

Program Personalities



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Mrs. J. T. Ayorinde



Dr. John Soren



Mrs. Lam Chik Suen



Dr. Leonardo Estrada

Mrs. W. C. Harrison (Helen Bagby Harrison) was born in the Bagby home in Brazil. She was appointed by the Foreign Mission Board to her "twice-adopted" land.

The love affair of her parents, their marriage and life in Brazil is the subject of her feature on Tuesday morning. **Mrs. J. T. Ayorinde** has spoken to Southern Baptist women on other occasions. She and her husband, Rev. J. T. Ayorinde, are leaders in Baptist work, not only in Nigeria but throughout Africa.

Mabola Ayorinde at the present time is president of the African Baptist Women's Union. Her message is on Monday morning. **Dr. John Soren**, the beloved pastor of First Baptist Church, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, and president of the Baptist World Alliance. His father attended the Southern Seminary in Louisville, where he met a charming young woman, Miss Jane Fitson.

Following a whirlwind courtship, this young lady married Dr. Soren and went to faraway Brazil to spend her life. She serves as "senior counselor" to missionaries. She is lovingly called by them, Donna Jane.

Donna Jane's son speaks at the 75th Anniversary Annual Meeting on Tuesday morning. **Mrs. Lam Chik Suen** (Rosalind Lam) is principal of Henrietta School, Hong Kong, a memorial to Henrietta Hall Shuck. Translation of "Henrietta" into Chinese is "Hin Lai" meaning "to show forth the light."

This school began at the Caine Road Baptist Church in 1924, and has grown from a primary school to a senior high school where there are more than eight hundred students. Baptists of Southeast Asia and Southern Baptists have provided this school in Hong Kong, where Mrs. Shuck started a school for girls more than a hundred years ago. Mrs. Rosalind Lam speaks on Monday afternoon. **Dr. Leonardo Estrada** was born in Mexico of Roman Catholic parents, but his father heard the gospel and confessed Christ. Mr. and Mrs. Estrada have four wonderful children, two of whom are enrolled at Baylor.

Last year the Estradas moved from Los Angeles where he was pastor to New York City to work among Spanish-speaking. He speaks on Monday evening.



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Program Features

Historic Gavels

Mrs. H. L. Mathis using historic and significant gavels at Annual Meeting

Historic Gavel, Miss Kathleen Mallory, former Custodian

WHEN the President lifts the historic gavel for the first session of the 75th Anniversary Meeting in Kansas City on Monday morning, May 6, 1963, she will be using a gavel which was for many years held in custody by Miss Kathleen Mallory, executive secretary of WMU for thirty-six years, until 1948. This gavel may well be the one which Mrs. F. W. Armstrong raised at the Golden Jubilee Meeting of WMU in Richmond, Virginia, in 1938. The custodial responsibility of this gavel has now passed to Miss Alma Hunt, present beloved WMU executive secretary.

Ivory and Gold Gavel, Gift from Liberia

MRS. MATHIS will lay aside the cherished historic gavel and pick up the beautiful ivory and gold one which Dr. W. A. Tolbert so graciously presented to Woman's Missionary Union last year in St. Louis. In June you study in your Societies about Baptist work in Liberia. There Dr. Tolbert not only is president of the Baptist convention, but he is also vice-president of Liberia.

Gavel from Indonesia

ON MONDAY afternoon, the ornately carved, brown teakwood gavel which will call us to order is one presented to Woman's Missionary Union on behalf of women of Kediri, Indonesia, by Dr. Kathleen Jones, doctor at Baptist Hospital there. When Kathleen was sixteen years of age she served as Page to Mrs. F. W. Armstrong as she presided at that Golden Jubilee observance in Richmond. Dr. Jones recalls with great appreciation the experiences of that meeting and the high honor which she had there.

Gavel from Miss Annie Armstrong's Church

ON MONDAY night the gavel which will be raised is from the Eutaw Place Baptist Church. When the old building was about to be destroyed and a new church erected, Maryland WMU secured wood from the old stairway. This gavel was made from that stairway. Maryland WMU presented it to Woman's Missionary Union last year. As it is used tonight, no doubt you will picture Miss Annie Armstrong, Miss Edith Campbell Crane, and Miss Kathleen Mallory, all former WMU corresponding (executive) secretaries, who were members of this historic old Eutaw Place Baptist Church in Baltimore, Maryland.

Gavel from Latin America

SO FAR in this Anniversary meeting gavels have been used from Africa, the Orient, the homeland. On Tuesday morning our gavel is from Latin America, from Mexico. Mrs. Olivia de Lerin, on behalf of the women of Latin America brought for us this gavel.

made of hand-carved native wood from a section near Torreon, Mexico. It will sound the close of our 75th Anniversary Annual Meeting.

AT Woman's Missionary Union Annual Meeting in recent years it has not been customary for us to use gavels, but their taps at this historic 75th Anniversary Meeting challenges us in these days of noise and hubbub to give attention to the things at hand to which God calls us in our churches.

Red Badges of Honor

FREQUENTLY during the 75th Anniversary Annual Meeting you will see red badges on men and women you encounter in the auditorium, lobbies, at hotels, at our meetings, and at the Anniversary luncheon at 1:30 on Tuesday.

These red badges mark our honored missionaries. They will be here from all over the world, dozens and dozens of them, and from our far-flung mission fields in fifty states. Greet them as old friends, tell them you are faithful to pray every day for them, give them a love-hug and let them know you are sharing in their burdens and joys.

They will love knowing you and you will be blessed as you put name and face together to make a person whom you can remember with personal gratitude for their service to God.

Red badges of honor are for service—in the Master's kingdom. All of us who serve him faithfully day by day are entitled to wear them. But only the missionaries will have them on their lapels at our 75th Anniversary Meeting.

Anniversary Luncheon

A Costume Anniversary luncheon, Tuesday at 1:30 o'clock.

IF possible . . . have a costume luncheon at the 75th Anniversary Annual Meeting. So read the recommendation of the committee appointed to bring suggestions and recommendations for a "worthy" observance of the Diamond Jubilee Year.

And it is possible! One of the exciting features of the meeting in Kansas City will be the big costume luncheon on Tuesday, May 7, at the Hotel Muchlebach. Almost one thousand lucky people may attend. Yes, this is the capacity of the Grande Room. There are those who would like to dress in 75th Anniversary dresses—others will represent 1963 in the latest fashions. Missionaries will be honored and asked to dress to represent the countries or areas in the homeland where they serve. It will be a gala affair.

A gigantic birthday cake will open (by push button control) to release eight young women of 1888 singing songs of the gay nineties. Out of the cake will proceed a fashion parade of seventy-five years.

The speaker for the luncheon, Miss Alma Hunt, executive secretary of Woman's Missionary Union, dressed like the women who organized us, will tell us the story of Woman's Missionary Union.

Until April 23, tickets may be secured by writing to "Tickets," 600 North 20th Street, Birmingham 3, Alabama, at \$5.50 per ticket.

by Ethalee Hamric

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More



Dr. Claude H. Rhea

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by Mrs. R. L. Mathis

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strengthened our hearts to measure up to the power which had been given us in twenty-five years of growth." It was a "far cry" from the thirty-two women meeting in the basement of a Methodist church in Richmond, Virginia, to that meeting in St. Louis twenty-five years later.

Prior to the beginning time "a large company gathered in an upper room [of the church] for the Quiet Hall Hour. By 9:30 the large auditorium is filled. The hour strikes. The delegates from eighteen states gather under their banners, the home and foreign missionaries are given their places of honor, and work begins. The session lasts two days, and the interest never lags... the representatives and registered visitors ran up to over a thousand."

"When I die," said one of the delegates to the Jubilate Session in St. Louis, "you will find this Jubilate pin and program among my precious things." It was a time of reports. The twelve hundred societies of the first year had increased to more than eleven thousand. The *future* was the word sounding in the ears of all as the first twenty-five years of service closed.

Another great and beloved president of Woman's Missionary Union was chosen to write the history commemorating the Golden Jubilee. Mrs. W. J. Cox, elected 1925 and serving for eight years as WMU president, dedicated her book *Following in His Train* to "those intrepid pioneer souls who visioned the missionary work of today; to that valiant host that gave reality to those glorious dreams; to the advancing generations who will add yet future laurels to cast at the Redeemer's feet."

Three years before the Fiftieth Anniversary Annual Meeting was to be held in Richmond, a committee was appointed to "make adequate plans for a worthy celebration of the Jubilee Year of this organization." The committee deemed it wise to set conservative goals and to lay foundations deep and strong.

And so another May day came and the women met in Richmond for a "worthy celebration."

The president, Mrs. F. W. Armstrong, and the executive secretary, Miss Kathleen Mallory, brought stirring messages and reports of growth.

In 1913 Miss Heck had asked, "Shall there not be 20,000 societies in 1938?" At the Golden Jubilee meeting it was announced that there were over 31,500 organizations reported for 1937. Miss Heck had said about the proposed magazine for women, "Shall it not have 50,000 subscribers before 1938?" The report showed nearly 90,000 *Royal Service* subscribers!

As Mrs. Armstrong spoke at the Fiftieth Anniversary meeting she said, "To you, then, members of WMU assembled in this historic place on this memorable occasion and to you, members in every city, village, and country place we now say, 'Go forward,' the words chosen by Miss Annie Armstrong for the first watchword.

The souvenir booklet of the Golden Jubilee celebration meeting is among the souvenirs of many WMU members today. It is filled with pictures. It is filled with messages from the leaders of 1938. Crowning it all is the printed program of the meeting, filled with names of missionaries, speakers, and representatives from foreign lands. A special memorial service was held at the Broad Street Methodist Church where a plaque was dedicated and placed. An historical pageant, "The Path of the Golden Years," was presented with the read by Mrs. George R. Martin of Norfolk, Virginia, destined to become the next president of Woman's Missionary Union.

The "sound of the trumpets" was again heard throughout the sessions and thus began the next quarter of a century.

For the Seventy-fifth Anniversary year, the Diamond Jubilee, the women of this day chose as the watchword, "Laborers together with God," linking with it John 3:17 "That the world through him might be saved."

The women of this day live in a world in which "togetherness" in all situations has become all important.

The women of this day, too, pursue

set high goals for a "worthy" celebration. Our Jubilee coincides with the Baptist Jubilee Advance, celebrating one hundred and fifty years (in 1964) of organized Baptist life on this continent. Therefore, goals were set in keeping with those already adopted at the beginning of a five-year program of advance.

For this seventy-fifth year, sixteen goals were accepted. The Anniversary Year is a year of prayer, a year of study of world missions, a year of enlistment, and stewardship, a year of commitment.

We have promised to dedicate ourselves to a world missionary effort in this great Jubilee year of 1962-63. We gather in Kansas City on another May day in 1963 to celebrate our seventy-fifth birthday with the theme the watchword chosen by those women seventy-five years ago. The program followed session by session culminates in a great missionary presentation before the Southern Baptist Convention.

Tomorrow beckons women of 1963, who love missions, to attempt to win the world

For the first time in history we are confronted with a world situation when time no longer seems to be on our side.

Tomorrow beckons WMU members to turn aside from all race discrimination and injustice—to take a strong stand for people of all nations and all colors.

Tomorrow beckons WMU leaders to be wise in leadership, careful in planning, dedicated in prayer, determined to develop a program to help us all to do what the angel of the Lord commanded when he said to the women who went to the sepulcher, "He is not here; for he is risen, as he said. Come, see . . . and go quickly, and tell."

As we respond to this commitment we pay tribute to our history and we act in keeping with our purpose—to carry out the Great Commission of Jesus, our Lord.

Tomorrow beckons us to "Go forward!" so that our quarter of a century will bring a glorious one-hundredth anniversary, a great Jubilee celebration of victory, in 1988.

our 75th Anniversary president

by
Alma Hunt

Executive Secretary
Woman's Missionary
Union, SBC

WOMAN'S Missionary Union has always taken pride in its presidents and justifiably so. They have made their marks and in so doing have led the Union to enlarge its vision and sphere of influence. Today's president, Mrs. R. L. Mathis, is no exception. She embodies the qualities of leadership her office and her day demand. Her inherent ability to understand people, the dignity her poise lends every situation, the confidence she exudes enable her to give positive leadership to Woman's

Missionary Union, and to the entire denominational program.

By virtue of her office as president of Woman's Missionary Union she is a member of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention. In addition she is a member of the Convention's Baptist Jubilee Advance Committee, the 30,000 Committee, and the Committee on Baptist Ideals. She is the only woman on the latter committee of sixteen—the others being pastors, seminary and denominational lead-

ers. These convention assignments keep her and the Union in close relationship to the Convention's plans and programs.

Beyond our Convention, Mrs. Mathis' leadership reaches into the next larger sphere—the North American continent. She is one of the six Southern Baptist members on the continental Baptist Third Jubilee Committee, serving with Dr. Porter Routh, Dr. C. C. Warren, Dr. E. S. James, Dr. Billy Graham, and Mr. Maxey Jarman. This committee has in addition members from the remaining six Baptist bodies in North America participating in the Jubilee celebration. The committee will complete its work in the Third Baptist Jubilee Meeting in Atlantic City, May 18-21, 1961.

Mrs. Mathis is one of Southern Baptist's elected members on the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs. The committee works through the office established in the nation's capital and is empowered to enunciate, commend and defend the historic Baptist principle of religious freedom with particular application to the separation of church and state as embodied in the Constitution of the United States. The membership of this committee includes representatives from other conventions in the United States and Canada.

Likewise the membership of the North American Baptist Women's Union reaches across the United States and embraces the three Canadian Conventions. Last November Mrs. Mathis completed her term of five years as treasurer of the North American Union and continues to serve as a member of the executive board.

The reach of her leadership is not geographically bound. Her depth of devotion to Baptist life has linked her with the Baptist World Alliance since she heard her pastor, Dr. George W. Truett, preside over the Congress held in the Ball Park in Atlanta, Georgia, in 1939 and there heard Mrs. W. J. Cox, then president of BWA, address the Congress on Sunday evening. The enthusiasm which gripped her then motivated her to attend the meetings in Cleveland in 1950 and in London in 1955.

These experiences gave her a background from which she was able to make a substantial contribution to our Baptist world fellowship when she was elected a member of the Executive of the Alliance in its meeting in Zurich, Switzerland, in 1958.

Two places of leadership came to Mrs. Mathis when the BWA Congress was held in Rio de Janeiro in 1960. When the nominating committee reported to the Congress, it presented a slate of fifty-three members of the BWA Executive, only three of whom were women. One of the three was our president.

During the Rio Congress, Mrs. Mathis was elected treasurer of the Women's Department of the Baptist World Alliance.

In looking toward the 1963 meeting of the Women's Department in Miami, Mrs. Bates has asked Mrs. Mathis to make arrangements for the meeting place and have charge of local arrangements.

Mrs. Mathis' election as an officer in the Women's Department and as a member of the Executive of the Baptist World Alliance confirmed the confidence Woman's Missionary Union expressed in electing her president in 1956 and showed that our esteem for her is felt around the world.

She belongs to the whole world and yet she is peculiarly ours. WMU holds the place of priority in her affection. Immediately after her election as our president, she led us in laying plans for the five-year period leading up to our 75th Anniversary Year. She gave depth to the plans as she insisted these should be years when our membership would be challenged to pray for all of Southern Baptists' mission efforts. She demonstrated vision when she led us to accept high goals, particularly in gifts for missions. She has shown her appreciation for all the work of our Convention as she has led us to find our area of co-operation in every interdenominational undertaking.

Because we have a peculiar claim on her and because of our gratitude for her leadership, we should claim the promise of answered prayer and daily strengthen her by our intercession.

EDUCATING

Youth

IN MISSIONS

by Helen Fling

AMONG masterpieces of religious art, no painting is more poignantly beautiful than Hermann Kaulbach's canvas entitled, *Madonna of the Fan*. The German artist portrays something of the awesome responsibility Mary must have felt in training God's little Son for his worldwide mission. A tear glistens on the cheek of the young Jewish mother as she bends over her sleeping child, his tiny fingers pressed to her lips, her deepest eyes looking out into the years ahead.

Does contemporary Christian woman have any less responsibility in educating youth for missions? True, Jesus Christ alone was born to die for man's salvation; death on the cross completed his transaction. When he ascended into heaven the gospel was entrusted to his followers, the world task to be shared by every believer. But provision was made for training young people as he said, "Feed my lambs." No greater inquiry can be done than to rob youth of a sense of mission, personal responsibility to a lost world. Conscious of a binding obligation to prepare young people for worldwide service, Woman's Missionary Union seeks to bring into focus missionary convictions in the hearts of children and then parents. Immediate opportunities are offered through the youth organizations for service and spiritual development.

