the Yumuri Valley. She opened in her home a school for the children. Always the gospel was central in her classes. Thank God for this woman whose Christlike ministry is the foundation of her fellowship with her Lord.

PRAY for Tom Law, Jr., Havana, Cuba, F. H. Walters, Paraiso, Canal Zone, Mrs. M. W. Rankin, Hawaii, ev.; J. B. Lawrence, HMB, J. A. Tumblin, Sr., Brazil, retired

11 Monday And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work 2 Cor. 8:3. (Read vv. 1-8.)

Continuing the story of Miss Martha Cabarrocas from yesterday, let us look at some of the fruits of her service. She organized a mission for her people, which soon grew into a church, now a strong church with four or five missions of its own. From among the students in her plantation school, three pastors, two pastors' wives, and one single woman missionary have entered the Baptist Seminary in Havana for special training. Ten years ago Miss Martha gave 90 acres of land to establish Camp Yumuri, where during the summer the young people and children of Baptist churches in Cuba get wonderful training. Pray for the many Cuban youth whose lives have been channeled into Christian service through this woman's influence.

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

12 Tuesday And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd John 10:16. (Read vv. 1-16.)

It is sobering to read Missionary Boyd Pearce's story of his first visit to the villages in Tanganyika. "With a great deal of uncertainty we went with an interpreter into the first African village to try to take to the people the story of Christ. After the service we looked down the hillside and there in the valley was another village. We went there also and preached. One gets the feeling that it would be possible to go until phys-

cally exhausted, and still there would be another village, and another, and another

PRAY for W. B. Pearce, Dar es Salaam, Tanganyika, Marie Conner, Chiayi, Taiwan, W. J. Webb, Caracas, Venezuela, ev.; Mrs. Ethel Calzadilla, Key West, Fla., ev. among Spanish-speaking

13 Wednesday Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord 1 Cor. 15:58. (Read vv. 50-58.)

How encouraging it must be to our missionaries to have such an experience as the following related by Missionary John A. Parker. In First Baptist Church, Santiago, Chile, during the Week of Prayer the subject under discussion was the Baptist Academy in Temuco. A strange man entered the church, and shortly let it be known he wanted to say a word. He explained that he was not an evangelical but he was a Christian. He lived in Temuco, and he wanted to express appreciation for the Baptist Academy. His wife had attended the school, and now their three children were enrolled. The school was an effective witness for Christ. Pray for the Academy in Temuco, the teachers and students.

PRAY for Mrs. J. A. Parker, Chile, ev.; H. D. Olive, Baguio, Philippines, ed.; Mrs. Celso Villareal, Albuquerque, N. Mex., Mrs. E. F. Vickers, San Pablo, Calif., ev. among Spanish-speaking; Mrs. H. E. Williams, Bell, Calif., ev. among Japanese

14 Thursday And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me Matt. 25:40. (Read vv. 31-40.)

Perhaps no strip of land, small in size but large in importance, has been more in the news in recent years than the Gaza Strip, a buffer between Israel and Egypt. It has a population of 250,000, most of whom are Arab refugees from the state of Israel. Our major work in Gaza is the operation of the Baptist Hospital and most of the patients are Arab refugees. Recently from relief funds of the Foreign Mission Board \$4,000 was appropriated to this hospital to cover the cost of ministering to these refugee patients. As we give to other causes, let us remember also the need for relief funds to be sent to the Foreign Mission Board, through our

Books Needed in Hong Kong

The Hong Kong Baptist College is in desperate need of good books on the college level. The College, in its fourth year of operation, and with a student body of 600, is striving to build a new campus, provide competent instructors and a good library. Almost any college level books of recent copyright could be used. We are in particular need of the classics in literature.

Books may be addressed to, The Library, Hong Kong Baptist College, 80 Waterloo Road, Kowloon, Hong Kong.

The packages should be marked "Book Rate" as this is considerably cheaper than the regular parcel post rate. Consult your local postmaster about size and weight of boxes. Further information can be had by writing to Miss Marie Conyers, Library Consultant, 169 Boundary Street, Kowloon, Hong Kong.

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PRAY for R. E. Nicholas, Gaza, Mrs. A. W. Gammage, Jr., Korea, Mrs. Cirillo Mogena, Matanzas, Cuba, Napoleon Gomez, San Blas, Panama, D. H. Thompson, Argentina, W. D. Moore, Rome, Italy, ev.; A. V. Alvarado, San Antonio, Emmett Rodriguez, Kerrville, Tex., ev. among Spanish-speaking; Mrs. W. W. Adams, China-Manchuria, retired

15 Friday And he said unto them, Let us go into the next towns, that I may preach there also: for therefore came I forth Mark 1:38. (Read vv. 35-39.)

In January of this year Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Poe arrived in the Republic of Guinea, West Africa, to open a new mission. This is the forty-second country in which Southern Baptists have mission work. Mr. and Mrs. Poe were appointed in 1951 for work in the Baptist Academy, Lagos, Nigeria. Later they were transferred to Ghana, where Mr. Poe was principal of Sadler Baptist College. Now they go on as pioneers in a new field. Pray for this new work and for the missionaries as they study the French language and lay foundations for opening our work.

PRAY for Mrs. W. A. Poe, Guinea, J. B. Hill, Igede, Nigeria, Mrs. L. G. McKinney, Jr., Kowloon, Hong Kong, ev.; Jean Stamper, New Orleans, La., GWC; Evelyn Owen, Fu-

kuoka, Japan, ed.; Thelma Williams,* Hong Kong, RN; Frances Greenway,* So. Rhodesia, MD

16 Saturday If any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be: if any man serve me, him will my Father honour John 12:26. (Read vv. 23-26.)

The Daily Times of Lagos, Nigeria, reported that the king of Ede bestowed on Miss Neale Young the honorary title of "Leader of the Christians." A further announcement from the king's palace explained that the title was conferred on Miss Young in appreciation for her 22 years of devoted service to the people of Ede. Let us thank God today for devoted service like Miss Young's among our missionaries all over the world.

PRAY for Neale Young, Ede, Nigeria. Mrs. Romelio Gonzalez, Candelaria, Cuba, ev.; Letia Jackson, Dallas, Tex., ev. among Spanish-speaking; W. M. Moore,* Nigeria, MD; Bonnie Jean Ray, China-Hawaii, retired



17 Sunday Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you Matt. 7:7 (Read vv. 1-12)

Miss Ruth Pettigrew tells of marvelous answers to prayer among her people in Hong Kong. Mr. Wong, a poor, hard working man, had the misfortune to have his wife desert him and their little son. He was won to Christ during this time of trouble, and since then he has been a dedicated Christian. "Recently the Lord has answered prayer in bringing his mother out of Red China to make a home for him and his son."