"Life is tough at best and it isn't easy to grow up these days," a seventeen-year-old confided to the pastor's wife. "Sure, my folks are church members . . . but they couldn't care less!"

It isn't easy to be seventeen in a sex-drenched society where glamour has become the goddess of America and pleasure

a major goal. It isn't easy to be seven in a day when television has become America's babysitter. Two hours of Sunday instruction can scarcely counteract twenty hours of sordid TV programs every week.

The question mark of the future will be answered in terms of our response in evangelizing youth for missions.

Baptist mother, your attitude toward the church and your missionary spirit is the most important single factor in determining your child's future relationship to Christ's kingdom. It is not a question of whether or not you want the responsibility of educating youth in missions—you have it. Whatever you have to give your children, give them now. They must live on their lives on the spiritual values they receive while home is still the center of their universe.

Counselor, do not imagine that you are the only leader with difficulties. "It matters not how many hindrances you have but how many you have overcome," writes Rosalind Milly Appleby. Satan takes fiendish delight in tempting those who could work with young people to become preoccupied with self. There is nothing more tragic than "the awful waste of a woman" living only for herself, unless it is the awful waste of a missionary society that has become introverted and preoccupied with its own adult activities.

Submerge your selfish desires in the stream of God's great missionary purpose. Recognize the leadership of the Holy Spirit, the power of the missionary message of the Bible and the ineffable charm of missions itself. Then watch the spiritual development of your young people.

Woman's Missionary Union in Annual Planning

Presenting— the WMU Executive Board

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION from earliest days has been a grass roots movement in that its beginning originated in various needs and requests made from scattered groups of women. This has maintained through the years. Plans have developed as local or state Woman's Missionary Unions have experienced success or need in certain phases of missionary work.

This basic concept prevails today in the annual planning meeting which state and national leadership hold each January. Those on the Executive Board of Woman's Missionary Union, SBC, have been elected to their places of service as WMU presidents by their states and by virtue of this office become vice-presidents of WMU, SBC. Others are elected as members at large by Woman's Missionary Union, SBC in the Annual Meeting. These elected women, plus state employed leadership, plus the employed staff at WMU headquarters work together in small committees, utilizing experiences in churches, associations, and states to project plans for the future. After committees formulate suggested plans, then these are not entered into until the Woman's Missionary Union Executive Board votes approval. In actuality, not only do states have responsibility



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for observing, experiencing, and formulating ideas, but as local organizations discover better procedures, these are made available to leadership who bring findings to the annual planning meeting of WMU, SBC. In this way, even local influence is determinative in decisions regarding specific plans of work for the year ahead in all the churches of the Convention.

A continuing result of this plan is that year by year there is a look at purpose, motive, and procedures in all phases of the work including subject matter for study month by month in all four organizations. WMU weeks of prayer committees and program topics committees determine content and suggested methods of procedures in the missionary education of women and youth in WMU organizations in Southern Baptist churches. Out of such dedicated planning which is entered into with deep concern and prayer, God brings to Woman's Missionary Union members an enthusiastic re-

sponse to the significant task to which he calls Woman's Missionary Union.

Woman's Missionary Union has had within the organization God-given creative forces which have been sensitive to the leadership of the Holy Spirit. Woman's Missionary Union has considered as a sacred trust this basic method of arriving at collective decisions by utilizing the creative energies of state leadership and that of the lay woman in the remotest church and harnesses collective talents and concerns.

Woman's Missionary Union, SBC, is the organization through which cooperating state Woman's Missionary Unions achieve unity of purpose and collective action. This was one of the strong motivating forces which caused hundreds of missionary societies scattered over more than a dozen states to demand a central organization in 1888, at which time Woman's Missionary Union, SBC, was organized in Richmond, Virginia.



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A World to Win

by Hugo Culpepper

At the beginning, it should be emphasized that Paul's greatest contribution to missionary philosophy is not in terms of a specific program. It is his approach, his attitude, his spirit which are significant for us in our mission work. Paul's conversion and missionary motivation largely determined all that he did. Paul really saw the Lord! Henceforth, he belonged to Christ. It was his supreme responsibility to be a witness of the resurrection for he saw Christ after his death and resurrection. Paul expressed his sense of mission in various ways. He was an ambassador. He was an instrument of God. He was a slave of the Lord.

This has implications for present-day missionary motivation. We must go much deeper in Christian discipleship before we can go much farther in world missions! We, too, must really know the Lord. The atmosphere in our homes and churches must become more congenial to a passion for world missions. We cannot continue to give lip service to Christian discipleship while cherishing secular standards of values which magnify "success" in a material sense and at the same time expect our children to take profession of Christianity seriously.

Missionary education should help make "the mission of Christ" the central concern in our homes and churches. His mission is to be our mission. This calls for an increased emphasis on an age-level presentation of the biblical basis of missions, if it is to be intelligently and lastingly achieved.

We are having splendid youth programs in many of our churches, but can we adequately root the lives of our young people in the Christian faith without more serious book-by-book expository study of the Scriptures? In this day of accelerated secular education, do our churches dare continue with only a topical study of the Bible in our Sunday schools when a systematic, progressive study is desperately needed? During the strategic adolescent years the minds of our children are like sponges. They are being trained in "six-track" educational programs at schools where college textbooks are used for advanced high school sophomores. In some cases they are being guided through difficult social adjustments by church influences. But, will they be able to withstand the cold realities of a secular world, even those who are "the called," unless their lives are more deeply rooted in the faith? [Continued on page 18]

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Once this deeper, more adequate grounding in Christian discipleship is achieved, more genuine vocation and motivation is probable with reference to a special call to be a missionary. Is it enough to go just because you have the evident qualifications and there is no good reason for not going? The writer has often emphasized in seminary classes three steps regarding a call to missions. (1) Every student should honestly "face up" to the possibility that God wants him as a missionary; this calls for profound and sometimes agonizing consideration and prayer. (2) Unless one comes to the conviction that God wants him—so much so that he cannot be at ease and happy in staying at home—he should not go. (3) But, if he does come to a sense of God's call, then by all means he should go, and God will go with him to make it a glorious pilgrimage.

Having considered the basic importance of the quality of one's conversion and motivation as a Christian as exemplified in Paul the missionary, we point out more briefly some aspects of this missionary strategy as reflected in the Epistles. The "unpremeditated" is notable in Paul's missionary career. Whereas many efforts have been made to elaborate a planned strategy based on Acts, from the Epistles one is impressed by the fluid quality of his missionary work. He was sensitive to the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Paul's work was comparatively free from propagating cultural trappings. He moved from a subordinate society to a dominant one. He moved from a Jewish home, to a Hellenistic community, and on to Rome. Consequently, there was less culture transference than characterizes our work today.

Paul seems to have relied on the constructive power of the Spirit to build his converts in the faith. This encouraged a more indigenous younger church. In contrast, we sometimes seem to follow the methods of modern business procedure: we move in with a program to be followed to achieve "results." But often the program

is so obstructive that we lead the people to confuse the program with the faith in regard to what it means to be a "Baptist" Christian. For Paul, the success of his mission was measured in terms of fulfilling the call of God in faithfully preaching the gospel. He was not primarily concerned with the social status or number of his converts. In his attitude toward existing tensions in the churches of his time, he was willing to compromise on non-essentials but not on basic universality of the gospel. Paul preached a gospel of sin and redemption through the cross of Jesus Christ, maintaining the destination and uniqueness of Christianity.

The most difficult problem in contemporary mission strategy is how to use money constructively (in terms of spiritual ends) on the mission field. The early Christians were poor, and giving was for fellowship. In Paul's great collection the mother church was the recipient of the money. Giving was a demonstration of the Spirit. Today money flows in the other direction. The modern problem is how to find "in the Spirit" a strategy whereby giving does not induce dependence. Also, we need to have the grace of receiving the prophetic insights that come from the younger churches. This could be a channel of revitalizing our "mother churches."

Paul lived and worked under the tension of present suffering and a living hope. He knew that "I am what I am by the grace of God." As he looked back his emphasis was on grace. At the same time he pressed on "toward the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." As he looked forward his emphasis was on freedom and responsibility. He knew that time was not necessarily on his side, that progress was not inevitable. His mission work was done through faith energizing itself by love and in the context of the recognition that there was to be no full redemption until God's redemptive purpose is realized in the end at the consummation of the ages. In these days of crisis, we desperately need Paul's faith if we are to "win a world"



by Cyril E. Bryant

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- Tobacco.
- Cancer, and
- Personal Freedom

YOU might call it a developing debate on the limits of personal freedom. Anthony J. Celebrezze, Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare, believes the government should not tell its citizens to stop smoking, even though scientific tests prove the use of cigarettes detrimental to health!

Mr. Celebrezze made his assertion to a *New York Times* reporter who was inquiring what use the government will make of findings from comprehensive scientific research on the relationship of tobacco and health.

These studies, by the government's top health scientists, began last October as a result of anguished outcries by many of the nation's medical men and various public officials who became alarmed at the rapidly rising rate of lung cancer in the United States. The appeals of Senator Maurice B. Neuberger were reported in *Royal*

Service, November, 1962.

Mr. Celebrezze, who, according to the *Times*, "smokes about a package of cigarettes a day," agrees it is proper for the government to get an expert committee to determine if it is true or not that smoking is a health hazard.

These research findings, Mr. Celebrezze said, should then be laid before the public so that it may decide for itself what action to take. But he added: "I firmly believe it is not the proper role of the federal government to tell its citizens to stop smoking."

He said his stand is a "realistic" attitude, explaining: "You can kill yourself by overeating, overdrinking and other indulgences. . . . And we don't prevent the sale of rat poison, although it can kill humans."

Agitation for positive government action began about three years ago when the Surgeon General, Dr. Leroy Burney, declared that evidence had implicated smoking as "the principal etiological (causative) factor in the increased incidence of lung cancer." The Royal College of Physicians in Britain meanwhile has said that heavy smokers run thirty times more risk of lung cancer and two to three times more of heart diseases than nonsmokers.

Public reaction to these and other reports asked for a government sponsored education campaign to inform citizens, particularly young people, of the dangers of smoking. Some have asked that cigarette packs be labeled with a danger sign.

The government's present research is being done by a panel of ten scientists, set up by the Public Health Service after a delay in choosing its members. The experts had to be acceptable to both sides—the tobacco industry and the voluntary health organizations—and to the government. None could previously have taken a public stand on the issue. A report of the first part of the study, dealing with medical findings, is expected during the summer. The second part of the program will attempt to formulate "recommendations for action," but no one knows yet who will make the recommendations.



*Is this your story?
Thousands of Baptist women today
have a similar heritage*

by Mrs. John H. Maguire
Florida State WMC Jubilee Director

THE 75th Anniversary of Woman's Missionary Union is here. How happy and grateful we are as we think of the victories that have been won, of the large number of members enlisted, and of the contributions that have been made. We should be grateful, also, for the pioneers, those who carried the work forward with far less help and guidance than we have today.

How proud I am of Mama. Mama was born in 1883, five years before Baptist women organized in Richmond, seventy-five years ago this month. I imagine it took some time for news of the organization to trickle down to Mama's small South Alabama hometown. But Mama loved missions. Next to missions, Mama loved the mount-

ains, so she chose to attend the State Teachers College in Jacksonville, located in the hill country of North Alabama.

After college, Mama began her teaching career. How short it was, that is, the teaching that brought her a salary. Her teaching career, without pay, has lasted all these years. But at the close of the first semester of school, a young lawyer, Walter B. Merrill, a widower with three children, persuaded her that she should use her talents in homemaking, rather than in school teaching, so she embarked on her career as a mother. She reared six children of her own in addition to her three stepchildren. Early in their married life, my parents moved to Heflin, Alabama. The Baptist church there was small and struggling.

Mama helped to organize a Ladies Aid Society. But this did not satisfy her love for missions.

In 1906, when Woman's Missionary Union was 18 years old, it was decided that a quarterly magazine called *Our Mission Fields* would be published, and furnished free to missionary societies. When Mama reported this at a monthly meeting, it was easy to get the women to vote to become a missionary society.

In 1912 it was decided that *Our Mission Fields* should be sent to individual subscribers only, for the cost of 20¢ a year. Mama's name was on the first subscription list and continued there when the title of the magazine was changed to *Royal Service* in 1914.

Mama is the faithful type. From the time her WMS was organized to this good day, no meeting has ever been omitted. Once there were only two women present, Mama and one other, but surely two can pray, encourage each other, make plans to reach others, and give.

Giving was different then. In order to raise money, members of the Heflin WMS paid "dues"—10¢ a month at first, later 25¢ a month.

Mama is the stout-hearted type. Attendance was small in the days of beginnings. You, who go to your wonderful quarterly meetings, can you visualize the days when quarterly meetings for Mama's association were held in her living room? The visiting state worker was there, a guest in our home, Mama, and a faithful few. Usually a few of Mama's children were there, too, listening, wondering, and dreaming of the day when they could work for missions.

Mama is the hopeful type. She had beautiful dreams of a WMS in every church in the association. Heflin was the



Mama (right) and college roommate in 1902

only church in the entire association that had a WMS. How many trips Mama made to neighboring churches to organize the women! And how many times, when cold weather came, or when the initial enthusiasm diminished, those societies died. Year after year, Mama served as associational WMC president, and had to give her report at the district meeting. The ones preceding her often gave such glowing reports, including such large numbers, that her report might have seemed pitiful.

But she'd "doctor it up." She'd stand, with her expressive eyes glowing, and say something like: "I have the best report of all; 100 per cent of our societies have reported; 100 per cent of our societies have met the Standard of Excellence; 100 per cent of our societies have increased the number of tithe; 100 per cent of our societies have had increases in subscriptions to *Royal Service*." By this time, the audience was wide-eyed with wonder. Then Mama would add softly, "The only bad part of my report is that in my association we have only one WMS."

Mama is a leader. She helped to organize the associational WMC in Cleburne Association and served as its president for eighteen years. Then our family moved to Anniston and she served for four years as

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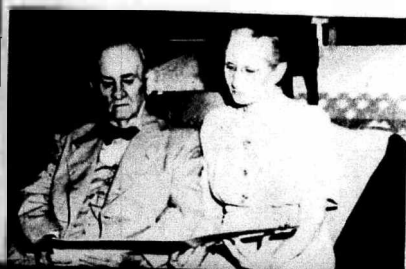
Mama's Children

Pellham, Associate Justice of Supreme Court of Alabama, deacon and Sunday school teacher. Montgomery: Clyde (writer of this article), wife of executive secretary-treasurer of Florida Baptist Convention; Walter, lawyer, Anniston, Alabama, member Parker Memorial Baptist Church; Mary Frances, wife of state Sunday school secretary, South Carolina, member First Baptist Church, Columbia, S. C.; WMS worker and Sunday school teacher; Carl, lawyer, Heflin, Alabama, county solicitor, member Heflin Baptist Church, Sunday school teacher; Fred, businessman, Anniston, Alabama, member of Parker Memorial Baptist Church, on state board for crippled children's work.

associational Woman's Missionary Union president of Calhoun County. She was not too busy influencing others to neglect her own family. Both of her daughters dedicated their lives to religious service. Both earned their Master of Religious Education degrees at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, and have been leaders in their communities and associations.

Mama is a pioneer. Back in 1930 there were few associational WMU camps. But she determined to have one, and to have it for such low cost that anyone who wished could come. She could not pay the workers, but two young ministerial students agreed to hitchhike to camp to help her. I, her young daughter, was pressed into service. State workers traveled on expense accounts. Surely a better, cheaper, camp was never held than that one she directed in the college buildings in Jacksonville, Ala.

Judge and Mrs. Merrill in 1951. He was deacon, church leader before his death in 1958.



Long before the day of WMS Round Tables, Mama bought mission books and encouraged others to read them. Long before mission study institutes Mama was using her teacher's training to help others to know how to present missions in a challenging fashion.

How vividly I remember my first "leadership course," when I was nineteen and had just graduated from college. I had been employed as associational missionary for the summer months in my home association. Why is it that people expect church workers to know everything? I, who had never been a member of WMS, was asked to teach WMS methods in a church. Mama was sick abed, a circumstance that occurred very seldom, but I sat by her bed all one day, and let her teach me the things I would teach the women the next day. She did a good job of inspiring and instructing me, for I've been teaching WMS courses ever since.

Mama is the type that people love and admire. Three years ago, at a quarterly meeting, she was completely surprised when her co-workers presented her a handsome bronze plaque, to show their appreciation. It read:

*Presented to
Lilla J. Merrill
as a token of love
For years of
Devoted Service in Associational
WMU
1 Cor. 13
Laborers Together With God
1960*

As I remember Mama, and the others of her caliber, I wonder about our generation. When I look about me at the thousands of devoted Christian women who still are eager to pioneer for God, I feel confident that if we rely on the Lord, he will continue to bless our efforts for his kingdom. We push on toward the century mark—twenty-five years away. We must be led of the Holy Spirit if we are to accomplish God's plan for Baptist women.

From BALTIMORE

TO BIRMINGHAM

IN MILES it is 700; in years 75; in size from 10 state unions to 28; from 1,206 organizations to 96,395, with 1,170,181 members. In outreach it has grown from one home mission project for Havana and a Christmas Offering for China to major support of the Home and Foreign Mission Boards.

When the historic 1888 meeting in Richmond adjourned, Miss Annie Armstrong returned to her home city of Baltimore. She had come to Richmond to see organization achieved. First she guided with marked gentleness. When this failed to bring results she revealed the other side of her nature. She spoke with firmness and demonstrated real leadership in challenging those who were ready for organization to delay no longer in deference to those who were not in a position to join with them.

Whether you measure it in miles or in years, in size, or in outreach, it's a long, long way from Baltimore in 1888 to Birmingham in 1963.

by Alma Hunt

When Miss Armstrong returned she had in one hand victory recorded in the minutes of what had become in history "the organization meeting," and in the other hand a job far bigger than perhaps she ever dreamed.

The Union had no place to designate as headquarters. It had no office personnel other than Miss Armstrong. It owned no office equipment. But Miss Armstrong had one volunteer job before she was elected to be corresponding secretary of the new women's organization. She was corresponding secretary of the Maryland Baptist Mission Rooms. If she was to serve the new organization it was certainly simple, and it must have seemed logical to her and to the women who were guiding in implementing the plans for WMU, that headquarters be where Miss Armstrong was. Her desk was in the Mission Rooms above the Baptist book store at 10 East Fayette Street. There WMU set up housekeeping. The Union paid no rent, for Dr. Wharton and Dr. Barton, who managed the book store, had given rent-free the space in the Mission Rooms. Who Dr. Barton was I do not know, but Dr. Wharton had a long touch with WMU. His mother-in-law, Mrs. James Pollard, was elected recording secretary in the Richmond meeting. Thirty-five

Present employees at WMU headquarters, Birmingham, Alabama



years later his wife, Mrs. H. M. Wharton, was elected to succeed her mother and she served for sixteen years.

The Mission Rooms were not easily accessible. Volunteer helpers in increasing numbers trudged day by day through the book store and ascended the inadequate stairs. Then there were special days when the Local Board met and the very special days when the president, Miss M. E. McIntosh came all the way from Society Hill, South Carolina, to meet with the board.

Dr. Wharton volunteered to give a benefit lecture if the ladies would sell tickets. The proceeds were to build a proper stairway. The women accepted his offer, he delivered his lecture and the stairway was erected on the outside of the building.

The WMU Literature Department grew out of the Mission Rooms though it was eighteen years before the transfer was made. In these years, perhaps because these were the eighteen years Miss Armstrong served as corresponding secretary of both, the two fitted together as hand in glove. The Bureau of Information's stock, at the time of our organization consisted of five tracts: three on China, one on Mexico, and one other—a compilation of clippings.

With no publications of its own and only five leaflets as a backlog, the new organization circulated its program suggestions through a column in the *Foreign Mission Journal*. Leaflets were written, Cuban brick cards printed, Christmas offering for China materials produced—all of which became the diet that nourished dedicated women in scattered societies.

The work grew to such proportions that volunteer help was not enough. The mission boards recognized the need for salaried help and offered assistance. Strangely, and yet understandably, it was the women who could no longer do the work alone who were reluctant to accept the change which growth made necessary. They submitted the grave problem of having a paid clerk to the Annual Meeting.

The step, which at the time may have seemed backward to some independent in-

dividuals but which history reveals was a forward one, was taken at the Annual Meeting in 1890 and Mrs. Wroe was employed. The purchase of a typewriter was a matter for board consideration. The minutes state that The Remington Company was willing to take \$25 in advertising in the *Foreign Mission Journal* toward settlement but that negotiations were still pending.

The work grew and Mrs. Wright was employed as "typewriter." She continued to "fit herself for typewriting with the view of commanding a higher salary." Evidently she developed skill for the September 8, 1892, minutes reveal that her salary was advanced to \$5.00 per week for six days' service, and in December, 1893, it was again increased; that time to \$7.00 a week.

The WMU had six homes in Baltimore, finally moving to 15 West Franklin into a house bought as an investment of Training School funds. Meager furnishings which had been purchased piece by piece through the years were moved into this home which held security, absent in earlier rented quarters. It was at the roll-top desk in this building that Miss Mallory began her thirty-six years with Woman's Missionary Union. But she was not to reside there long. Moving was in the air. The suggestion was first indicated in the early years but Miss McIntosh, the Union's first president, had protested any move until the work became more permanently established. By 1920, board members felt it wise to move to a city more centrally located.

For some reason the move was not dis-

Miss Mallory at work in Baltimore



cussed in a regular meeting of the board. The meeting was called by the president on request of more than five of the state WMU vice-presidents (five evidently being the by-law requirement). The note Miss Mallory attached to the minutes stated that with the sanction of the members present the minutes would not be published in any form. In that meeting a committee of five was appointed to consider advisability of moving and to suggest a location. Mrs. F. S. Davis of Texas was chairman. They certainly had no selfish motive, for though they suggested Birmingham, Nashville, Memphis, no member was from Alabama or Tennessee. The final decision was between Nashville and Birmingham.

In September, 1924, 1111 Comer Building, Birmingham, Alabama, became the address of WMU headquarters. In the thirty years there the work grew until all of the eleventh floor, except for one office, was occupied. Then the "spill over" was cared for in offices on two other floors. By 1947 the work had obviously grown beyond the capacity of the space and the ability of the equipment. The auditor commended the management on handling the volume of work with only meager improvement in facilities. "Obviously," he said, "the installation of more modern equipment would reduce the month by month cost." But laying aside the equipment and "the system" which had grown up around it was for another, Miss Mallory felt. She was in her thirty-fifth year and in her mind she knew the next year would be her last.

When I came to Birmingham, Miss Mallory with characteristic thoughtfulness, apologized for turning over the work to me at the time when growth necessitated our securing our own headquarters building and changing our business procedures. While listening to her apology I was aware that she was giving me all of the advantages and none of the handicaps which she felt changes in her last year of service might have produced.

The account of getting the present WMU home and moving into it in September,

1951, is a story all its own—one which makes those of us who work here grateful indeed.

Yes, it's three quarters of a century from the beginning days to the present. In Birmingham today the headquarters operations utilize five floors.

Instead of a clerk paid by the boards, we are today in big business, getting 91 per cent of our operational income from subscriptions and priced materials.

Instead of a president and ten representatives from state Central Committees, we have today, sharing with the president the responsibility of lay leadership, twenty-eight state presidents who are recognized as vice-presidents of Southern Union.

Instead of a corresponding secretary, a clerk and a "typewriter," we have today 21 people serving in professional or supervisory positions and 100 who carry on the work begun by Mrs. Wroe and Mrs. Wright with their two typewriters.

Instead of the union of 1,206 women's societies which banded themselves together in 1888, we have today 96,395 missionary education organizations for all age groups.

Instead of a column in the *Foreign Mission Journal* we have four magazines with a circulation of 821,500. Instead of brick-cards for Cuba we have before us an Annie Armstrong Offering goal of \$3,310,000.

Instead of a Christmas offering to send two helpers to China to relieve Miss Lottie Moon, we are seeing the results of our having worked last year toward a \$10,700,000 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering goal.

We've come a long way in effecting the organization which those women of 1888 dreamed of, but we have yet a long, long way to go. We know not the number of years before us but we know the unenlisted in our churches, the lost in our communities, our states, and our nation. We know of the millions without Christ in our own and other lands.

We have improved techniques of organization and have established lines of communication. With these advantages we are recipients of multiplied rewards if we equal our founders in dedication and zeal.

National Presidents of WMUs

AFRICA



Mrs. F. O. Omikunde, Nigeria (left)

In April, 1960, Mrs. Omikunde was elected president. Twice she has represented the WMU of Nigeria at the Baptist Women's Union of Africa.

The Nigerian WMU employs 10 nationals who serve in convention territory. The last annual report showed 378 Women's Missionary Societies with 13,923 members and 1,015 young people's organizations with 15,525 members.

Woman's Missionary Union was organized in Southern Rhodesia in 1952 when Mrs. J. T. Ayorinde from Nigeria visited us. GAs, Sunbeams, and RAs were organized soon afterwards. In ten years we have grown to fifty-four WMS organizations and fifty or more of each of the youth groups.

It is impossible to measure the influence of WMU on the lives of our women. But it is tremendous!

WMU helps women to know the joy in giving. Many are learning to tithes and to share offerings and pray for needs around the world.



Mrs. Gene D. Phillips,
Central Africa

EUROPE



Signora Lilia Giannini, Italy

Our president's father, Pastor Asprino Ricci, now retired, is a past president of the Italian Baptist Union. She has taught music at Armstrong Memorial Training School for eleven years. For five years she was vice-president of *Unione Femminile Missionaria Battista*. In 1960, when Miss Gina Bassi resigned as president, Mrs. Giannini was elected. There are eighty Woman's Missionary Societies in Italy.

We have in our *União Feminina Baptista Portuguesa*, Portugal, a president, three vice-presidents—one from each section—a secretary, and a treasurer. In almost all the churches there is a woman's organization. There were fifty-five women present at our national meeting, a representative from all but three societies throughout Portugal. Some women do not know how to read and write, but now have a deep desire to learn to be able to read the Bible and participate more actively in our church.



Mrs. Grayson C. Tennison, Portugal

Sra. Noemi Celma de Bonet, Spain

Sra. Bonet is the daughter of a pioneer Baptist pastor, Sr. Ambrasio Celma.

The Woman's Missionary Union in Spain is our best organized department in many ways. The methods used are the same as those in the United States. Usually about one fourth of the Societies are Honor Societies and about the same number are Honor Unions.

Out of a membership of 3,500 in the 17 Spanish Baptist churches, 1,706 are enrolled in the WMS and 988 are reached by the youth organizations.

The Spanish Baptist mission has asked for a missionary from the states to become executive secretary of the WMU and for another missionary to do youth work among the missionary organizations.

The future of the WMU looks bright. A monthly magazine called *Nuestra Labor* (Our Task) has been appearing since December, 1951.



Mrs. Nilda Standen,
Chile

LATIN AMERICA

Our WMU is forty years old. For ten years we have had a Day of Prayer and Offering for Foreign Missions.

Mrs. Nilda Standen has completed six years as president of the Union. She is a product of Baptist work in Chile, and for over twenty years has served as a teacher of third grade in our Baptist Academy in Temuco. She is WMU Convention's representative to the Women's Committee of the Baptist World Alliance and also to the Latin American Women's Union for the southern part of the continent.

Sra. Gláucia C. Petkov, Brazil

In 1940 God called me to dedicate my life. Since then I have tried to serve him as a pastor's wife and in religious journalism.

I was elected president of *União Geral de Senhoras do Brasil* in January, 1962. Believing wholeheartedly in our motto, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me," I accepted the responsibility.



Mrs. F. H. Smith, Argentina, elected for 1962-63

The women of the Argentine Women's Convention in your 75th anniversary, wish to send you greetings and assurance that we are united with you in thought and prayer.

After the Argentine WMU convention was organized in 1930 one of the first undertakings was the Week of Prayer and offering for missions the first week in December.



In 1950 the *Unión Femenil Misionera* was organized. At that time there were only six societies. Organization was the result of emphasis on women's work from the very beginning of Baptist effort in Colombia, from 1942 when the first church was organized.

In the years since then the WMU of Colombia has grown to include 27 women's societies, 17 YWAs, 24 GAs, and 24 Sunbeam Bands, with a total of 2,281 members.

Sra. Alicia de Padilla, Colombia





Cecilia Rojas de Gomez,
Costa Rica

◆ My name is Cecilia Rojas de Gomez. I am an humble servant of Christ. I was born in San Jose and am the youngest in our family.

I have worked with *La Sociedad Femenil Misionera* since its beginning in 1951. It was organized under the leadership of Doña Maria de Bryan. I have been a member of the Executive Committee during these years serving as its president four different times.

Mrs. Maria de Melendez, Guatemala

■ The new president of the National WMU Convention will serve until November, 1963.

Organized missionary work among the women of Guatemala has played a major role in the growth and development of Baptist work. In August of 1946 our WMU had its beginning. To date there are fourteen organized societies in our churches; each society has a Sunbeam Band. There are nine GAs, and two YWAs. Total enrollment of Woman's Missionary Union is more than two hundred.



Sra. Flora Muller de Morales,
Mexico

◆ Sra. Morales was born in a Christian home in Toluca, Mexico. Her father was an ordained minister. Both parents were active in mission work throughout Northern Mexico.

In 1943 Flora Muller married Jose C. Morales. Since 1957, Mrs. Morales has been director of the Colegio Nicolas Bravo, Puebla. She has been uniting in many responsibilities during the years. In her own local church she has either served as Sunday school superintendent or teacher. In the local Woman's Missionary Union she has been secretary or president for many years. She has served as secretary of the Baptist Association where she lives.

This consecrated Christian woman led in the *Union Nacional Femenil Bautista Misionera* in 1959, then in 1961, and is again their leader.

Mrs. J. D. McMurray, Uruguay

◆ In our *Union Femenil Bautista Misionera* we have 16 societies with approximately 300 members. We also have 7 other organizations in mission points. They are 16 Girls' Auxiliaries with 170 members, 15 Sunbeam Bands with 295 members, 6 Royal Ambassador Chapters with 67 members, and 2 Young Woman's Auxiliaries with 25 members.

Last year we had our first leadership camp with 55 present studying how to realize a better work among our young people.

Sra. Blasida de Franz, Paraguay

■ The Paraguay Baptist Convention was organized in 1956 at which time the Woman's Board also came into existence. There were missionary societies in the churches before that time, but co-operative efforts began when the convention was organized.

Today there are nine Baptist churches, five Woman's Missionary Societies, one Young Woman's Auxiliary, four Girls' Auxiliaries, and four Sunbeam Bands.



THE ORIENT

Mrs. Tsai Wai Po, Hong Kong

◆ Last year's president, Mrs. Tsai Wai Po, was born in Swatow, China, thirty years ago. She came to Hong Kong thirteen years ago, when she married Mr. Tsai.

The Hong Kong Woman's Missionary Union organized in 1950, is composed of fourteen societies in the Baptist churches in Hong Kong, Kowloon, and the New Territories, and has a membership of two thousand. Since the organization of the Asian Baptist Women's Union, the vision of Hong Kong women has been widened.

For three years Mrs. Kesako Hikasa, wife of the executive secretary of the Japan Baptist Convention, has served as president of Woman's Missionary Union.

In 1948 the women of the Convention held their first nationwide meeting after the War and elected Mrs. Hikasa as the executive secretary of the Woman's Department. Then there were 19 societies; today 112 with 2,167 members; then 3 R.A.G.A. organizations and today 73 with 1,653 members.

She is a member of the Overseas Missions Committee for the Japan Baptist Convention. Mrs. Hikasa made a trip in April, 1962, to survey the mission work in Okinawa and advise with the Shimbetsu, the Convention's first missionaries to those islands.



Mrs. Kesako Hikasa,
Japan



Mrs. Ho Sun Pang,
Korea

◆ "I am greatly honored to be able to serve God as president of Korean Woman's Missionary Union," Mrs. Pang affirms.

The Korean Baptist Woman's Missionary Union was organized after the Southern Baptist Mission began work in Korea. Missionaries Lucy Wright and Ruby Wheat took special interest in WMU, teaching Baptist women the work and it began to grow. In 1954 national officers were elected, and the statement of purpose, the hymn, and watchword, and constitution were adopted. Mrs. John Abernathy assisted Woman's Missionary Union in early development. In 1959, when Miss Lucy Wagner began work as WMU promotion secretary, she developed the magazine.

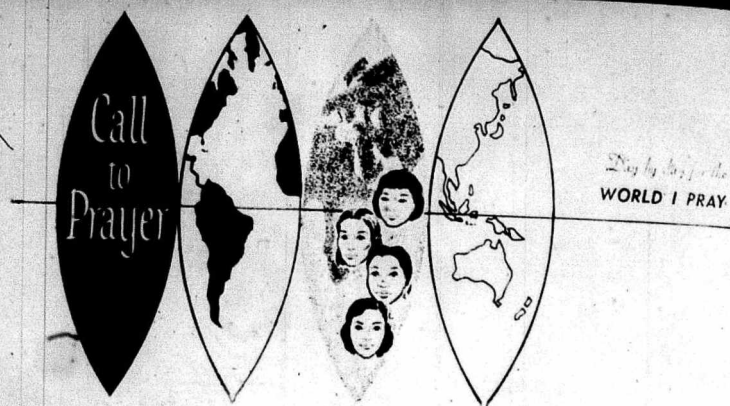
In June, 1962, 100 WMS organizations were reported, with over 1,600 members; Young Woman's Auxiliary in 21 churches, with 286 members; Girls' Auxiliary in 21 churches with 345 members; Sunbeam Bands in 4 churches, with 156 members.