The oldest daughter of the Yong family became a Christian while under medical treatment in Kowloon. Through her influence her brothers and sisters began attending the chapel and soon became Christians. The young people prayed and their parents were converted. Together they prayed for the maternal grandmother back in China. In a short time she was released and joined the Yongs in Hong Kong. She has now become a Christian, and the family is one in Christ. Thank God for these blessings.

PRAY for Ruth Pettigrew, China-Hong Kong, retired; Mrs. E. F. Hallock, Jr., Rio de Janeiro, Brazil; Mrs. J. C. Pool, Ogbomoso, Nigeria, ed.

18 Monday 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. (Read vv. 28-30.)

We are tempted to forget China in these crowded days until we see the name of one of our veteran missionaries who spent his life as a missionary there until missionaries were driven out by the Communists. Today let us remember that until 1951 China was our major mission field in the Orient. Although no report and little news can leak out, we know that the tyranny of man has never been able to stamp out faith in God. Pray for faithful and suffering Christians in China. Thank God for the good that has come out of China's tragedy. Our displaced missionaries from China have gone into ten new fields in Asia.

PRAY for J. R. Saunders, China, retired; D. G. Hooper, Dar es Salaam, Tanganyika, ev.; Mrs. Sinforoso Barrera, Gonzales, Tex., ev. among Spanish-speaking; Homer Barrera, MF

19 Tuesday Another parable spake he unto them; The kingdom of heaven is like unto leaven, which a woman took, and hid in three measures of meal, till the whole was leavened Matt. 13:33. (Read vv. 24-33.)

The director of Spanish missions in New Mexico gave an encouraging report of the work. Seven new missions were opened by the Home Mission Board in the Spanish field, a number of others by churches without the assistance of the Board. As one visitor to a Spanish mission observed, "The work moves slowly against tremendous opposition," but it is moving forward.

Let us thank God for the leaven of the gospel. Pray for the work with children in kindergartens and vacation Bible schools. Pray for the radio programs reaching people, who will not at first go to a Baptist mission.

PRAY for Amos Mascareñas, Raton, N. Mex., ev. among Spanish-speaking; Mrs. James Minnas, Cuba, N. Mex., ev. among Indians; Mrs. R. L. Lindsey,* Israel, Nita McCullough,* Nigeria, J. P. Smyth, Jaguapara, Brazil, ed.; W. A. Hickman, Jr.,* Paraguay; Frances Roberts, Buenos Aires, Argentina; V. H. Moorefield, Jr., Rome, Italy, ev.; Mrs. Buck Donaldson, Jr.,* E. Africa, MD

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

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

Missionary Glenn Bridges is one of five missionaries in the immense state of Mato Grosso of Brazil. This remote state, until now sparsely settled, is having a typical boom. People are moving into the fertile districts, new towns are springing up, roads are being built. In this state we have 28 churches with 2200 members, 46 preaching stations, 12 national pastors and 5 missionaries. Mr. and Mrs. Bridges are in Campo Grande, a town of over 32,000 population. Pray for them as they minister to the people of this city and help in the churches and preaching stations where there are no pastors. Pray for nationals to volunteer for the ministry.

PRAY for G. M. Bridges,* Brazil, Ethel Harmon, Ibadan, Nigeria, Hermelinda Hayans, San Blas, Panama, Mrs. C. D. Mullins, Waianae, Hawaii, ev.; M. J. Anderson, Kowloon, Hong Kong, ed.

21 Thursday In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thine hand: for thou knowest not whether shall prosper, either this or that, or whether they both shall be alike good Eccles. 11:6. (Read vv. 1-6)

Mrs. James W. Smith in Jerusalem tells how they try to reach the people in this difficult mission field. Night services are held in the court behind the Baptist Chapel during the spring, summer and fall seasons. "We believe," writes Mrs. Smith, "that many friends are praying with us that the lights in the garden, the music, and the message of Christ's love for all men will continually draw those in who pause at the gate." Pray for this work and for the passersby.

PRAY for Mrs. J. W. Smith, Jerusalem, Israel, Mrs. D. C. Askew,* Japan, Mrs. Z. D. Reece, Enugu, Nigeria, ev.; Mrs. I. D. Ward, San Antonio, Tex., ev. among Spanish-speaking; Mrs. D. L. Orr, Cali, Colombia, J. W. Shepard, Jr., Fukuoka, Japan, ed.; Pauline Cummack, Albuquerque, N. Mex., ev. among Indians

22 Friday Having no hope, and without God in the world Eph. 2:12. (Read vv. 12-17.)

The Baptist Rescue Mission in New Orleans came into being in 1927. During the first 30 years of its service more than a million men came under its influence, 20,000 made professions of faith, and an average of about 100 attended the daily evening services and stayed overnight in this home. From among these hopeless derelicts of humanity who were won to Christ can be found today leading businessmen, preachers, deacons and loyal laymen in the churches of New Orleans and elsewhere. Pray for these lost and hopeless men as they wander into the mission today and for the missionaries there.

PRAY for Raymond Lee, New Orleans, La., Rescue Home; Mrs. M. D. Garbarino, Grande Isle, La., ev. among French; Jose Corrales, Matanzas, Cuba, Josephine Randell, Tokyo, Japan, ev.

23 Saturday Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give Matt. 10:8. (Read vv. 5-15.)

Dr. E. Lamar Cole, director of the Mexican-American Hospital in Guadalajara, reported last year 415 in-patients and 2,107 out-patients. There are thirteen doctors on the staff, all Mexican with the exception of Dr. Cole and Dr. Fowler. Guadalajara, with a population of more than 382,000, is the second largest city in Mexico. Pray for the hospital that it may make an impact for Christ on the people of this important city as they experience and observe its Christian ministry.

PRAY for E. L. Cole, Guadalajara, Mexico, MD; Mrs. W. C. Gaudent,* Nigeria, A. E. Spencer, Jr., Okinawa, ev.