Mrs. Helen Liu, Taiwan

◆ Three years ago Taiwan Woman's Missionary Union was organized. We have a membership of 1,131 in 12 societies.

I feel so grateful that I have been blessed by our Lord to have the privilege to be his co-worker. I went to Rio to the Tenth Baptist World Alliance Congress in 1960, and the sweet memory of the dear Christian friends from all parts of the world is always inspiring to me.





Prepared by Mrs. Roswell E. Owens

1 WEDNESDAY Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in. *Luke 14: 23* (read vv. 16-24).

There are at least eighty million persons in our nation who do not claim to be Christians. They walk in tragic darkness.

There are twenty-four thousand communities without a Baptist church, and some with no church at all. There are at least twenty-five million people out of reach of a Baptist church. There are more than twenty-six million persons in our midst who belong to "language groups." Ninety per cent of them are unevangelized, and they live in almost every community. "Is Christianity for us, too?" they ask. "Can we be saved?" God wants to use us in answering their questions. *Pray about this need.*

Pray for Mrs. J. A. Cooper, Louisville, Ky., deaf; Mrs. M. A. Omedo, Panama, ev.; Mrs. Seferina Joyala, W. S. Wall, Albuquerque, Mrs. Ben Yelington, Espanola, N. M., Ind. ev.

2 THURSDAY Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. *Matt. 6:10* (read vv. 5-15).

Dr. Frank C. Laubach says of the "Lord's Prayer": "It is the prayer most used and least understood...."

"Thy will be done." This is asking God for nothing. It is offering God everything. It is giving him our will. It is saying, 'I will help your will to be done.' It is entitling. 'Thy kingdom come on earth, as it is in heaven.' This is what he asks us to help him accomplish. It is saying,

'I join Christ's army. I enlist to help Thy kingdom come.' It is saying, 'God, you can count on me. I want what you want. I promise.' May we be able sincerely to pray this prayer!

Pray for A. T. Cabrera, Belen, N. M., Sp. sp.; Claudia Iglesias, San Blas, Panama, G. S. Harvey, So. Rhodesia, ev.

3 FRIDAY Rejoice with me; for I have found my sheep which was lost. *Luke 15:6* (read vv. 1-7).

"Now everyone in our family is a Christian," said one of the three sons of Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Carroll, Jr., Southern Baptist missionaries to Argentina, after the Billy Graham crusade in Buenos Aires last October. Two Carroll children were among 4,413 persons making decisions for Christ. The attendance throughout the week totaled about 225,000, and some two and one half million were estimated to be in the television audience.

The crusade, a co-operative effort of many evangelical groups, had an open-minded, friendly reception, and there was no open opposition from religious or political groups.

Let us thank God for this manifestation of his power and pray that it may be demonstrated in the ministry of Mr. Carroll, Buenos Aires, Argentina, D. W. King, Beirut, Lebanon, ed.;

Missionaries are listed on their birthdays. Addresses in **DIRECTORY OF MISSIONARY PERSONNEL**, free from Foreign Mission Board, Box 6597, Richmond 30, Virginia, and in **HOME MISSIONS**.

W. C. Harrison, Brazil, ret.; J. B. Stepp, Jr., San Paulo, Brazil, Mrs. A. E. Caragudo, Matanzas, Cuba, ev.

4 SATURDAY Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you.... Let not your heart be troubled. *John 14:27* (read vv. 23-27).

Eric H. Clark, missionary to Kenya, bears this testimony. "Since my mother's death I have been greatly comforted by the loving sympathy of African friends. Death is an ever-present shadow across the path of all Africans. Sensing its finality, they feel perhaps more deeply for those who sorrow. Though they be, in many cases, primitive and pagan, they possess a wealth of compassion which defies emulation by more sophisticated westerners."

Pray earnestly for all our missionaries who often are separated from home and loved ones at times of sorrow.

Pray for Mr. Clark, Kenya, J. B. Matthews, Buenos Aires, Argentina, ev.; May Bell Taylor, Brazil, J. J. Hartfield, Mexico, Mrs. J. A. Moore, Zurich, Switzerland, ed.; Mrs. A. B. Craighead, Italy, RN; Dorothy Ruth Milam, N. C., Mrs. J. D. E. Beal, Atlanta, Ga., MC; Mrs. Cirilo Aleman, Cuba, ev.

5 SUNDAY Inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least of these, ye did it not to me. *Matt. 25:45* (read vv. 41-46).

Barbara Wensel tells of visiting in the homes of Chihuahuas one afternoon. As she tried to explain salvation in Christ, one Mexican woman shook her head and said: "It's so beautiful, but it's not for me. My husband is working over there in Texas, and if he heard that I was accepting what you are saying, he wouldn't come back to me," and she walked sadly away.

Barbara Wensel's reaction was, "Oh God, what witness is there for the Lord in the town where her husband is working? If his boss is a Christian, will he have enough concern to try to win him? How vitally the work and witness in the homeland affect what we do here." *Pray for this man and woman.*

Pray for Anita Robert, Yaba, Nigeria, ed.; Mrs. T. C. Small, Na. Rhodesia, ev.; Rosemary Spessard, Bangkok, Thailand, RN

6 MONDAY When he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them. *Matt. 9:36* (read vv. 35-38).

Mrs. Hobson L. Sinclair reports: "Mission work here is concentrated. So is need. Hong Kong has thousands of refugees from China. Their physical need is so great it is hard to describe it. The government has built large re-

settlement buildings, but people are crowded everywhere, some living at the edge of sidewalks in thrown-up shacks. This all presents unparalleled opportunity and challenge for Christian missions. Our work is totally dependent upon your prayer and regular support through the Cooperative Program."

Pray for Mrs. Sinclair, Mrs. E. J. Thorpe, Mrs. J. D. Hallis, Hong Kong, Mary Cannon, Kokura, Japan, J. D. Hancock, Oliver, France, J. D. Spans, Uruguay, M. E. Torstrik, Santiago, Chile, Mrs. R. C. Johnson, Panama, ev.; Mrs. J. E. Taylor, Clewiston, Fla., migrant ev.; Alma Jackson, Goias, Brazil, RN, WMU 75th Anniversary Annual Meeting, Kansas City, Missouri, 6-7.

7 TUESDAY Ye turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God. *1 Thess. 1:9* (read vv. 2-10).

A missionary writes: "A problem which our Indian people do not seem able to handle is the clash between the old ways and the new. They use mechanical conveniences readily, but there are the old customs, the old superstitions, the old sins which they have a hard time giving up. *Pray that we may be able to help them find the Power to sever all connections with paganism.*"

Pray for A. A. Moore, Flagstaff, Ariz., Ind. ev.; G. K. Offutt, Louisville, Ky., Negro ev.; A. G. Virgen, Waco, Texas, Mrs. J. A. Monroe, Miami, Ariz., Sp. sp.; Mrs. E. O. Sanders, Mrs. R. C. Bethen, Indonesia, Mrs. D. E. McDowell, Asuncion, Paraguay, H. P. Haynes, III, Venezuela, ev.; Southern Baptist Convention, Kansas City, Missouri, 7-10.

8 WEDNESDAY As my Father hath sent me, even so send I you. *John 20:21* (read vv. 19-23).

In February of 1812, Luther Rice sailed for India to serve as a missionary. Adoniram and Ann Judson on another ship sailed for the same destination and purpose. Both men and Mrs. Judson underwent similar experiences as they studied the New Testament and became convinced that baptism could be only by immersion, according to the New Testament. They became the first missionaries supported by Baptists in America.

On May 8, 1845, one hundred and eighteen years ago today the Southern Baptist Convention was organized "for the purpose of... directing the energies of the whole denomination... for the propagation of the Gospel."

Pray that we shall ever be true to our original purpose, and thank God for those who are

today proclaiming the gospel around the world: Mrs. R. E. Wakefield, Singapore, Malaya, E. P. Bennett, Virginia Highfill, Tokyo, Japan, ev.; Mrs. R. L. Lambright, Kediri, Indonesia, med.; W. M. Clawson, Torreon, Mexico, R. E. Baker, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, ed.; Miguel Lopez, Santa Fe, N. M., Sp. sp.; Sam Morris, Shawnee, Okla., Ind. ev.

9 THURSDAY Deliver the spoiled out of the hand of the oppressor; and do no wrong, do no violence to the stranger, the fatherless, nor the widow Jer. 22:3 (read vv. 1-4).

Cuban children are turning up alone in Miami these days. Parents, unable to escape, are sending their boys and girls out of Cuba unaccompanied. The US Department of Health, Education and Welfare has placed four thousand in foster homes. Most of the eighty-four Baptist churches in Cuba continue to hold services, but many without pastors. These are difficult days for our brethren in Cuba. They count on our unceasing prayer. Pray for them.

Pray for Mrs. Juan Naranjo, Havana, Cuba, Mrs. W. M. Parker, Sao Luiz, Brazil, J. C. Muse, Jr., Ecuador, W. R. Hull, Nyeri, Kenya, Mrs. J. Y. Greene, Korea, ev.; J. E. Hubbard, Pawnee, Okla., Ind. ev.

10 FRIDAY And the power of the Lord was present to heal them Luke 5:17 (read vv. 12-17).

Because of over-and-above contributions to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering the Japan Baptist hospital in Kyoto was able to buy a Quonset hut and equipment from army surplus and to set up a laundry. "This laundry will save us hundreds of dollars each year," says Dr. J. P. Satterwhite, Southern Baptist missionary, "and make it possible for us to keep this the cleanest hospital in the city." The health department of the city of Kyoto recently honored the hospital's dietary department for its high standard of cleanliness and care.

Pray for the ministry of this hospital, Dr. Satterwhite; Mrs. J. M. Young, Jr., Giza, Antonio Santana, Havana, Cuba, ev.; W. E. Arnold, Kumasi, Ghana, W. L. DuVall, Oshogbo, Cora Ney Hardy, Nigeria, ed.

11 SATURDAY The Lord giveth the word: The women that publish the tidings are a great host Psalm 68:11 ASV (read vv. 7-11).

Seventy-five years ago today, May 11, 1888, women from twelve states assembled in the basement room of Broad Street Methodist Church in Richmond, Virginia. Since 1883 small groups had gathered at the time of the South-

ern Baptist Convention to hear addresses of missionaries and pastors sympathetic with their desire to kindle missionary zeal. Each year there was discussion of organization, not as a separate woman's movement but as an auxiliary to the Convention, in which the women, at this time had no voice; for in 1885 the Convention had voted to recognize only men as messengers. It was not until 1917 that the Convention voted an amendment granting women, as well as men, recognition as messengers.

Today there are in Southern Baptist churches 1,470,181 members in WMU organizations learning, praying, giving, serving, and going in order to bring in Christ's kingdom. Thank God for your high privilege of being "laborers together with God."

Thank God for the ministry of J. C. Reyna, Clovis, N. M., Sp. sp.; Mrs. Reijo Hoshizaki, Japan, H. C. Starnes, Korea, J. I. Nurre, app 1962 to Indonesia, ev.

12 SUNDAY And the twelve were with him, And certain women, . . . which ministered unto him of their substance Luke 8:1-3.

Ann Hasseltine Judson and Henrietta Hall Shuck saw that enlightened Christian women hold the key to Christian homes. Dr. Rosewell Graves wrote his mother that he was helpless as far as the Chinese home and family were concerned. No man could carry the gospel to the jealously-guarded women of Oriental households. From his meager salary, he and his wife employed a Chinese Bible woman. His letters were read by his mother to small groups gathered for prayer. With little money to give, women gave what they had. Mite boxes began to make a mighty difference in the receipts of the Foreign Mission Board.

Pray for Mrs. Burton de Wolfe Davis, Brazil, Helen Meredith, Colombia, Ethel Guest, Iwo, Nigeria, ed.; R. R. Morris, Jordan, T. G. Small, Lusaka, No. Rhodesia, Mrs. W. C. Warmath, Yokohama, Japan, ev.; Auris Pender, Singapore, BA.

13 MONDAY I entreat thee also, true upk-fellow, help those women which laboured with me in the gospel Phil 4:3 (read vv. 1-8).

"I never heard of praying doing anybody any harm. For my part, the sisters may pray on." Thus Elder Courtney, pastor of Richmond Baptist Church, in 1888 quietly silenced the members who were disturbed by the women meeting monthly in a "concert of prayer." These sisters prayed on, and exchanged precious bits of "missionary intelligence" until the Holy Spirit burned into their hearts a fuller meaning of the

Great Commission.

In spite of the opposition of many conscientious "brothers" to the organization of Southern Baptist women, records show that there were missionary-hearted men who "saw in the sisters a mighty lever . . . if rightly used."

Those men were not afraid to say, "If one sex neglects our Lord's Great Commission, the other should not be compelled to do the same."

Pray for Mrs. R. B. Wyatt, Jr., Spain, ev.; Mrs. Aurelia Baez, Cuba, ret.; L. H. Joslin, Calif., deaf; Mrs. W. B. Minor, Flagstaff, Ariz., Sp. sp.

14 TUESDAY And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy Acts 2:18 (read vv. 12-18).

Seventy-five years ago today on a Monday, Woman's Missionary Union, Auxiliary to Southern Baptist Convention, was born. It was born out of sympathetic hearts that yearned to help women "in heathen and pagan lands." It was born "in conscious weakness . . . and in utter ignorance of its wondrous possibilities for the future."

Seventy-five years ago on May 14, the thirty-two chosen women cast their votes. Ten states joined together as an auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention. The preamble to the constitution and by-laws clearly set forth the purpose of the organization: to stimulate "the missionary spirit and the grace of giving, among women and children," with collections to be disbursed by the boards. Seventy-five years ago, these women gave us this sacred heritage of conviction, dedication, and co-operation. Pray that we may cherish this heritage and pledge, by God's grace, to bequeath it to succeeding generations.

Pray for Amelia Diaz, Las Cruces, N. M., Sp. sp.; Ruberta Ryon, El Paso, Tex., pub.; Mary Lee Ernest, Singapore, J. E. Ingmif, Bandung, Indonesia, ev.

15 WEDNESDAY The word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword Heb. 4:12 (read vv. 12-16).

A young girl living in Mexico wrote a letter to the Publishing House in El Paso, Texas. It was written in pencil, without a single capital letter or punctuation mark:

"Now, after finding this tract, I do not know why, but I have found great happiness. I know you can help me. I beg your help with tears in my eyes. You know the 'road of life eternal'—please, indicate it to me. I await your reply. I will do all that you tell me. Yes, I know how to read. I went to night school one hour a night. I hope you understand me, as the tract

says that 'Christ came to save sinners.'"

Pray for Mrs. J. T. Poe, El Paso, Tex., RN and pub.; Virginia B. Mathis, Philippines, pub.; M. D. Oates, Fresno, Calif., Sp. sp.; Mrs. Francisco Rodriguez, Matanzas, Cuba, ev.

16 THURSDAY And they departed, and went through the towns, preaching the gospel Luke 9:6 (read vv. 1-6).

The Baptist Caravan of Evangelism, a traveling team which carries the gospel to rural areas around Torreon, Mexico, covered 5,282 miles last summer and witnessed 872 professions of faith. With the co-operation of churches in the areas visited, the team of 6 young people conducted 14 evangelistic campaigns, established 8 new missions, held 5 training institutes for laymen, and led 4 vacation Bible schools.

"This was strictly the work of Mexican people, without even the direction of a missionary," reports Dr. Pat H. Carter, a professor in the Baptist Seminary in Torreon, who helped inaugurate the Caravan program the summer before.

Pray for Mr. Carter, Mrs. J. E. Pacey, Jr., Baguio, Philippines, J. O. Watson, Asuncion, Paraguay, J. M. Sanchez, Havana, Cuba, ev.; Mrs. Louis O'Connor, Jr., Korea, RN; Catherine Walker, Semarang, Indonesia, ed.; Mrs. R. R. Beard, Muskogee, Okla., Ind. ev.; Mrs. S. M. Hernandez, Phoenix, Ariz., Sp. sp.; Mrs. G. L. Stanley, Phoenix, Ariz., Chinese ev.; Mrs. F. H. Walters, Canal Zone, ret.