24 Sunday But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also Matt. 6:20,21. (Read vv. 19-23.)

The Foreign Mission Board adopted an operating budget for 1960 of more than \$11,000,000. Although this is more than a million dollars over the 1959 budget, many requests

from the missions had to be turned down. Do we realize the magnitude of the task assigned to the Foreign Mission Board? In October when the budget was adopted, we had 1,361 missionaries in 42 countries. Within two months additional appointments brought the number of active missionaries to 1,382 in 44 countries. Are you doing your best to support this growing work through your offerings to the Cooperative Program and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering? By regular prayer? Pray for the executive secretary and others at this Board.

PRAY for T. M. Gillham, Cochise, Ariz., Enrique Vazquez, Norte, Cuba, ev.; J. A. Monroe, Chandler, Ariz., ev. among Indians; Jesus Rios, San Jose, Calif., ev. among Spanish-speaking; W. R. Norman, Jr., Joinkrama, Nigeria, MD; Sue McDonald, Ipoh, Malaya, ed.

25 Monday And Jesus said unto them, Come ye after me, and I will make you to become fishers of men Mark 1:17. (Read vv. 16-20.)

While in language school Missionary Donald Spiegel tells of his halting efforts to preach in Portuguese in a small Baptist church. As he labored with the new language, he wondered if they understood anything he said. He concluded: "Oh, the marvelous power of God! As we sang . . . four adult men came, saying that they wanted to give their hearts to Christ and live for him. Surely if God can cause people to understand our words, as haltingly as we speak them now, we can look for even greater evidences of his power as we leave Campinas and become more at home in the language." Pray for new missionaries as they study to master a new and strange language.

PRAY for D. J. Spiegel, Teresina, Brazil, Mrs. Carlos Perez, Mrs. Peter Miller, San Blas, Panama, Mrs. M. E. Torstrick, Valparaiso, Chile, Floryne Miller, Kokura, Japan, Mrs. C. F. Whirley,* Nigeria, ev.; L. C. Guillot, Redell, La., ev. among French; Jean Bach,* Nigeria, ed.

26 Tuesday Wherefore also we pray always for you, that our God would count you worthy of this calling, and fulfil all the good pleasure of his goodness, and the work of faith with power 2 Thess. 1:11. (Read vv. 1-12.)

Miss Mary Brooner tells of the joy she had in answered prayer on her birthday last year. A woman for whom she had been praying for some time came forward in the service, "repenting of her sins and trusting

Packages to Nigeria

Some Nigeria missionaries ask that you not send boxes to them at this time.

One wrote Miss Hunt, "Several have written asking about sending us small packages. Since our return we have found there is a much higher rate of duty on all packages."

If you wish to send a gift to any overseas missionary write beforehand and get permission and instruction about how to send it.

In Royal Service when names are listed from time to time these missionaries have been contacted and they have given to us permission to list their names to receive your gifts.

Jesus . . . Also on my birthday I was very happy because two boys in one of our kral schools repented and trusted Jesus as Saviour." Pray for the six schools which Miss Brooner supervises, their 23 teachers and 844 students.

PRAY for Mary Brooner, Gatooma, So. Rhodesia, Mrs. J. B. Sutton, Campinas, A. I. Bagby, Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil, ed.; Albert, Jr., and Danny Bagby, MF; Pearl Johnson, Tainan, Taiwan, Alma Oates, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, G. C. Bond, Sekondi, Ghana, ev.; E. F. Hallock, Jr., Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, pub., George Green (MD), Nigeria, retired

27 Wednesday So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it 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 (Read vv. 8-13.)

Last November in Montevideo and other towns in Uruguay, a united Baptist Evangelistic Crusade held open-air meetings as a part of a year-long evangelistic emphasis directed by Rev. Guillermo Milovan, the capable pastor of the First Baptist Church of Montevideo. Pray that this evangelistic spirit will continue in the 20 Baptist churches and many of the people who are interested

in their spiritual needs may be reached.

PRAY for Mrs. J. D. McMurray, Paysandu, Uruguay, G. W. Pinkston, Semarang, Indonesia, S. J. Lennon, Bangkok, Thailand, ev.; Mrs. Richard Sanchez, Phoenix, Ariz., Pontaleon Molina, Westlaco, Tex., ev. among Spanish-speaking; Nannie Bell Cowart, New Orleans, La., SBH; Mary Etheridge, Tucson, Ariz., ev. among Chinese; Hannah Fair Salter, China, retired; W. H. Berry, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, pub.; R. C. Bethea, Indonesia, MD

28 Thursday And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature Mark 16:15. (Read vv. 14-20.)

Perhaps no continent is in the forefront of world thinking today more than the continent of Africa. A spirit of nationalism has captivated the peoples and they are clamoring for self-government. Nigeria gains political freedom in October of this year; others have already gained independence from colonial rule. Pray for Nigerian leaders, many of whom have been educated in mission schools. Pray for leaders in all these new countries. Pray for the continuing influence of the Billy Graham Crusade held in nine countries of Africa during January, February, and March.

PRAY for C. F. Whirley,* Nigeria, ed.; Mrs. J. R. Cheyne, Salisbury, So. Rhodesia, Moises Gonzalez, Santa Clara, Cuba, Mrs. W. E. Haltom, Honolulu, Hawaii, ev.; Mrs. Olga Sanchez, Tex., Mrs. E. C. Branch, Creuport, Wash., ev. among Spanish-speaking; Carlos Eugene Branch, MF; Sarah Wilson, Rosario, Argentina, Soc.

29 Friday So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God Rom. 10:17. (Read vv. 11-21.)

Somewhere Baba Mhlanga, a carpenter in Southern Rhodesia, heard the gospel and became a follower of Jesus Christ. In 1950 Missionary Clyde J. Dotson visited his village of Karoi and Baba Mhlanga began to hope and pray for a chapel in that little village. His prayer was answered a few months ago when a new church building was dedicated to the glory of God. Pray for the ministry of this new church. Pray for the towns and villages in Southern Rhodesia that more people may be won to Christ, and more churches constituted, for new Christians.

PRAY for C. J. Dotson,* So. Rhodesia, I. M. Short, Jr., Chihuahua, Mexico, D. C.

Johnson, Santiago, Chile, ev.; Reba Stewart, China-Manchuria, retired; J. S. Key, Campinas, Brazil, ed.