17 FRIDAY Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to thy word Psalm 119:9 (read vv. 9-16).

W. R. Wakefield, missionary to Philippines, writes: "We have student work at Southern College on the island of Mindanao and here in Manila. Our plans include Bible study, retreats, and city-wide rallies. Bible study is geared to lost students. In one twelve-block area in downtown Manila there are 200,000 students. Such a great mass of young people in such a small area is hard to imagine, and the challenge is staggering. About 90 per cent of the students are nominally Catholic, but in reality they have no religious allegiance. It is our prayer that many may come to know the Lord. We would like for you to share this burden with us." Pray for this work.

Pray for Mr. Wakefield, Makati, Philippines, SW; R. Z. Chamlee, Jr., Trujillo, Peru, J. G. Partain, E. Africa, ev.; T. W. Talkington, Miss., ret.

18 SATURDAY He that loseth his life for my

uke shall find it. Matt. 10:39 (read vv. 37-42).

Pete Gillespie, missionary to Japan, reminds us: "Be careful how you pray for the revolutionary, the exhausted, the hungry people of the world. God might engender enough compassion in your heart to take you as a missionary to one of these countries."

"We need in Japan right now sixty-one additional missionaries. But the Foreign Mission Board tells us that the most we can expect for the next three or four years is about eight missionaries per year. We find this difficult to accept. What has happened to all those young people who volunteered for mission service? Can it be possible by God's plan that a denomination of ten million members will send only sixteen hundred missionaries outside the USA?" Pray for volunteers.

Pray for Mr. Gillespie, W. C. Warmath, Yakohama, Mrs. M. E. DuPriest, Tokyo, Japan. J. E. Hampton, Tanga, Tanganyika, C. W. Campbell, Argentina, Felix Torna, Havana, Cuba, ev.; Mary Jane Whorton, Oshogbo, Nigeria, ed.; A. L. Davis, Jr., Kowloon, Hong Kong, MD.

19 SUNDAY For this child I prayed... therefore also I have lent him to the Lord. 1 Sam. 1:27-28 (read vv. 24-28).

An Arkansas couple turned over nine thousand dollars to the State Baptist Foundation for the educating of a medical mission volunteer who wants to become a medical missionary. The gift carries the condition that the money be used for graduate medical education for their teen-age daughter if she follows through on plans to be a medical missionary.

If the daughter does not go to medical school the nine thousand dollars will be used to support another Baptist student training for medical missionary service.

Let us thank God for such dedication, and pray that other Christian parents may "keep their children where God can find them" should he have a special missionary task for them to do.

Pray for S. F. Dowis, Ga., Mary Alexander, China-Hong Kong, Mrs. H. H. Snuggs, China, ret.; Peter Chen, San Francisco, Calif., Chinese, ev.; Mrs. Claudia Igeias, San Blas, Panama, C. W. Bendenbaugh, Dar es Salaam, Tanganyika, J. N. Westmoreland, Gatooma, So. Rhodesia, ev.; W. D. Bender, Nigeria, ed.

20 MONDAY Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. Mark 16:15 (read vv. 14-20).

The total number of "Christians" is growing only a third as fast as the world's population. Dr. Winston Crawley, of the Foreign Mission

Board, in discussing this problem, says: "How can a handful of missionaries, in lands with millions and millions of people, get the message of Christ across to them? How will our ordinary pattern of church development ever reach every person?" I am convinced new ways must be added to what we already are doing, especially along the line of mass evangelism and an increased use of such means of mass communication as: literature, literary programs, radio and television. We need to move out beyond 'business as usual.' We need to pray. Lord, you'll have to show us new and better ways. What's the answer, Lord?"

Pray for Lorene Tifford, Taichung, Taiwan, SW. J. S. McGee, Igbo, Nigeria. I. C. Bell, Brazil. Mrs. G. H. Wise, Campton, Brazil. H. D. Duke, Temuco, Chile, ev.

21 TUESDAY Righteousness exalteth a nation. Prov. 14:34 (read vv. 26-35).

This question was put to Missionary McKinley Gilliland recently: "What is your opinion of the political situation in Nigeria?" To which he replied: "Based on observations over the past sixteen years, I believe Nigeria stands in the unique position of having the best chance to become the leading nation of Africa. Nigeria has a fair number of highly trained and well-educated national leaders, a large percentage of whom received their undergraduate training in mission and church schools, and are professing Christians. We can say with pardonable pride that Baptist missions have made their contribution to the training of these men and women."

"I believe in Nigeria's future. That belief stems from the fact that Nigeria has made and is making an encouraging response to the claims of the gospel of Jesus Christ."

Pray for Mr. Gilliland, B. A. Clendinning, Jr., Zurich, Switzerland, ed.; Mary Hester Powell, Nigeria, RN; N. D. Brown, app. 1962 to Nigeria; G. E. Kingsley, Limbe, Nyasaland; Mrs. Annacian Sugasti Chitre, Panama, ev.; N. E. Douglas, Charleston, S. C., Negro, ev.

22 WEDNESDAY Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it. Prov. 22:6 (read vv. 1-6).

In Guadalajara, Mexico, stands a big house which thirty young women call home. Except for director Esther Fernandez, the residents are schoolgirls. This house is called the girls' student home and is one of several operated by Baptists in Mexico. In many ways Baptist student homes are unique. They are not schools—they are boarding houses where young people may live in the atmosphere and discipline of a Christian home during the time they are at-

tending public schools away from their own homes.

"Nineteen years ago, our students lived in cramped inadequate, rented quarters—but now we have our own beautiful new buildings because of gifts to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. We thank God and Southern Baptists," says missionary Orvil W. Reid.

Pray for Mr. Reid, Guadalajara, SW. V. O. Vernon, Fortaleza, Brazil. A. W. Compton, Santiago, Chile, ev.; Maurine Perryman, Ajloun, Jordan, ed.; R. R. Beard, Muskogee, Okla., Ind. ev.

23 THURSDAY He hath set the world in their heart. Eccl. 3:11 (read vv. 1-11).

The Master Photographer produced a double exposure for his work in Africa, in the form of twin girls.

Rosalind Knott Harrell, until a recent furlough, worked alongside her husband, Ralph, in Dar es Salaam, Tanganyika. Last year (1962) the Harrells returned to Africa, to a new home in Nairobi, Kenya, where Ralph is taking up the work of mission treasurer. Rosalind's twin sister, Rebecca Knott McKinley, is teaching with her husband, Hugh, in the African Baptist Seminary in Gwelo, So. Rhodesia. Hugh and Rebecca are on furlough now.

Rosalind says, "I first started thinking about missions at the age of six when I received a globe of the world for Christmas." Becky's interest in missions began while she was a Sunbeam. Ralph's estimate of his wife is, "Rosalind has great compassion for people." Hugh says of his wife, "She has lost herself in service to others."

This is Rosalind and Rebecca's birthday. Pray for them and also for Mrs. W. N. Claxton, Ibadan, B. E. Cockrum, Jr., Oshogbo, Nigeria, W. G. Henderson, Korea, ev.; Mrs. H. T. Gruver, Phoenix, Ariz., Sp. sp.

24 FRIDAY In thee the fatherless findeth mercy. Hosea 14:3 (read vv. 1-7).

Louis O'Conner, Jr., missionary to Korea, writes: "Our receiving center for abandoned babies is overflowing. We receive these babies in every condition imaginable: fat, healthy, clean, dirty, filthy, covered with sores, hungry, and starving."

"Another pathetic group in Korea are the children of American soldiers. Their plight is often worse than that of orphans, for they are not accepted by Korean society." Pray for this center.

Pray for Mr. O'Conner, Mrs. C. W. Campbell, Argentina, ev.; D. Bejarano, N. M., C. D. Hardy, Mr. A. J. Terry, Brazil, Mrs. Earl Parker,

China-Korea, ret., Doris Penkert, Recife, Brazil, ed.

25 SATURDAY I will not leave you comfortless. I will come to you. John 14:18 (read vv. 15-21).

A missionary to Japan writes: "A theme written by a Japanese student began, 'I am so lonesomeness.' He went on to say that on the streets of Tokyo with ten million people, no matter where he went he felt lonely. Later he asked, 'Do you know what I mean?' I prayed as I answered, 'Yes, I understand your meaning in English, but I don't know the feeling. You see, I'm never lonely.' I told him how I really never feel alone, for I have Jesus with me all the time. And as he looked amazed I told him I hoped he'd know this assurance by taking Jesus as his Saviour." Pray for this student and thousands like him.

G. A. Clark, Japan, A. F. Garner, Argentina, D. R. Smith, Valencia, Venezuela, T. E. Bryant, Brazil, S. M. James, Vietnam, ev.; Marine Joyce Carmichael, La., RM.

26 SUNDAY I will pay my vows unto the Lord now in the presence of all his people. Psalm 116:14 (read vv. 12-19).

A wealthy Chinese contractor and his wife, living in Singapore, professed faith in Christ and were baptized. With them lived his frail seventy-year-old mother who had come from Shanghai to live her last days with her eldest son. The typical attitude toward the elderly is "Mother has been a Buddhist all her life; it is useless to disturb her." But this son began reading and explaining the Scriptures to his mother. Some time later he came to his missionary pastor, Charles H. Morris, saying, "My mother is ready to profess Christ. Although she has not been out of the home for about ten years because of illness, she now wants to come to church and tell everyone she is trusting in Jesus as her Saviour." "God will give me the strength," was her conviction. And he did.

Pray for Mr. Morris, Singapore. Mrs. W. M. Moore, Nigeria, Mrs. J. E. Thrower, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, W. D. Morgan, Canal Zone, ev.; Carter Bearden, Deatur, Ga., deaf.

27 MONDAY There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus. Gal. 3:28 (read vv. 22-29).

"On our last Sunday in the United States before embarking for Brazil," writes Mrs. Ira S. Perkins, missionary to Sao Paulo, "my family and I joined Christian friends at First Baptist

Church, New Orleans, in observing the Lord's Supper. Three weeks later we shared the same experience at Pompei Baptist Church in Sao Paulo. We felt oneness with both congregations, though they were far apart in distance. We were one because we had put on Christ. There is neither white nor black, American nor Brazilian, rich nor poor, man nor woman, for all are one in Christ Jesus."

Pray for Mrs. Perkins, Brazil, Mrs. C. A. Allison, Dor es Salaam, Tanganyika, etc. F. M. Horton, Japan, ed.

28 TUESDAY I will pray with the spirit, and I will pray with the understanding also. 1 Cor. 14:15 (read vv. 10-13).

Many Southern Baptist missionaries live and work amid conditions which change rapidly politically, economically, and culturally. They need our prayer. Prayer should be based on accurate information. We need to learn to interpret news and understand its meaning in the light of the world situation. In order to pray intelligently and with understanding we must also be more diligent about reading our Baptist mission periodicals. Then we can, in prayer, truly identify ourselves with missionaries and the peoples among whom they live. Missionaries long for us to be able to understand their situations.

Pray for Louise Mitchell, Farmington, N. M., Ind. av.; J. B. Parker, Tez., ret.; Mrs. T. N. Clinchdale, Mrs. R. L. Fielden, Brazil, W. R. Madhag, Japan, ev.

29 WEDNESDAY By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another. John 13:35 (read vv. 31-38).

Albert McClellan, of the Executive Committee, SBC, concludes from his visits to foreign mission fields: "Foreign mission work, as I observed it is not one or two big things, but a thousand little things; such as, heart-to-heart conversations, seeds planted, kindness shown. It is a tiny gain here and a tiny gain there, often unnoticed but it is what builds the kingdom of God."

Missionary Paul Box affirms: "The people of the world are looking for a demonstration of the message of salvation in human living, from us who live among them as well as from you back home."

Pray for Mr. Box, Singapore, Malaya, Mrs. R. K. Benson, Uruguay, ev.; Mrs. J. D. Belote, Hong Kong, Mrs. J. A. Foster,* Philippines, ed.; Ruth Porter, Paraguay, Donna Stiles, So. Rhodesia, RN; Johnnie L. Hobbs, New Orleans, La., GWC

30 THURSDAY We are not forsaken. 2 Cor. 4:8-9 (read vv. 1-7).

Glendon Grober, missionary to Brazil, says: "Our evangelical service had just started when a group of Roman Catholic men and boys began trying to interrupt the services by making all kinds of noise outside. But the people inside paid no attention to the uproar for they are used to persecution. They were determined that this service would continue in spite of every difficulty. I kept on preaching."

"Then sticks and sand began to fly through the open windows. The people sat there and listened."

"After the benediction I went to speak to an old woman who had been sitting near a window. 'Were you seriously hurt by the objects that struck you?' I asked. She replied, 'I'm all right. They hurt my Saviour a lot more than me.'"

Pray for Mrs. Grober, Brazil, Mrs. I. M. Southerland, Jr., Tokyo, Japan, RN; H. V. Davis, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Mrs. R. W. Buehler, Argentina, Mrs. A. L. Davis, Jr., Kanchow Hong Kong, Mrs. J. A. Herring, Taiwan, ev.; I. N. Patterson, Nigeria, BA; Dan Contreras, Las Vegas, N. M., Sp. sp.; G. L. Gladner, Mexico, Negro, ev.; Mrs. Rafael Gullen, Panama, H. O. Hurt, Canal Zone, ev.

31 FRIDAY Jesus was moved with compassion toward them, and he healed their sick. Matt. 14:14 (read vv. 14-21).

A poor man brought to Baptist Hospital, Asuncion, Paraguay, has three children who were wasting away from malaria. The treatment given them had an immediate and almost miraculous effect. They returned the next day for further treatment and were stopped by a man who said, "If you go in there, you are not a true Paraguayan, because you are leaving the religion of your fathers." The father replied, "Although I have heard of compassion all my life, this is the first place I have ever found it." Unafraid, he and his family walked through the gate to the hospital.

Pray for Mrs. William Skinner, Asuncion, Paraguay, Mrs. A. W. Compton, Santos, Chile, June Cooper, Japan, ev.; Mrs. H. L. Papp, 1962 to Japan, RN

app	appointed	med	medical
BA	business administration	pub	publication
ed	education	ret	retired
ev.	evangelism	RM	rescue mission
GWC	Good Will Center	RM	nurse
Ind	Indian	Sp. sp	Spanish speaking
MC	mission center	SW	student work
MD	doctor		terlough

"The Glow of the Heart"

Before her death, Isak Dineson wrote a charming piece about her countryman, Hans Christian Andersen. Fantasy and eerie beauty in a provocative way are in all her writings. These characteristics are reflected in part in "The Glow of the Heart" which appeared in Glamour, December, 1962.

When Isak Dineson was a little girl she played a game at night with "Uncle Andersen" after the nurse had read her one of his tales and left the room. Then the little girl could call out in her thoughts, "Uncle Andersen, come and play with me." Finally he would consent "just for once."

The play ended with the cry, "Oh Uncle Andersen, how could you write such a terribly sad thing as the story of the little match girl? No matter how hard I try, I cannot forget her." "I do not want you to forget her," he said. "... I know what it feels like to be all alone and to weep in solitude. I want all rich and happy children in the world to think kindly of such poor children and to help them."

Hans Andersen died before Isak Dineson was born. "Yet," said she, "I have the feeling that I know him well and that he has been a friend of mine."

Isak Dineson wrote Shadows on the Grass, a WMS Round Table selection in 1962.

Population Explosion

A new book worth investigating, is World Without Want by Paul G. Hoffman, director of the United Nations Special Fund.

This small easily read book deals primarily with the role of the UN and gives little attention to other aid programs. Chief criticism of Mr. Hoffman's proposal that the richer nations provide two billion dollars of "soft loans" a year for seven years in addition to the aid now contributed is that it is too one-sided in its proposals. Very little is written about states helping themselves as being a part of our effective aid to them. Perhaps the most glaring omission in the book is the part that international Communist aggression plays in forcing nations to divert great sums from development to defense. It is common knowledge that poor countries where populations are great-

DID YOU READ IT

by Mrs. William McMurry

est cannot support armies and industries at the same time. Mr. Hoffman does not always make it clear why Asia, Africa, and Latin America show so little progress in self-help.

Her Father's House

It is a poignant story of a missionary family out West in the early days of frontier missions. Two children are waiting in the low opening of their dug-out home for the return of the father. They are cold, barefooted, and a little weary with watching as they anxiously look across the Plains for the sight of the familiar figure on a white mule. These children talk about the last box that came from the "ladies back East." How they hope another one will arrive before winter comes in earnest. In the middle of their conversation the father is discovered slowly approaching the dugout. With joy and questions the whole family greet him. Was there any mail from the Board? Would there be money to finish the half-covered uprights of a one-room house? What about his work? He joyfully told of souls won and made light of his own poor, thin clothes and weariness but he couldn't bring himself to tell his family that because of debt the Board could not advance his salary of \$40 for timber to finish his house. His wife announced that supper would soon be ready--a supper of peas and bread. He listened to her cough as she put the scanty fare on the table. He looked at his little children. Jane, the oldest, who had waited with her brother for him to come home was obviously sick. There she was bent over an old copy of *Youth's Companion*. Poor child, she had never been to school in all her life. Nor had she known a little girl as a playmate. But how she loved that skeleton of a house! She talked about it, she played in it, she prayed about it. She could never remember sleeping with a roof over her head and the desire of her heart was to live in her "father's house." While these thoughts chased each other in and out of his mind, little Jane came over and said, "Will the box come in time?" He thought it would.

Days slipped into weeks. The preacher worked away on the house. He had sold his mule for food and bought a little lumber on credit. It was a cold clear day. Jane was now desperately ill. All this day she had talked brokenly of "my father's house." At nightfall she called out faintly.

"Father, what are mansions?" "Houses, darling." "Write to the box ladies, father, and tell them I have gone to God's mansion. I won't need my dress. Tell them, father, to send it to another little girl, quickly, before she gets so cold--so cold like me." She smiled and was gone.

The story aroused some criticism as "overstrained" but critics were silenced when a missionary from the West told his own story which was almost parallel to the one written by Miss Heck. The leaflet, Miss Annie Armstrong stated contributed to "deepening interest in frontier missions as no other known single agency." Today a copy of "Her Father's House" is in the archives of Woman's Missionary Union.

The Challenge of Changing Times

by
Margaret
Bruce



It was good but it is poor. But the past is not, however, to have regard to influence. These are words of Miss Emma L. S. Heck, former president of Woman's Missionary Union, being recalled the deep respect which WMU members have for the past. But there is scarcely any phase of our work today which has not been influenced by the past and is still equipped and strengthened for the future by our inspiring heritage.

While times have changed, women themselves have changed very little. Women have always felt the need for love, for understanding, for fellowship, for work, and for the sense of being needed. It was just such needs as these that led the Baptist women of seventy-five years ago to bring into being an organization that bound them together for the purpose of "stimulating the missionary spirit and the power of giving among women and young people in the churches."

In 1917 Florence A. Johnson said: "The demands of the future will give less attention to the home because the home will need less. . . . Education . . . and other mechanical and social work will be indispensable to the women's world; that . . . women's energy will be conserved for use in broader, more constructive fields."

Back in those "days yesteryear" days there were few labor-saving devices for home work. Women baked their own bread, made soap, did the family wash and made most of the family's clothing. Neighborly hand-lauding, common washers, driers, and ironers have greatly simplified today's necessities. A recent survey reveals that 54.3 per cent of dishwashing time is saved by the electric dishwasher.

In the twentieth century, styles are marked by a "dizzy game" in going to the limit of the fast-moving automobiles. Three generations ago women traveled mostly on foot.

Her Father's House by Margaret Bruce. Woman's Missionary Union, 1917.

The hair curling process underwent much change too. There were the curl papers, the curling irons, the water waves,

At the 1911 Annual Meeting of Women's Missionary Union it was recommended that societies adopt an eight-point Standard of Excellence to improve the quality of their

During the 75th Anniversary of WMU we also celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Girls Auxiliary. In commemoration of these two important anniversaries we suggest a Mother-Daughter Social on May 11, 1961. Detailed plans have been sent to each WMU president. See Forcaster for additional information relating to this annual.

The women of yesterday were called to a deeper, holier consecration of self and substance. In the midst of our 75th Anniversary, Woman's Missionary Union members are called again to commit self, substance, and service to the promation of Christ's cause around the world. Let us recall Mr. Edison's words and use the energy being conserved in these changing times for broader, more constructive Kingdom work.

Co-Laborers with God

by Dr. Baker J. Cauthen

*Executive Secretary
Foreign Mission Board*



WORLD missions of necessity can have geographical limitations. It begins at the very spot where each individual is standing and moves out in widening circles to all the ends of the earth.

Thanks be to God. We do not as individuals find ourselves having to stand alone in such a great responsibility. We link hands with each other in our churches and the churches cooperate through the Southern Baptist Convention. Southern Baptists co-operate with other Baptists throughout all the world and with all tel-

low Christians who love the cause of world-wide witness in the Master's name.

The Home Mission Board stands as a channel of ministry within our own country. Without it minority groups would be sadly neglected. Great cities would witness the tragedy of spiritual neglect growing out of shifting populations. Large areas of our own country where twentieth century developments have created for us unavoidable responsibilities would go unserved except for the ministries of this great Board.

The Foreign Mission Board reaches

across the world in the name of Christ as a channel through which more than 32,000 churches co-operating with the Southern Baptist Convention extend their ministries of love and compassion. A steady advance is being maintained as is indicated by the fact that ten years ago we were at work in thirty countries and now we serve fifty-two. God is giving to Southern Baptists a fresh concept of ministry on a world scale.

The Baptist World Alliance links together in fellowship Baptist groups throughout the entire world. Some of these groups are very small and are encouraged as they sense the strength and maturity of those who come from places where work has been long established. It lifts its voice on behalf of Baptist principles where those principles may be unknown or disregarded. Through its activities, Baptist leaders come to know each other and find stimulation in spiritual growth.

If the spiritual resources of this mighty

force can be combined through intercessory prayer, we can be sure that fresh concepts of service will be born in our hearts and to an increasing degree we will understand how to herald the message of Christ in the world of today and demonstrate it in loving ministries of service and training.

If we respond to our Lord's expectations with dedication, zeal, and daring, we will discover that we have served not only our generation, but the future as well. May God grant that we shall so stimulate the study of missions, deepen the concern for intercessory prayer, and strengthen the channels of missionary giving through the Co-operative Program, the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, and the Annie Armstrong Offering that we will see Baptists setting a worthy example to all Christian people in the world of sharing worthily whatever God puts in our hands with the whole world in keeping with our Master's Great Commission.



Courts Redford

*Executive Secretary
Home Mission Board*

THIS is America's hour. In every generation there is one nation above every other that represents the hope and welfare of mankind. The United States is the hope of liberty-loving peoples today.

And Christ is the hope of America and of the whole world. America must take the Christian message if the world is to have it in our generation. We cannot take that which we do not have. America must be Christian.

America must have a spiritual awakening—a genuine revival of God's power.

Southern Baptists are in a favored posi-

tion to furnish leadership in such a revival. We have about 33,000 churches with more than 10 million members. We have 41,000 preachers and more than 10,000 young men and women studying in our colleges and seminaries. We have the money. A total of our income would exceed \$2 billion per year. We have in our denomination the plans and programs needed. We have the message—God's message—the Bible translated into many languages.

We lack but one thing—the personal dedication and inspiration to use our talents and resources in effective witness.

This Is America's Hour

This is where Woman's Missionary Union, which has contributed so largely to missionary service for seventy-five years, can make her finest contribution today.

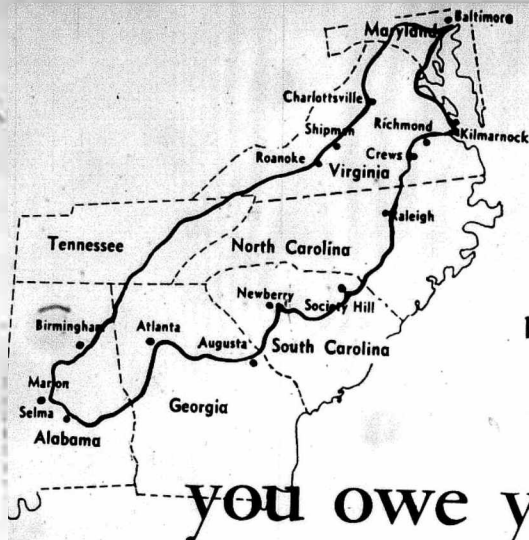
Through her effective channels of missionary education we will inform our constituency in respect to mission needs and opportunities. With the prayer emphasis she will awaken spiritual concern and inspire all who are touched by her far-flung ministries to redouble their efforts in making Christ known at home and abroad. Through the talents and witness of her members she will exemplify the gospel of

Christ in daily living and spread the good news to all who hunger for salvation.

Through the gifts and sacrificial offerings of her members she will put feet, and hands, and tongues, to the message of eternal life that will carry the gospel to every person in her community and her homeland and around the world.

With God directing her fine leadership, and with confidence and whole-hearted support of Southern Baptists, she is abundantly able to meet the challenge.

What a challenge for Woman's Missionary Union as she enters a new era!



by Elaine Dickson

A trip you owe yourself

If you're a history enthusiast, a dyed-in-the-wool traveler at heart, or just in the mood for a trip—you can discover fascinating places to visit in connection with the 75th Anniversary of Woman's Missionary Union.

Early WMU history centers in the South and East. A family vacation in these areas, or an afternoon drive for some, will reveal the fascination of the past. The Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Atlantic City, New Jersey, in 1964, will be an opportunity; or a journey can be yours through the magic of maps and books.

On the map, you see the locations of some of the landmarks of WMU and mission history. Shall we start in Birmingham, Alabama? Or you may pick up the trail at the point nearest you.

Alabama

Birmingham—1111 Comer Building was headquarters for WMU from 1921-1950; 600 North 20th St. is the address of WMU headquarters today, where a

guided tour awaits you.

(Read: *Following in His Train*, Cox, out of print)

Marion—Judson College (named for Ann Hasseltine Judson), the oldest Baptist college for girls in the world.

A plaque in the parlor of First Baptist Church marks organization of the Home Mission Board in Marion in 1845.

(Read: *History of Home Mission Board*, Lawrence, out of print)

Selma—Birthplace and burial place of Miss Kathleen Mallory, executive secretary of Woman's Missionary Union, SBC, 1912-1948.

(Read: *The Story of Kathleen Mallory*, U.S.S., \$2.50)

Georgia

Atlanta—Headquarters of Home Mission Board, 161 Spring St., N. W.

Augusta—The First Baptist Church is the place where the Southern Baptist Convention was organized in 1845.

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South Carolina

Newberry—The grave of Luther Rice is located at Pine Pleasant Baptist Church on Route 19 from Saluda to Newberry.

(Read: *The Dreamer Cometh*, Cateston, 75c)

Society Hill—Home of Miss Martha E. McIntosh, first president of Woman's Missionary Union, SBC (1888-1891). See Welsh Neck Baptist Church with outside baptistry in which Miss McIntosh was baptized, and nearby cemetery where her grave is located.

North Carolina

Raleigh—Fannie E. S. Heck's family home is on Blount Street. Visit Oakwood Cemetery, the burial place of Miss Heck. A memorial tablet is in First Baptist Church and a memorial fountain stands on the campus of Meredith College.

Virginia

Crewe—Lottie Moon's burial place in the Baptist church cemetery. Note memorial window in the church.

(Read: *Lottie Moon*, by Lawrence, \$1.00, or *Her Own Way*, by Monell, \$2.50)

Richmond—Home of Broad Street Methodist Church, where Woman's Missionary Union was organized in 1888. Take a tour of Foreign Mission Board headquarters at 3806 Monument Avenue. Visit Hollywood Cemetery where many leaders of the Southern Baptist Convention are buried, including Dr. George Braxton Taylor, co-founder of the Sunbeam Band, and Dr. M. Theron Rankin, former executive secretary of the Foreign Mission Board.

(Read: *M. Theron Rankin, Apostle of Adversity*, by Weatherston, out of print)

Kilmarnock—Birthplace of Henrietta Hall Shuck. Near Kilmarnock is Merry

Point, her childhood home, and Moratino Church, her first church.

(Read: *A Pioneer for Jesus*, by Bonaway, 75c)

Shipman—Nearby is the Fairmount Baptist Church. Here, in 1886, the first Sunbeam society was formed while Dr. George Braxton Taylor was pastor. Mrs. Anna L. Elson, leader of first Sunbeam Band, is buried in church cemetery.

(Read: *The Story of Cousin George*, by Monell, \$2.00)

Roanoke—Dr. George Braxton Taylor was pastor of Enon Baptist Church, Hollins College, Virginia, for 20 years. See plaque in church.

Maryland

Baltimore—Miss Annie Armstrong's home is at 1108 McCallough St. Visit her grave and read the inscription at Greenmount Cemetery. 15 West Franklin St. marks the place of Southern WMU headquarters for 33 years.

Keep in mind that the trail is designed to be helpful, not rigid. By changing its routing now and then, by wandering off on side trips of your own, you will get the most from your journey.

And speaking of side trips . . . why not take a look at Baptist and WMU history in your own state and association? There are landmarks near you which can speak for the past. Visit them. These journeys will heighten your appreciation for the heritage which is yours, and illumine your future missionary service with hope and dedication.

An historical pilgrimage, whether near or far, real or imaginary, is a trip you owe yourself in connection with the 75th Anniversary of Woman's Missionary Union.

ORDER ALL BOOKS, EXCEPT THOSE OUT OF PRINT, FROM BAPTIST BOOK STORES

HISTORY points to landmarks which stand as reminders of past events and people who shaped the destiny of today. Places rich in WMU and mission history await our arrival. A historical pilgrimage is a trip you owe yourself . . . whether you take it in a rocking chair with map and book in hand, or arrive in person to be caught up in the wonder of the past.

Laborers Together With God

Through the Years

PROGRAM OUTLINE

Prayer

Happy Birthday!

Just One Woman

A Woman Here

"We've a Story to Tell"

(Can use the record of this GA hymn*)

A State WMU Pioneer

A Woman of 1868

Women of 1888

Women since 1888

A Leader Today

Devotional Thoughts

Scripture Reading

Prayer

*Order "We've a Story to Tell" on 45 RPM record for \$1.00 from Woman's Missionary Union, 600 North 20th Street, Birmingham 3, Ala.

by Mary Christian

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Broadman Press
Nashville, Tenn.

To the Program Committee: Plan a "pretty" program for this WMU birthday month of May. But make it worshipful and inspirational too. As you plan, keep in mind program purposes:

1. To see how God uses persons to promote his cause.

2. To understand the place of Girls' Auxiliary in missionary training.

3. To try to help each member realize what her service can mean in Christ's kingdom.

Decorate the place of meeting attractively and appropriately for both a 75th and 50th birthday. You will have many good ideas but here is one suggestion. Arrange a banquet table at the front of the room. Use your best linen, silver, and china. In the center of the table place a three-tier birthday cake—either real or make-believe. On each tier arrange twenty-five candles. On top of the cake place a glittery 75; on the second tier, place a gold 50.

Let the program chairman and those participating in the program discussions sit at the banquet table. Carry out the program as if it were a banquet and the participants were invited guests. Arrange for special music and perhaps pay tribute to a charter or early member of your society.

Period costumes for some would add color; perhaps the program chairman in modern dress with various speakers in costumes. Or, all the speakers might be in modern dress and after each one finishes,

let one representing the person eulogized or discussed, come out in costume. Be sure the costumes do not "take away" from the messages. The chief purpose of the program, remember, is to show how God uses his followers to bring in his kingdom.

Happy Birthday! (by program chairman)

This month, Woman's Missionary Union is seventy-five years old. It was in May, 1888, that thirty-two women from ten states voted in Richmond, Virginia, to form this significant Baptist woman's organization. Today, we say happy birthday to all members of Woman's Missionary Union.

Emerson said, "Every institution is the lengthened shadow of one man." He pointed out John and Charles Wesley as synonymous with Methodism; Fox as synonymous with Quakerism.

Woman's Missionary Union is not the lengthened shadow of one man nor one woman, but of many women who saw that through united effort they could serve God more effectively. Today, we look at pioneer women and recall when you may already know about them, incidents which show courage and consecration.

We hope that as a result of this "remembering" program you will realize that every individual is important to God and each has a contribution to make to his kingdom. That includes every woman here today.

Just One Woman

She was just one woman, and historical records always refer to her as a "helpless cripple," who organized the first woman's missionary society on record, "The Boston Female Society for Missionary Purposes." Its members were eight Baptists and six Congregationalists. Miss Mary Webb kept an accurate account of the society's gifts to missions, a separate account for Baptist and for Congregational women. The Bap-

rists gave a little more, but they outnumbered the Congregationalists by two.

Later, Miss Webb organized a Baptist Woman's Missionary Society, then a Children's Cent Society. Through her efforts 121 missionary societies were organized, and she kept in contact with them through countless letters. Friends in Boston often told of seeing Miss Webb in her wheelchair pushing herself along on her visits to needy people.

Just one "helpless cripple," but she is referred to as the beginner of organized missionary effort for women. Back in 1800 Miss Mary Webb of Boston, Massachusetts, did not realize that more than a century and a half later women would be expressing appreciation for her vision and devotion to the missionary task.

Almost twelve years later, another woman—just one woman—led out in organizing a missionary society in her community in the South. That woman was Mrs. Hepzibeth Jenkins Townsend, a charming woman of culture and means of Edisto Island, Charleston, South Carolina.