30 Saturday And he taught in their synagogues, being glorified of all Luke 4:16. (Read vv. 1-15.)

Disciples who engage in the teaching ministry are following the example of our Lord. Perhaps in no mission field has that ministry borne more fruit than in Nigeria. This educational program is carried on by the Nigerian Baptist Convention with limited assistance from our missionaries. The teachers in our mission schools are, in the main, nationals. Last year 2,938 African and 67 missionary teachers staffed our 507 mission schools. These Nigerian teachers need our concerned prayer that they may be good witnesses to pupils and to others.

PRAY for Aletha Fuller,* Nigeria, RN; Rudolph Rangeli, San Jose, Calif., ev. among Spanish-speaking; F. P. Lide, Baguio, Philippines, ed.; Mrs. L. O. Cotey, HMB, retired



31 Sunday Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you Matt. 28:20. (Read vv. 16-20.)

It was a great occasion in Cali, Colombia, a year ago when the International Baptist Seminary was dedicated. On the beautiful campus of 28 acres there are four buildings, the administration building, and three dormitories equipped to house 50 students. This well-planned and staffed theological seminary will train the leadership for eight Central and South American countries, where Spanish is the language of the people. Pray for the students and missionary teachers of this young seminary.

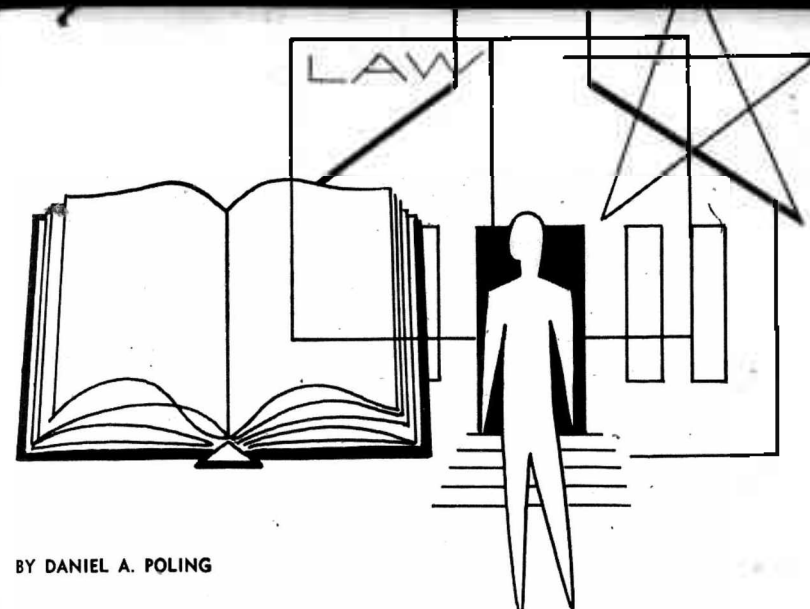
PRAY for Mrs. J. E. Giles, Cali, Colombia, Mrs. E. M. Fine,* Nigeria, ed.; Mrs. Minnell Graves, Miami, Fla., GWC; Leoncio Vaguilla, Tapaste, Cuba, R. C. Hill, Chonburi, Thailand, ev.; Antonio Castilla, Del Rio, Tex., ev. among Spanish-speaking; Mrs. W. W. Enete, Brazil, retired

ev. evangelist
* on full-time
ed. educational evangelist
med. medical evangelist
pub. publication evangelist
FW field worker
HMB Home Mission Board
RN nurse
So. South
MF Margaret Fund students
MD doctor
GWC Good Will Center
SBH Sellers Baptist Home

a definition: Church and State

CHURCH AND STATE are not, and cannot be, separated by a hard and fast line. Our nation's founding fathers wrote God into the Declaration of Independence and into America's destiny. There God remains. Church and State, under our way of life, are certain to approach each other at many points and even to merge at certain points. There are few of us who would argue seriously that the chaplaincy should be abolished from our armed forces or that the Holy Bible should be ruled out of our courtrooms or that church edifices should lose their tax-exempt status.

Believing this, American Protestants nevertheless have believed also that the "wall of separation" between Church and State has been indispensable to the welfare of all churches. Protestants have regarded with misgivings any seeming effort of any church to influence or manipulate government to its own advantage, for this threatens to breach seriously the invisible but essential wall. Thus, when a President nominated an official ambassador to the Vatican, there was an immediate uproar and the plan was dropped. When a governmental unit proposes even indirect subsidies to a church or churches—free bus transportation for parochial school students being one symptomatic case in point—Protestants have been concerned. Or when public school teachers have been encouraged to wear in the classroom



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garb which is unmistakably the "trade-mark" of a particular religious faith, this, to Protestants, has been an assault upon the wall.

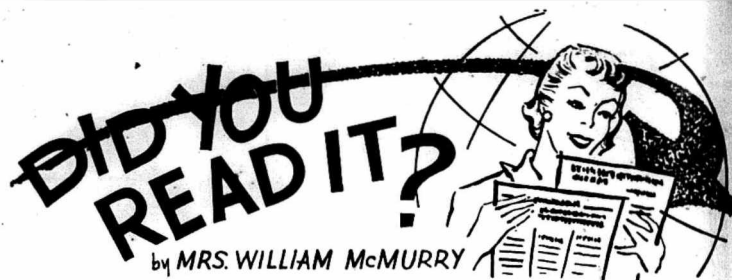
The Protestant Reformation—which did not and could not start a "new" church but could only try to rediscover the Church itself—sought to recapture the relationship of the individual to God. "The priesthood of the believer," is the way in which some have described the competence of the Christian person, under God, to make up his own mind. No hierarchy would interpret for him, make decisions for him, mediate between him and God or between him and the society in which he lived.

This was and is the genius of Protestantism, which does not require the Christian to shield himself from life but encourages him to take his faith with him and walk boldly out into life. What he believes inevitably affects his relations with his neighbors, his political philosophy, the manner in which he earns his living, the way he fills out his income-tax form, everything about him and involving him. But what he does stems from what he is, rather than vice versa. Protestantism puts the individual for whom Christ died at the heart of the Church, and declares that in a unique sense every layman is a minister.

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ROYAL SERVICE



World Refugee Year

World Refugee Year began last July on a note of hope and warning: hope in the hearts of 15 million refugees that at last some of them would get a new home; a warning to the rest of the world not to expect the refugee problem to be solved when the year is concluded in July 1960.