Dr. Richard Furman (for whom Furman University, a South Carolina Baptist school, was named) visited the island and preached to a group there. Mrs. Townsend was greatly stirred by his missionary messages. She gave expression to the inspiration by inviting women of both Wadmalaw and Edisto communities to her home and led them in organizing the Wadmalaw and Edisto Female Mite Society in 1811. Later that society contributed \$124.50 for a school to be opened for the Catawba Indians.

In Luther Rice's report to the Triennial Convention in 1814, there was recorded a "donation by the Wadmalaw and Edisto Female Mite Society of \$11." This was the only society mentioned in the list of contributors.

A church was needed on Edisto Island. It was organized and through Mrs. Townsend's efforts a building was erected. She contributed a piece of family silver, a tankard for the communion service, and or-

dered from England goblets to match.

Attics have concealed treasures for centuries but none more sought after than mission records which contain elusive bits of history. Such a treasure was the voluminous correspondence of Mrs. Lucy Thornton found in a garret in Athens, Georgia.

These yellowed pages belonged to Mrs. Lucy Cobb who had moved from Fredericksburg, Va., to "the far country" of Georgia. Her friend, loving "dear particulars" in letter writing kept Mrs. Cobb informed about church affairs of the young missionary society in Fredericksburg organized in November of 1814.

In one of the letters was a leaflet containing the first recorded constitution of a missionary society, her own Fredericksburg Female Baptist Society for Foreign Missions. This leaflet became a "living seed." Five years later the Female Mite Society of Athens and Vicinity was organized by Mrs. Cobb and Mrs. Thornton who had moved to Georgia that year.

Folded in the pages of the same correspondence was the record of the new Georgia society in the handwriting of Mrs. Thornton. The constitution suggested a modest membership fee of "at least fifty-two cents a year."

Just one missionary-hearted woman often led in organizing those early missionary societies.

A Woman Here

(Give a brief tribute to a pioneer woman of your Woman's Missionary Society. An exhibit of your early WMU records, pictures, and other interesting materials might be arranged for members to examine on adjournment.)

A State WMU Pioneer

State Central Committees came into being because devoted missionary minded women believed in laboring together with God. It would be impossible to pay tribute to all the women of our states who in the beginning helped in organizing state and

convention-wide Woman's Missionary Unions. But I would mention one. *(Tell of an early state WMU leader. See your state WMU history or your state Baptist paper for pioneers who contributed to your history. You may wish to feature charter members and early accomplishments. If you do not have access to your state WMU history, omit "A State WMU Pioneer.")*

A Woman of 1868

No more thrilling story of the power of one woman is recorded in the history of Southern Baptist missions than that of Mrs. Ann Graves.

In May, 1868, the Southern Baptist Convention met in Baltimore. A woman's meeting was an unheard-of thing, yet here was an opportunity to reach many "American women for other women." Mrs. Graves threw natural timidity to the wind and asked women attending the Convention to meet in the basement of a church. A "Large number" came in response.

An eyewitness described Mrs. Graves "dressed in her Quaker-like gray costume, her poke bonnet shading her angelic face." It was no easy matter for her to address the meeting. She told the women that her missionary son had said men could not enter the homes of the Chinese women. She begged them to go home to their churches and organize societies to employ native Bible women in China. The results of this first general meeting of Southern Baptist women for missions were far-reaching. The call to organize went to women everywhere in the South.

Women of 1888

First Speaker: Miss Annie Armstrong is the woman of 1888 I want to talk about now. She had a vital part in the organization of Woman's Missionary Union. It was she who made the motion in the 1887 meeting at Louisville, Kentucky, that a committee be appointed to plan for the meeting at Richmond to vote on organization. It was she who made the motion at the 1888 Richmond meeting that the women organize;

and it was she who became the first corresponding secretary of the organization.

Miss Armstrong grew up in Maryland missionary societies. She absorbed missionary fervor from Maryland's organization, "Woman's Mission to Woman." She was interested in all the work of the Convention.

She compared the Southern Baptist Convention to a hand which she said is "a beautiful piece of God's mechanism, admirably constructed and adjusted to various uses. Its divisions acting separately, yet most efficiently when harmoniously converged." The hand made an excellent illustration of the Southern Baptist Convention in its diversified branches of service. She let the first finger represent the Foreign Mission Board, the second finger, the Home Mission Board, the third, the Sunday School Board, and the fourth, the seminary to train preachers to support the work of these boards. Then she added that the thumb represented Woman's Missionary Union because by its missionary purpose it has the facility to reach all divisions.

Miss Armstrong worked closely with the men secretaries of the various boards. Comments in her letters to Dr. T. P. Bell, secretary of the Sunday School Board, reveal her adept in public relations, a very human person whose whole life was devoted to missions. Here are excerpts:

"I wish with this letter I might send you a large palm leaf fan and a very attractive pitcher of iced lemonade for I think if you had these you might have more patience to consider my numerous [her word] items which I shall now have to present to you. But as these comforts or rather necessities during this intensely hot weather cannot be sent through the mail I will have to ask that you either provide them for yourself or consent to be a martyr."

Miss Armstrong needed Bibles for missionary Marie Bulthmaier to use with foreigners coming into the Baltimore port. When she wrote Dr. Bell about this need she told him that there were three ways

she could get the Bibles—by a grant from the Sunday School Board, from the Publication Society in the North, or from General Bible Society. She stated that either of the two societies would be glad to contribute in order that they might use the organization to get publicity, but she felt she ought to give the Sunday School Board the first opportunity to help! Surely Dr. Bell got those Bibles for Miss Armstrong!

A generous, gracious woman, loyal to the denomination, convinced of the importance of Woman's Missionary Union through which women could serve—dedicated to world missions—that was Annie Armstrong!

Second Speaker: (If possible let this speaker be a Girls' Auxiliary counselor or a member of Girls' Auxiliary who will speak out clearly.) The woman I want to tell about is Miss Fannie E. S. Heck. She was president of WMU in 1913 when Girls' Auxiliary was organized as the missionary organization for Junior and Intermediate girls. She believed in graded missionary organization for the training of young people. In her book, *In Royal Service*, she tells of a Sunbeam leader who wondered why women were so timid about reading, talking, and praying; why some were indifferent to the work of the missionary society. The answer Miss Heck gave was that they were not trained as children.

While president of Woman's Missionary Union, SBC, Miss Heck included in an Annual Meeting message, a summary "of the five component parts of a vital institution. The fifth part she said was, 'A system by which the work of the institution may be passed from generation to generation, serving the present age of each.' For Woman's Missionary Union, Girls' Auxiliary is the middle daughter of the present generation of missionary organizations—between Sunbeam Band and Young Woman's Auxiliary.

Writing of a fullgraded WMU Miss Heck explained, "If all these branches, the Woman's Missionary Society is the head. If any grade is weak or omitted, the

responsibility rests with that organization. For the elder society to work, no matter how diligently, without building up the young people's branches is an attempt to build a permanent house without a permanent foundation."

Women Since 1888

From a list of countless notable women let me call the names of two who led Woman's Missionary Union after Miss Heck and Miss Armstrong and before our present leaders. They are Kathleen Mallory and Juliette Mather.

Miss Kathleen Mallory* was executive secretary of WMU, SBC, for thirty-six years. Reared in a Christian home of culture and means, she began her service in WMU shortly after graduation from college. She was beautiful and gracious though "unmovable" in her conviction. She considered her body the temple of the soul and adhered to strict health habits in order to conserve strength to perform the work to which she believed God had called her. Friends rooming with her at conventions would often get the reply to a question asked after they retired, "Good night, dear friend." She was a steward of her money and time, and sought to help the WMU office staff to be stewards also. At morning prayers lights in unused rooms were turned out to save electricity, and each time during the day when she left her office she flipped off the light.

Miss Mallory was one of the most appreciative of all people. On field engagements, if a woman met her at the train, took her to ride, called the station for schedules for her, or did any other kind gesture, Miss Mallory got the woman's name and address and wrote a note of gratitude. And how she praised the Lord when the mission offerings went over the goals. One time at an Executive Committee meeting when the offerings had far exceeded the goals, she spontaneously asked the women to stand and sing "Praise God

*See *The Story of Kathleen Mallory*, 1901, from Baptist Book Stores.

from whom all blessings flow." Then she suggested that they kneel in a prayer of gratitude. Wanting to save money for missions, she reminded them to roll their hose before they knelt so they would not tear them, and have to buy more!

Juliette Mather became young people's secretary for Woman's Missionary Union while Miss Mallory was executive secretary, in 1921. Today, no one rejoices more than she in the 50th anniversary of Girls' Auxiliary. She promoted GA Camps, Forward Steps, and urged the study of mission books and magazines. Taking an early retirement in 1957, she went to Japan, then to Taiwan to serve as Bible and English teacher. She is teaching in Taiwan University today.

World Comrades, the first WMU magazine for young people made its advent in 1922 under her leadership. In 1929 *The Window of YWCA* was launched; later *Tell for Girls' Auxiliary and Sunbeam Activities*. Miss Mather inaugurated the Ridgcrest YWA Conference in 1924 and the Grace McBride Young Woman's Auxiliary in 1925.

During her years of leadership in Woman's Missionary Union she had the faculty of inspiring and challenging young people to undertake work that required vision and realism, and many entered into conquest for Christ because of her dedication to missions.

Like Miss Mallory, Juliette Mather has the same sense of stewardship of life, of money, and of time. Perhaps Henry Martyn's words express her desire—"Now, let me burn out for Him" (see page 54).

A Leader Today

Use information, page 9 and present Mrs. R. L. Mathis; then give thoughts from her article, "Tomorrow Beckons," page 9.

Devotional Thoughts

While on earth, Jesus saw the individual and called the individual to serve him. When he touched the blind man's eyes and asked him what he saw, the reply was "I see men as trees, walking." Mark 8:24.

Jesus touched the man's eyes a second time and then he saw every man clearly!

Today we've seen how in WMU God uses individuals to promote his cause. May we come back for the second touch of Jesus to see individuals in need of him and commit our all to witnessing for him.

Scripture Reading: Esther 4:14; Genesis 22:10-12.

Silent Prayer of Dedication



PART OF THE
WMS TEAM
AT "600"

LOVELY CHRISTIANS are Mrs. Ben Bowers and Julia Williams (standing) who are secretaries in the WMS Department at WMU Headquarters, 600 North 20th Street, Birmingham 3, Ala.

Like other secretaries they type letters, *Forecaster* and *Royal Service* copy. This you expect of secretaries; in addition Julia and Evelyn are characterized by a wonderfully co-operative spirit. They readily respond in every situation. They are a source of inspiration to all of us in the department.

Miss Margaret Bruce is director of this department. Look on pages 5, 7, 39, 44, for pictures of Miss Bruce and others in the WMS department.

YOUR daughters and their friends in your church will miss an historic event unless members of your Woman's Missionary Society plan for them to go.



GIRLS' AUXILIARY 50th Anniversary CONVENTIONS

THE Girls' Auxiliary's Fiftieth Anniversary Conventions are scheduled for June 18-20 and June 20-22, 1963, in the Ellis Auditorium, Memphis, Tennessee. Registration (\$1.00 each) begins at 10:00 o'clock on June 18 and June 20 at the auditorium. Your state WMU office can give you plans for transportation, including mission tours. February *Tell* (cover pictured at left) lists hotels and motels. March *Tell* gives the tentative program; see April and May *Tell* for information regarding each convention.

At the first convened session of each Convention, at 7:00, there will be presented the Girls' Auxiliary Pageant "A GA Remembers" in which a GA and her mother recall the girl's experiences in Girls' Auxiliary.

GAs Grown-up will be featured. Girls will have opportunity to meet Dr. Courts Redford of the Home Mission Board and Dr. Baker J. Cauthen of the Foreign Mission Board as well as seasoned missionaries and newly commissioned missionaries for whom GAs pray day by day. There will be autograph parties when girls can meet personally missionaries and other program personalities.

Miss Betty Brewer, GA director, will preside. Miss Dorothy Weeks, editor of *Tell*, and Miss Katharine Bryan, promotion associate of the GA department will speak, and GAs may get acquainted with these convention leaders.

Your Girls' Auxiliary daughter should not miss one of these conventions—a once-in-a-lifetime historic meeting where she will experience high moments with thousands of GAs from all over the United States.

Your Woman's Missionary Society can help GAs go to Memphis, June 18-20 or June 20-22, 1963.

Where Are They Now?

ILLENESS has hampered the professional pursuits of a former president of Woman's Missionary Union. Mrs. W. J. Cox served from 1925-1933 as president, then from 1934-1952 as WMU treasurer. She lives now at 235 Patterson, Memphis, Tenn., where she was confined to her home several years ago because of a broken hip. She gets out for a daily ride, but does not participate in church or community activities.

Readers of Mrs. Cox's book, *Following in His Train*, will regret to know that she no longer writes for publication.



During the years, many friends, passing through Memphis, have planned brief stop-overs for cherished visits with this friend.

MRS. Wilfred C. Tyler was recording secretary of WMU for 19 years. Until this year she was a member-at-large of the WMU Executive Board. Her duties at Blue Mountain College were greatly increased when her husband became president June 1, 1960. They live in the lovely President's home in Blue Mountain, Mississippi. Mrs. Tyler continues to teach Old Testament, and has three books to her credit, including *Pray Ye*.

"My most treasured memory of WMU is of Miss Mallory on her knees at a Board Meeting thanking God for the over-and-above of a Lottie Moon Christmas Offering," she says.



MISS Juliette Mather retired from Woman's Missionary Union in 1957, going to Japan as a teacher at Seinan Gakuin, Fukuoka, Japan.

Having already taught three years in Japan and one in Taiwan, Miss Mather, after last summer in the states, returned to Taiwan as "foreign missionary without portfolio." In addition to her present duties in Taiwan University, she has a vigorous schedule of private coaching, Bible classes, and other endeavors in Grace Baptist Church in Taipei, Taiwan (Formosa).



During Miss Mather's visit in the States last summer she implied to friends that she will stay in the Orient as long as she feels the Lord wants her there. Her present address is Box 427, Taipei, Taiwan, Free China.

Themselves we often say, "I wonder where she is now."

We are happy to locate old friends and renew within our hearts appreciation for their contributions to the cause of Christ, and to our lives.

by Lila Hopkins

WHEN Miss Ethel Winfield retired from her work at WMU headquarters in Birmingham in 1953, she closed 34 years of unusual dedication to Woman's Missionary Union. Through the years she worked as secretary of the literature department and as Miss Kathleen Mallory's assistant not only in Birmingham at 1111 Comer Building but also in Baltimore, Md.



Miss Winfield lives at 2834 Highland Avenue, South, Birmingham 5, Ala., and is active in the WMS and other work of her church. She is busy in community service as well as in club and music circles of Birmingham. Her life is full and happy as employees at 600 North 20th Street know. She drops by occasionally to visit on her way to the library or art museum.

MRS. George R. Martin, immediate past-president of Woman's Missionary Union, lives at 1908 Powhatan Avenue, Norfolk 8, Virginia. She served Woman's Missionary Union as president from 1945-1956. It was largely through her persistent efforts that there are now Baptist women's continental unions throughout the world.

Mrs. Martin is now president of the WMU in the Freeman Street Baptist Church in Norfolk. She is active in local YWCA, a trustee of the Nannie H. Burroughs School, Washington, member of Executive Committee of the Baptist World Alliance Women's Dept. and the Baptist World Alliance Executive Committee.



FORMER WMU stewardship chairman, Mrs. C. D. Creasman, resides at 106 Spring Valley Road, Donelson, Tennessee. She and her husband, a Baptist pastor, are officially retired. Retirement does not mean inactivity to Mrs. Creasman!

"My special job now is mission study chairman for my Woman's Missionary Society. We have three enthusiastic WMS Round Tables. I hardly know how to point out an outstanding event in my WMU service. I started as a Sunbeam!" Many happy experiences came to her mind.

Mrs. Creasman's friends know her as a woman of great warmth and faith, and recall her great enthusiasm in doing the Lord's work.



Where Are They Now?

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MR. Lyle Moore, Jr., the former Edith Stokely, was Community Missions director for WMU from 1949-1955. She and her family now live at 5515 Woodside Drive, Indianapolis 8, Ind.

Mrs. Moore is chairman of the Board of Christian Education in her church, chairman of a WMS circle, and teaches senior high girls in Sunday school.

She writes, "My most treasured memories are the hours of Christian fellowship with my co-workers in Birmingham, in the states, and with our home and foreign missionaries. The biggest thrills came through letters and personal contacts that let me know the message of community missions was getting through."



DR. Carrie U. Littlejohn told me, "Local work keeps me running around in circles." This former president of Carver School of Missions and Social Work, lives at 311 South Spring Street, Spartanburg, S. C.

She has written the Call to Prayer for *Royal Service* and the book *History of Carver School of Missions and Social Work* (out of print).