Despite the extent of the refugee problem much has been done during the year of special emphasis. Voluntary agencies, such as Church World Service under inter-denominational sponsorship, have expanded their worldwide programs of assistance. Many camps in Europe were cleared. The World Council of Churches concentrated on self-help programs and housing for refugees in their countries of asylum.

At the urging of the United Nations High Commission for Refugees, a relief program for Algerian refugees was begun by the American Friends (Quaker) Service Committee. During the days of crisis with France, the number of destitute people steadily increased. There are now more Algerian refugees than there ever were Hungarian and almost 85 per cent of them are women and children. All the new North African nations are confronted with a major refugee problem. This is only an example of what prevails throughout Africa and the Orient.

The Relief Committee of the Baptist World Alliance has helped some 28,450 refugees to resettle since World War II, stated Dr. Paul Caudill last January in *The Baptist World*. He called attention to help given by German Baptist seminary students in response to an appeal in behalf of refugees in Hong Kong. The students fasted two days and from their savings were able to send \$100. There remains about 300,000 refugees in Hong Kong with no homes but squatter shacks crudely built of flattened-out oil cans, filterboard and other makeshift materials. Obligation to help alleviate human misery strikes at the Christian conscience.

"Aspirin for Dr. Schweitzer"

Robert Hill, 13-year-old Negro boy, son of a US army sergeant stationed in Italy read about Dr. Schweitzer's hospital. He wanted to help with a bottle of aspirin and asked the Allied Air Forces Commander if one of the planes could drop "just one bottle" at the hospital. An Italian radio announcer heard about the request and told the story on the air. Many people wanted to help. French and Italian government planes offered transportation. Robert flew, too, with \$400,000 worth of medical supplies.

"I never thought a child could do so much for my hospital," said Dr. Schweitzer. Commented the *New York Times*, "Perhaps in the case only a child could have."

Population Control and Politics

Months ago the Roman Catholic Bishops of the United States issued a pronouncement on birth control which has carried far-reaching implications. Heated discussions have been engaged in by public officials, presidential candidates and well known columnists.

In the *Baptist Press*, Washington office, Dr. Emanuel Carlson, executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, pointed out some of the issues involved. He indicates what they are by asking a question. "Is the bishops' statement on birth control to be interpreted as political maneuver, international policy, abstract moral philosophy, or as long range church strategy?" Dr. Carlson's comment on each is incisive.

The Roman Catholic hierarchy assumes the right to speak for Roman Catholics in the United States on birth control and foreign aid. They declared that American Catholics "will not support any public assistance either at home or abroad to promote artificial birth prevention, abortion or sterilization whether through direct aid or by means of international organizations." This naturally put any Catholic presidential aspirant in an awkward position. Dr. Carlson points out that few if any Catholics "have questioned the ability of the bishops to bind the activities of their people. On the contrary, a Catholic theologian writing for *America* speculates as to whether a Roman Catholic president could sign a bill which sponsors a birth control program and leans to the position that signing such a bill would amount to approving it." The Catholic writer then states, "All of this adds up to the conclusion that a Catholic candidate for president still presents a unique problem to his non-Catholic brethren."

Touching on the moral aspects of birth control Dr. Carlson expresses the attitude consistent with Baptist principles, namely, that the bishops have a right to express their moral philosophy. As many moral values are involved, Dr. Carlson does not suggest attempting to sort them out by one simple formula.

Dr. Carlson believes that the bishops' statement was made with an eye on church strategy. He points out that present day Catholic strength in the US is largely a result of immigration. Southern and Eastern Europe and Latin America have been of special interest to the Church. They tell us that 60 million immigrated to the US in 150 years.

For a leadership that is constantly studying population trends and movements and relies primarily on physical birth to replenish membership, it is simple to see why the hierarchy would not favor birth control.

Our Motto

"In God We Trust" has been the official motto of the US since 1956. It has appeared on American coins since 1864 and on paper currency since 1957. Postage stamps also carry the familiar words. In its resolution adopting the motto, Congress declared: "It will be of great spiritual and psychological value to the country to have a national motto of inspirational quality in plain English."

In the day when each new discovery is seized on as the basis of an attack on God as creator, our motto is warmly reassuring.

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THE PROGRAM OUTLINE

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CENTERS OF GOOD WILL

Devotional Thoughts: (Read Luke 2:1-14.)

Each season of the year carries a special message. The message of Easter is "Think of the glory of the resurrection," the message of Thanksgiving is "Think of your blessings," the message of New Year's Day is "Think of passing time," the message of

the Fourth of July is "Think of our nation," and the message of Christmas is "Think of others." The spirit of Christmas is the spirit of good will, of love, joy, and peace.

Good will is fundamental in a democracy. (Read Psalm 33:12.) The last sentence of the Declaration of Independence reads: "And for the support of this Decla-

ration, with a firm reliance on the protection of Divine Providence, we mutually pledge . . . In that struggle for independence, the colonies put their trust in him who had guided another nation with a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night.

"The Word was made flesh" in the gift of God's Son (Read John 3:16). Christmas centers our thoughts on the Christ child and on Christ's message to children. "Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not." Love (place word on target) is a special message of Christmas.

Love of liberty was fundamental to the gaining of our independence. And let none under-estimate the power of women's influence along this line. When Great Britain put a tax on silk, the women of America said, "We will wear no silk." When a tax was placed on tea, they said, "We will drink no tea." We must not forget the influence of women in starting centers of good will in our convention territory. These are symbols of our love.

If the spirit of Christmas was with us every day, revolutionary things would take place. In the words of an old carol, the Christmas bells would "ring out the narrowing lust of gold, ring out the thousand wars of old, ring in the thousand years of peace." (Place word PEACE on target.)

In the center of a little southern town there was the characteristic statue of a Confederate soldier with an old cannon at the base. One summer birds built a nest in the mouth of that cannon. The prophet Micah said things like this would happen (Read Micah 4:24) when the Prince of peace came.

(Read Isaiah 9:6. Place words WONDERFUL COUNSELLOR.) The world is in need of counsel, and psychiatric care is almost a religion in our land. But America needs to know the Wonderful Counsellor. In some of our states, suicide is the sixth most frequent cause of death. History tells us that in the last years of the Roman Empire,

suicide as a cause of death rose from twentieth to tenth place. Thousands are living what Thoreau called "lives of quiet desperation."

Those of us who are charged with the responsibility of taking Christ's message to all the world can learn from Independence Day the necessity of putting our heart in our work. The signers of the Declaration pledged their lives, fortunes and sacred honor. Let us keep heart-enlisted for our nation's welfare and in all that will promote righteousness and justice and godliness in our midst.

(Read Luke 1:31-33.) The name "Jesus" means Saviour, God with us, Immanuel. His followers should "fear not." (Place words JESUS THE SAVIOUR in the center.)

Fifty-six men put their names on the Declaration of Independence. Placing a name there meant victory of freedom over the death of bondage. One of the signers said, "We must all hang together or we will hang separately." Christians must go steadily forward, feeling a personal responsibility for the lost and unwholesome influences, without retreating if our nation is really to be Christian, if we are to be a people whose God is the Lord.

Call to Prayer (give names of missionaries today)

Leader's Introduction: Centers of Good Will

I hope you have caught something of the Christmas spirit of good will toward men. You will know how appropriate our Scripture passages have been when you realize that it was with the motto, "Peace on earth, good will among men" that the WMU personal service chairman, now called community missions chairman, recommended that the name "Good Will Centers" be applied to the Baptist social settlements. This was in 1914, after the purchase of an old home in Louisville, Kentucky. The WMU Training School (now Carver School of Missions and Social Work) was sponsoring a full program of work there so that students could ac-



quire skills in dealing with the vital problems of life. Mrs. Maud McLure, principal of the school, had stated, "To do effective personal work, there are two great essentials: to know God and to know man." As a result of her vision, the Baptist Training Settlement was opened in October, 1912. Now the Home Mission Board sponsors 34 Good Will Centers in our country and the Foreign Mission Board reports ten overseas.

I hope that you have caught something of the spirit of the Fourth of July. A Good Will Center makes a better community and better citizens. The purpose of each center is to be a center of good will, "to minister to all the needs of the people it serves, bettering home conditions and providing a wholesome environment for children, to win to Christ, and to make contact between the people and the church." These centers were originally started to

Program Plan Suggestions

The Idea

Think we have flipped?—the calendar, that is? We know it's the month of the Fourth of July and not December 25, but we're wondering if you have ever thought how they go together. The "good news" of both days is combined in devotional thoughts. The singing of Christmas carols may help you "cool off." And a project might heat up your enthusiasm during the "good old summer-time."

For years Woman's Missionary Union has had a "Christmas in August" (see August Royal Service for a list of missionaries to whom you will mail boxes). Plan a WMS "Christmas in July" and look at your own community. Is there a definite way you can help language or racial groups? They need the gift of your genuine interest and Christian love. They may need copies of the New Testament, crayons, other material things. May we suggest

1. Find out who lives in your community: other races, nationalities, a struggling mission, foreign students, shut-ins in nursing homes, others.
2. Discover the needs in your community.
3. Give particular attention to war brides from the Orient and Europe. Distribute Bibles, Testaments and Scripture Portions. You may secure these in almost any language from the American Bible Society. Write for information: 450 Park Avenue, New York 22, New York.
4. Conduct vacation Bible schools in a home, mission, or church serving the race or nationality you are trying to reach. Co-operate with their pastors in making your plans. Perhaps materials can be borrowed from your own church. Hold vacation Bible school clinics, training leaders to conduct their own schools among their own people.
5. Help your church organize mission Sunday schools where needed.
6. Investigate the need for a nursery or kindergarten for children whose mothers are employed. Can your church provide help?
7. Include those of other races and nationalities in services in hospitals, jails and other institutions.

8. See if there is a need for English classes for those of other nationalities. Use the Bible as one textbook. Write Literacy Center, Baylor University, Waco, Texas, for information on how to begin.
9. Lead women and young people to practice Christian principles in daily contacts. Watch terminology, avoid racial jokes, avoid generalizations, be kind to everyone, pray and work to get rid of own prejudices.

In Preparation for Your WMS Meeting

Go all out to produce a Christmas atmosphere, even to a Christmas tree and a turkey dinner. Ignore the scornful. Adopt a slogan: "Centers of Good Will are on WMU's Bill" (for July—time, place, date). Decorate lavishly using red, but also white and blue since this actually is our Independence month.

The Target

Could be only one thing with a topic like "Centers of Good Will." Use a blank target similar to the one shown. If possible, make the outline on outing flannel. Words shown on target are to be added as devotional discussion proceeds. These can be on small strips of colored construction paper to add interest. Use felt-tipped arrows 18 inches long on which you have placed strips of paper on which you have written remaining words of topic. As each topic is put in place attach the arrow to the word.

To add variety, use your talented young people in costume to help with this program. Target one, given by one poorly dressed; 2, in Chinese or Mexican costume; 3, young girl highly made up in evening dress or young man in black leather jacket; 4, in usual dress. You might use them to tell a story in first person while the leader carries the main responsibility of the program.

The devotional thoughts may be given by two people, one reading the Scriptures and the other making comments.

Let's Talk About...

President, ask your stewardship chairman or a member of her committee to talk about "Right Acquisition of Money."

The chairman might read 2 Corinthians 8:21 as a beginning. She then can comment that money be spent wisely, but also that it be acquired honestly. Ask WMS members to enumerate undesirable means of acquiring money.

As a closing thought the chairman can point out that the temptation to dishonesty in acquiring money often comes in subtle ways, causing innocent people to become ensnared.

If a woman earns from her employer \$60 per week for a 40 hour week, her hourly income would be \$1.50. Her income per minute would be 2½¢. If the person is late or loafs for even 15 minutes per day, for 250 work days, she cheats her employer of \$93.75, or earns that much dishonestly. A full day's work for a full day's pay is one principle in the right acquisition of money.

bridge social and economic barriers so that the underprivileged city people could be reached with the gospel message. Their ministry now bridges barriers of race, nationality, religion, and geographic location.

Activities at our centers may include the graded system of clubs; kindergartens and nursery schools; classes in sewing, cooking, handicraft, art, music and sometimes English; games, athletics, playground, library, dramatics, parties, family night entertainments; dental, medical, baby health and prenatal clinics; and religious services such as Sunday school, vacation Bible school, preaching and prayer meeting.

Some of the basic principles that guide the Good Will Center workers are: love can overcome social and economic barriers; peace that passeth understanding is available for all regardless of national or racial background; counsel for the brokenhearted is furnished those of different environment, habits or ideals; people are won to Christ through teaching and example.

A man asked his preacher to draw up a will. He dictated several legacies: a thousand dollars to his church and large gifts to several friends. The preacher was impressed but puzzled. He said, "Mr. _____, I had no idea you had that kind of money." The man replied, "You know that to be true, and so do I, but I just want to show them my good will."

God's good will is no mere pretense. It

means that while on earth we may have the "peace of God, which passeth all understanding" and "joy unspeakable and full of glory." A visible evidence of our love in action are our Good Will Centers (see story, page 12). Our program pays tribute to all those who have dreamed and labored to erect these symbols of human concern across this land we love. Our regular gifts to our church and the Annie Armstrong Offering help to support these centers. Our regular prayer for them sustains their work.

Love—Overcoming Social and Economic Barriers

Our Good Will Centers are symbols of love in underprivileged communities throughout our land. In January, 1959, a new mission center for the Spanish-speaking was dedicated in San Antonio, Texas. It is located in an area where 95 per cent of the houses are sub-standard. In 1951, the Kathleen Mallory Good Will Center in Baltimore moved into a new building in the midst of a thriving saloon district. It is not uncommon for the children to request at prayer time: "Please ask God to make my daddy stop drinking." In New Orleans before the establishment of our River Front Missions, a doctor would not visit the dying without police protection. A policeman would not go into the area alone (see story page 5).

The very presence of Good Will Center workers speaks of their loving concern for lost mankind. One convert who asked to help at a center had little educational advantages or training but was wonderfully successful in working with a group of problem boys. When asked her secret she said, "I love those boys. If you'll just let love come out, they'll feel it." Christ was continually reborn in her. She had Christmas in her heart every day.

The love of parents for their children is a key that unlocks hearts and homes which otherwise remain closed to a Baptist witness. At the kindergarten in Beeville, Texas, only 4 of the 41 children enrolled came from Christian homes. One of the most popular activities of the day was the time when the children took turns talking to God. When asked if they prayed at home, some of them said that now they prayed "the same way we do each day at cookie time here at the center."

A beautiful young Spanish girl was lifted from a sordid home life through the work of one of the workers of a Good Will Center in an area where there are 11 foreign-speaking groups. Because this young woman found the love of Christ, her parents and her grandparents, three generations, have been won to Him. The center taught the young woman how to make a hovel into a home, how to make a place of misery into a bit of heaven.

All our centers can point to many young people who have been encouraged to continue their preparation for life in colleges. Scholarships have been provided for worthy students through the efforts of Good Will Center workers. One product of their witness has become a foreign missionary in South America. Another is a home missionary in New Orleans. Others have become ministers of the gospel like the child in Roswell, New Mexico who was known as the "little boy nobody wanted." There were so many children in the two-room apartment that his mother was glad for them to go anywhere as long as they were not bothering her. This is sometimes trag-

ically true of the "up and out" homes also where mothers fail to furnish supervision and love.

A desperate need of America is for parents "who more than self their children love." The Good Will Center is setting an example and lighting the way to better home life and family responsibility.

Peace—for National and Language Groups

Ministers of a ministerial association in a town took turns preaching on Sunday afternoons at the state mental hospital. One minister said that at first he tried preaching the same sermon he used on Sunday morning. He found that the restlessness of the crowd was almost unbearable, but that if he read from the Scriptures about peace, love and joy, the crowd became quiet.

There is universal yearning in the human heart for "peace that passeth understanding." Many plans have been tried through the years to reach lost people in our country, especially the 8,500,000 in the foreign language groups representing 37 nationalities and the uncounted millions of underprivileged in our cities, but none has been more effective than that of our Good Will Centers. They are organized to reach those beyond the ordinary ministry of Baptist churches. People who refuse to go to a Baptist church will go to these centers.

A center in Baltimore, Maryland is located in a section of the city where an estimated 30,000 Polish and Russian people live. On the west coast there live 150,000 Russian-speaking displaced persons. A convert of our missionary, Rev. Paul Rogosin, became a government interpreter for the United States in Moscow. He had visited the Baptist center to secure tape recordings of the choir singing in Russian. He came back to hear the language that he had studied at U.C.L.A. Soon he was singing in the choir and speaking at the meetings. It was not long before his conversion.

In 1948, the Home Mission Board

started a center for the Spanish-speaking in Miami. This city has been called "the gateway to Latin America," for more than 200,000 Spanish-speaking people enter our country through this port each year. By 1957, Miami claimed eight Spanish missions, a Chinese mission, Hungarian mission and a Russian-Ukrainian church. It is this international element of our large cities that caused an Englishman to say, "America is the greatest mission field, because you have all the nationalities of the world centered there."

In Phoenix, Arizona, there are nearly 3,000 Chinese representing three generations, two having been born in the United States. Chinese businessmen own and operate 197 grocery stores and ten restaurants. In 1949 the Home Mission Board purchased a Jewish synagogue as a meeting place for them. "Chinatown" is synonymous with San Francisco in the minds of many Americans. A church where a Negro Baptist congregation had worshiped was the first building bought for them. These places are truly representative of the international character of the gospel.

At the Chinese center in Augusta, Georgia, the securing of permanent waves was the first step in leading two women to Christ. At first they had refused to read the tracts given by the missionary and refused to pray with her. They said, "Pray for us all you want when we're not around." At the "Chinese Women's Club" the next day after the permanent, they were telling others of their experiences, and the missionary got a welcome response to her invitation that they participate in the center activities.

Wonderful Counsellor—for the Brokenhearted

These stories are from our own country.

In Gallup, New Mexico, a three-month-old Indian baby died. The missionary was sickened by filthy and unsanitary conditions at the home, the dirty bed and the flies on the body.

In Louisville, Kentucky, Jim, a boy of

fifteen, was caught and sentenced to a state institution for two years for unlawful conduct. The judge, after several appeals from Jim's mother, agreed to release the boy on condition that he be placed on probation. The Good Will Center workers agreed to become the probation advisers. The first visit to the family found a Christian mother, but a father, two daughters, and two younger sons who were not saved. With much encouragement, the entire family enrolled in Sunday school, and the mother rededicated her life to Christ. Through the efforts and influence of the Sunday school, the two daughters were saved and joined a nearby church. Later the father surrendered to Christ and joined also. Jim's family was completely changed.

At this time there came to live with them a sister-in-law whose husband was a criminal-at-large. Influenced by Jim's family, this woman was enrolled in Sunday school, was saved and became a member of the church. Later, her husband was found by police officers and placed in jail. While in jail he called for Jim's pastor who went to his cell with the warden. While the pastor was reading the Word of God to the man, the warden became interested and was invited to join in the reading. The result was that both the warden and the prisoner accepted Christ as Saviour. So through interest shown to a wayward boy by Good Will Center workers, seven people were saved.

In Miami, Florida, one of the most faithful witnesses for Christ is a woman who was a doctor's daughter from a fine Christian home in Louisiana. In one month's time her husband and only child, a daughter, died. She became so embittered by this experience that she tore up her Bible and hymnbook, turned her back on God and began to drink. For many years she spent most of her time in barrooms and wasted her money upon her drunken companions.

The Good Will Center workers first visited her in the hospital when she was almost at the point of death. They prayed earnestly for her recovery, and God spared

her life. They became her friends. Now she has stopped drinking and has rededicated her life to God. Every day she helps with the kindergarten children. During a revival at the Center she brought to the services five men who had been former drinking companions. Two of these men have stopped drinking completely.

She said at a recent WMS circle meeting, "I wish I could broadcast to the whole world my love for the Lord Jesus Christ and tell what Miami Good Will Center has meant to my life."

In America it is true that our "alabaster cities" gleam but not "undimmed by human tears." It is the aim of our Good Will Centers to help make this dream of the poet come true.

Jesus the Saviour—of All Men

As Christians we know that Jesus is the Saviour of all men. "Whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." Our Baptist Good Will Centers are taking this message to those who have never heard.

Louise Whitmire Propst, formerly a director of East St. Louis Mission, tells of John, age 13, who had one of the worst delinquency records in East St. Louis. He was always in trouble; nobody liked him. He would never come inside the Good Will Center, but often stood outside the windows cursing, using vile, filthy language. One summer day, during vacation Bible school, John did come inside to entice some of the boys at Bible school to go off with him. While he was there, however, he heard something that seemed to grip his heart and he stayed. He came back to vacation Bible school day after day and then, on the last day, when an invitation to accept Christ was given, John was one of the first to walk down the aisle and take Christ as his Saviour. Tears of repentance filled his eyes and heart that morning.

John had a truly wonderful conversion experience. He was indeed a new creature in Christ. People could not believe he was the same boy they used to know. He came

to the Good Will Center often, as a friendly helper and inspiration to all.

From Friendship House, New Orleans, comes the story of Emma whose husband deserted her before their second child was born. One of her boys wanted to go to summer camp. She went along too because she was afraid he wouldn't behave. While there, she was saved. Now she is a Sunday school teacher in her church.

The sixty-year-old ex-Russian University professor, the 83-year-old grandmother, the ten-year-old girl with her "good will dress" on wrong side out, the seven-year-old boy with his collection made at poker playing, the teenager who brought her sisters to the center while her mother worked as a bar maid—all of these have been won through the witness of our Baptist Good Will Centers.

In Baltimore, Maryland, a little Negro boy spent most of his time hanging around the streets. On seeing a minister coming from a wedding in a tuxedo, he asked, "Say, mister, are you anybody in particular?" The man smiled and said, "No," but on second thought he said, "Well, yes, I am. I'm a child of the King." And he witnessed to the boy.

The story is reminiscent of the one about a Roman emperor who was riding in a triumphal procession after a great military victory. A boy broke through the crowd. The soldiers cried, "Get back. He is your emperor." The boy said, "He is your emperor, but he is my father." The Christmas Christ is the world's ruler, our Lord and King. Joy to the world, the Lord has come. This is not just our Christmas message, but one for the Fourth of July and every day. The Christmas Christ will make possible the redemption of the whole world.

Sing the first verse "Joy to the World" and close with our National Anthem, "The Star Spangled Banner." (If you can play it on a record player that will be impressive, or sing it.)

Prayer for our 34 Good Will Centers and 59 workers, for those who come to them.

ROYAL SERVICE



Lazy Christians and Dirty Politics

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If you don't like the way the country is being run, chances are you are as much to blame as anybody else. So says a veteran Washington newsmen, W. B. Ragsdale. He's been reporting Washington events for 32 years, and he knows politics from the precinct to the White House.

It is something to think about when July 4 rolls around and we engage in flag waving. It is even more important as we go to voting booths this year to select our leaders for the future and, in some areas, to adopt constitutional amendments affecting our children and grandchildren.

Nineteen sixty is a vital political year. Voters will elect a president, a vice-president, 34 United States senators, 437 members of the House of Representatives, 28 governors and thousands of state and county officials.

Mr. Ragsdale is of the optimistic opinion that things will come out all right, or at least the country will not wind up in chaos. He had observed, he said, that God has a hand in the choices that are made. "He has produced the right man at the right time and place in our history," the newsmen observed.

Of course, Mr. Ragsdale admits, we'll vote—at least probably 60 per cent of us will—in the elections this summer and fall. But by that time we will have frittered away the chances we had to exercise our greatest influence. Those chances started in little meetings in our own neighborhoods, sometimes in the school, sometimes in the living room of a party boss. Those precinct meetings—in which you as a party member could have spoken as loudly as anybody—determine who will represent your neighborhood, and my neighborhood, in the party's county organization as well as in the state and national convention.

A dozen people from your church who are interested in good government and the things for which Christianity stands might be the balance of power in that group.

Remind yourself of that if, after the conventions meet, you find the ballot listing only names which are distasteful to you. Remember that your party's nominee might have been a more acceptable person if you and your friends had gone to the trouble last February or March or April to attend the precinct meeting for your neighborhood!

"Let's not complain about dirty politics and dirty politicians," Mr. Ragsdale advises. "Let's put the responsibility right where it belongs—on our shoulders—on the Christian who is too lazy or too tied up with other things to be a good citizen."

There are many ways in which the Christian citizen should express himself positively. Keep informed on the activity of your school board and your city council, your county and state government. Demand public hearings on proposed laws of interest to you, and go express yourself forcefully and intelligently. Write letters to public officials, both for commendation of work well done and for criticisms of proposals you feel detrimental to the community and Christian ideals. Ring doorbells at election time, and help your neighbors to know the issues at stake.

"Politicians at every level draw their power from us. We pay for their operations," Mr. Ragsdale assures us. "Either through our vote, or because we are too lazy to throw them out of office, we keep them there. They should do what we tell them to do. They will do what we tell them if we speak loudly enough in the right places."



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