"I took on the chairmanship of a circle this year and my other main interest is teaching a class of young matrons. I teach mission study classes and help with associational WMU work when I can find the time."

"One of my most unforgettable experiences was attending my first WMU annual meeting while I was a student at the WMU Training School when decision was made to raise the money to build at 331 E. Broadway in Louisville." Miss Heck was WMU president. One wonders if Dr. Littlejohn anticipated then that one day she would be president of the school!



DR. Emily K. Landell was Miss Littlejohn's successor at Carver School. Where is she now? She lives at 2801 Othello Drive, Raleigh, N. C. and is now Mrs. J. B. Weatherspoon.

Until her marriage in April, 1962, she taught History of Missions and Religions at Southeastern Seminary.

Participating in many community and seminary projects, she refuses to allow outside interests to interfere with her reading. "I am trying to broaden my interest outside the field in which I taught."

She spoke of her happy time at the Training School. Her most treasured memory is friendship with the girls. She mentioned names of young women now serving in Taiwan, Japan, Africa, and elsewhere.

WELCOME
BAPTISTS



Retrospect

1888-1963



RETROSPECT in this 75th Anniversary issue naturally takes us back to Richmond, Va., where on May 11, 1888, the headlines in the Richmond Dispatch read:

"BAPTISTS TO MEET

Over Eight Hundred Delegates and Many Visitors Expected"



MERCHANTS ON BROAD STREET anticipated the influx of Baptists. Then, as now, a preponderance of ministers was expected--many of them with beards and sideburns, dressed in frock coats, white-winged collars, and tall hats. To catch their eyes A. Saks and Company ran a three-column ad on the very front page of the Dispatch headed: Special Mention to Delegates of the Convention. "An invitation to examine ministerial garments--10 per cent discount to all ministers." Merchants decorated their businesses with the expectation of getting the visitors between sessions or away from the sessions. The city offered another attraction--the electric car, unfamiliar to many delegates, which ran without horses along shining rails embedded in the cobblestone street. Waiting to see it go by must have discouraged promptness in getting to the place of meeting and added considerably to the air of expectancy which permeated the atmosphere.

THE APPROACHING MEETINGS in the city produced their own air of expectancy. In the big meeting in the First Baptist Church, who would be elected president of the Convention to succeed Dr. P. H. Mell who had died since being elected in the 1887 convention? And what of the women's meeting in the Broad Street Methodist Church? It





presented quite a different scene with women dressed in long, graceful dresses with tucks and trimmings of lace and velvet ribbon. Shallow straw hats on long, high-coiffured hair added style. Being women of courage, faith, consecration, they had vision for what organization for missions could do. They had courage to venture into untrodden paths, even to speaking in public to mixed groups. They had faith to believe that God was calling them to organize to aid churches and the Convention in missions. They had consecration which made them face awakening opportunities, not as a temporary project but as a life-time commitment. They were women of prayer and power resulting from prayer. The question was, would they vote to organize? What would happen in the Convention if they did? To many this smaller meeting which registered only 32 delegates was dangerous. To others it held a dangerous opportunity which 27 of those delegates seized. To them we pay homage on this 75th Anniversary.

Stimulated by denominational leaders and some pastors, they removed from the agenda of

the convention discussion of the familiar and hackneyed subject of women's work. In that small basement Sunday school room on May 14, WMU was born and set on the path which has harnessed interests and abilities of women and young people and transformed them into prayer and money and dedicated lives--never a detriment to the Convention as some had feared but always an ally in broadening missionary endeavors.

Now the future is ahead. This month we begin the last quarter of our first century of organized life. Women today need the benefits of organization just as they did seventy-five years ago. Young people need to make their contributions to missions and have the preparation missionary organizations give in making life's choices. Our churches and the Convention need an ally in what we pray will be ever-broadening missionary endeavors. So we can truly say the future is ours so long as our lives are characterized by vision, courage, faith, consecration, prayer and the power which comes through the Holy Spirit.



Marie Mathis and Alma Kuen

PROGRAM FOR CIRCLE OR SECOND WMS MEETING

Mission Study Book:
"World Awareness"
by Sadie T. Crawley

Make plans to have this Aims
book taught in Circles or Society.

Circle Theme for the Year: "Unto the stature of Christ" Ephesians 4:13

EDUCATING YOUTH in MISSIONS

by Mrs. Louis L. Dabney

PURPOSE: To show how WMU youth organizations cultivate missionary convictions in hearts of youth.

PROGRAM LEADER: Our program will compare the growth and development of a fruit tree, and the growth and development of the missionary spirit in the hearts of youth. Plan to "grow" a tree during the program.

Fill a flower pot (with sand to support the tree, a fruit seed (preferably a large one, as peach or plum), a bare branch or limb of a tree about two feet tall, a few small colored pictures of the age groups (Sunbeam Band, Girls' Auxiliary, Young Woman's Auxiliary), and adult women. These pictures will be taped to the branches of the tree as parts on the program are given. To make the tree more colorful, use leaves, blossoms--real or artificial, and fruits.

World Awareness, Crawley, 85c; Teacher's Aids, 25c from Baptist Book Stores.

Introduction:

Today we have ringside seats for the "greatest show on earth"--Mother Nature's youngest daughter, Springtime, is making her annual debut. This time of year we are tempted to dig up a garden. We succumb to the "flower fever" and "vegetable virus."

What is the great appeal gardening has for woman? Is it simply the basic desire to have a part in the mysterious and perpetual rhythm of life itself? There is a pattern of growth in all of life--physical, mental, and spiritual. We want a hand in growth to share in fruition. In Ecclesiastes 3:1-2, the writer expresses it this way: "To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven: A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted."

And woman wants a hand in the growth and guidance of young people. By impulse she is mother to her own and to all youth.

She labors to teach the child his place in the world. She also bears responsibility for the spiritual welfare of the untrained. It is often by her attitudes, actions, and words, that a youth becomes aware of God's claims.

Jesus Christ gave us the proper incentive for growth when he blessed the little children: "for of such is the kingdom of God" (Mark 10:14). He rebuked his disciples when they did not understand that a child-like heart is essential in knowing God. He taught adults responsibility to nourish and cultivate the spirit of faith and love within the hearts of children.

One more verse from the third chapter of Ecclesiastes, and we have the full picture of this task for God, "He hath set the world in their heart."

This, then, is our aim in Woman's Missionary Union: to set the world in the hearts of youth.

The Seed

Human growth requires time. It takes time for muscles and bones to grow, for minds to develop, and attitudes to form.

Growth in nature takes time. Today with your permission we are going to plant a seed, grow a tree, and harvest the fruit within the next few minutes. (*Hold seed up in your hand.*) This is a seed from a _____ tree. It has life in it, but that life cannot grow and mature unless the outer shell is broken. It must be placed in the proper environment for best results. It may sprout in a cup of water or sand, but it will never reach full capabilities unless it is put in good soil, with proper cultivation, and is protected against soil deficiencies and from disease. In the parable of the sower (Luke 8:11-15), we are told that the seed is the word of God.

Let us see this seed as representing the word of God planted in human hearts. (*Place seed in flower pot.*) God's Word can find a "growing" place wherever the seed is accepted. How early can the seed be planted? We know that God deals with very young children. (*Let members name characteristics of childhood.*) We bring our babies to Sunday school, and are often

surprised at how early they seem to know that "God is love." Young children learn early that God not only loves them, but that he loves "all the little children of the world."

The need for teaching children God's outreaching love was a spark within Dr. George Taylor, the founder of Sunbeam Band. Dr. Taylor was the pastor of a little church in Fairmount, Virginia. He was a missionary's son and the grandson of the first secretary of the Foreign Mission Board. He desired that children be concerned about the world's need for Christ. Mrs. Anna Elsom, a teacher in his church, shared this desire and taught boys and girls "not only to be good themselves but to help others to be good also." Under their guidance, the Sunbeam class began "helping others for Jesus' sake," this phrase becoming their stated purpose. Dr. Taylor wrote: "Not only can children receive but they can also give. They do not need to wait until they are men and women to know the romance of modern missions."

Other such classes began to be formed to seek missionary information on the child's level, and missionary activity that the child could understand and accept. On the Fiftieth Anniversary of Sunbeam Band, Dr. Taylor wrote: "The Sunbeam movement is based on ideas that are seed from which more glorious fruitage may certainly be expected."

Today 77 years after its beginning, the Band numbers 325,908 members in 29,136 groups. These children from birth through eight years are led in activities suited to their physical and spiritual development. They have happy experiences talking with God and listening to what God says through the Bible. They learn of children in other lands through stories and pictures. They do acts of kindness by helping others in their community. They learn to save their money for special mission offerings.

Abbie Louise Green, Sunbeam Band director, tells of her experience as a Sunbeam: "I do not remember too much about when we went on at the meetings, but I do remember singing, 'Jesus Wants Me for a Sunbeam

It was through songs and stories in the Sunbeam Band that I became interested in children around the world, and wanted to know more about them."

Anna Hunt, executive secretary of Woman's Missionary Union, recalls her Sunbeam leader, Mrs. J. H. Tyler, and the warmth of her personality. She remembers sitting in the circle to hear the missionary story, and also two boys who refused to sit in the circle. They did not disgust the others, only persisted in sitting outside the group. "What about the two boys who sat outside my Sunbeam band circle? Today one is a prominent doctor and the other a successful businessman. More important, both are loyal laymen—the businessman having served as Sunday school superintendent, the doctor as chairman of the board of deacons. I am sure Dr. Tyler had a vision of what Sunbeam Band could mean to boys and girls, but I wonder if Mrs. Tyler could have visualized her two 'corner' boys in manhood," concludes Miss Hunt.

The Plant (*Plant the tree in the flower pot.*)

The seed sprouts. It sends its roots deep into the earth for food and water. It stretches its stalk up toward the warmth and light of the sun. Branches begin to grow off the main stem, and tiny leaves form. The plant takes on a new look, and begins to look like a tree.

So it is with girls from nine through fifteen, the age for Girls' Auxiliary. What are the characteristics of girls of this age group? (*Let members name typical characteristics.*) Girls at this age are sensitive to spiritual truths. They are eager and quick to learn.

In their magazine, *Tell*, the programs of missionary participation as set up by the GA department are aimed at their interests. Miss Fannie Heck recalled in *Royal News* that these girls were called "the missing link," for before organization, there had been no special place in missionary endeavor for girls this age. Older girls were members of Young Woman's Auxil-

iary, and younger boys and girls were Sunbeams. In 1913, Girls' Auxiliary was organized, and the girls were missing links no longer but were joined links in provision for women in missions."

One young GA counselor of today speaks of the tremendous impact Girls' Auxiliary had on her life: "I remember the work on my Forward Steps as the highlight of my growing years; the Scriptures I learned then will always be a vital part of my Christian experience."

Another testimony as to the value of GA activity comes from the mother of a young nurse now in training: "My daughter has given her life to medical missions. I feel that the counselor of GA in our church had great influence on her."

This is a special year for Girls' Auxiliary, the Fiftieth Anniversary of its founding. Through the years Girls' Auxiliary has indeed nurtured the seed into fuller growth and wider service (*tape to tree pictures of children and young girls*).

The Flower

The flowers of the fruit tree broadcast to the world the coming of spring. Their beauty reminds us of lovely Christian young women. During the years from sixteen through twenty-four, the ages for Young Woman's Auxiliary, these girls are completing physical growth. (*Let members name characteristics of this age group.*) They are becoming independent from home, and yet still need love and stability in the family. They are readying themselves to take places in society, to fill their own places. The aims and methods of YWA are almost identical to those of Woman's Missionary Society, for these girls are just a step away from full maturity.

In the YWA Manual a YWA is reminded that the organization is a means by which personal spiritual growth is guided. The member grows closer to God through emphasis on intercessory prayer; she is motivated to move from theory to practice in service to others; she seeks to rid herself of selfishness and gives herself and her money to mission causes; she becomes in-

creasingly aware of the world and its need for Christ.

"What has YWA membership meant to your spiritual growth?" a young woman was asked. "YWA has certainly cultivated world awareness in my life. I never actually realized the needs of the world and the many people of the world living without the Saviour.

"Stewardship has a new and personal meaning to me. When we realize where our money goes, it is easier to give. I now understand the importance of a dollar and how wrong it is for us to waste money. I have also come to see how my time and talents are involved in stewardship."

Ione Gray, director of press relations, Foreign Mission Board, reports that in a study made of 766 missionaries, 38 per cent made their decisions for foreign missions in their own churches, and 12 per cent more heard God call at summer assemblies and at auxiliary camps. We can see how important it is that young people be reached and encouraged to accept God's call, for in finding his plan for their lives at an early age, they have time to prepare for effective service.

Young women reached and developed during these impressionable years grow into the "fulness of Christ."

(Tape pictures and blasons in upper branches of tree.)

The Fruit

WMU youth organizations cover the span from seed to harvest. The harvest is indeed a rich one when we consider the fruit of our tree, the full-grown Christian.

We have seen a child grow through Sunbeam Band, Girls' Auxiliary, and Young Woman's Auxiliary. Each step must be guided by devoted women who have the missionary message of the Bible in their own hearts. It becomes natural for a woman so nurtured through the years to find her place in Woman's Missionary Society not just for membership, but as a place where

fruits of her labor can be utilized and her own spiritual life continually nurtured. Often she finds the cycle of life complete in serving as counselor for a youth group. One young mother told of the pull of her interest in this way: "When I married and was eligible to go into Woman's Missionary Society, I felt instead that I should be a G.A. counselor. I had learned so much of Christian missions that I felt, in gratitude to my leaders, I should help lead others." Mrs. Ethlene Cox, in *Following in His Train*, reminded us: "When a girl is won to Christ and to missions, a future home is influenced for missions, and the character and destiny of a nation are determined by the spirit of its homes." Is not this an effective testimony to the fruit of missionary endeavor?

Mrs. Raymond Shelton, serving in Thailand, tells of God's call to her when she was an adult. She writes:

"In August, 1958, some of our members offered to keep our girls if I would take the G.A.s to summer camp. I was asked that week to teach mission study about the life and work of Gerald and Eunice Harvey, missionaries in Southern Rhodesia. I attempted to challenge the girls to think about their possible place in foreign missions. 'It could be you the Lord wants,' I told them. One morning at the close of the camp, through a missionary's message the Holy Spirit spoke to my heart. He employed my own words: I seemed to hear—'It could be your husband I want on my service overseas, but you must be surrendered to my will, in order that he may go.' So I surrendered and peace with God was established which was never present before."

Discuss: Ways I can help the youth organizations in my church.

Close with prayer concerning specific needs in WMU youth organizations in your church.

Plan to study World Awareness this quarter.

Planted and Watered



Rocky Hock Baptist Church

by
**Mary
Allred**

from
Edenton,
North
Carolina

IN the records of the old Chowan Baptist Association in Eastern North Carolina, there is recorded a visit of Luther Rice to Edenton for the purpose of organizing a Female Cent Society—in the year 1817! The records show that for several years Edenton women sent \$25 each year for missions abroad, which surely kept alive the spark of later organized efforts in that church.

In 1906, when the Chowan Association was 100 years old, the work of Woman's Missionary Union in this area was at last organized. Meeting at Rocky Hock Baptist Church at a regular associational meeting, women from 17 churches withdrew to a place under stately trees and organized themselves as auxiliary to the Chowan Association.

The Rocky Hock Church organized in 1835, was indeed a likely spot for Baptist women's work to begin in earnest, for mission emphasis had been strong and clear since it was constituted. In 1925 members of Woman's Missionary Societies again met with Rocky Hock. There were 45 societies reporting and that year more than \$10,000 had been given for mission causes. In 1956 the Golden Anniversary year was celebrated by Chowan Woman's Missionary Union, meeting again at old, historic Rocky Hock.

A look at the records of Rocky Hock Church shows that this long history of mission emphasis by pastors as well as by men and women has brought astounding results. To date, at least 15 young men have gone out from this church to enter the gospel ministry.

These include: Ralph Harrell, now under appointment by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board as missionary to Kenya, East Africa; Lindsay Harrell, missionary to the

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Amazon area in Brazil. George W. White, now deceased. W. H. Hollowell, retired and living at Ayden, North Carolina; Norman Ashley, pastor, First Baptist Church, Roseboro, North Carolina; Frank Cale, Jr., pastor, First Baptist Church, South Boston, Virginia; Paul Harrell, pastor in Arlington, Virginia; Robert Harrell, now promotional secretary for Chowan Association; John Winborne Priddy, promotional secretary for North Roanoke Association; Robert White, currently studying at Southeastern Theological Seminary at Wake Forest, North Carolina; Raymond White, also at Southeastern; Carroll Copeland, pastor of a church in Nashville, Tennessee, while completing his senior year at Belmont College; and most recently, David Alfred, licensed by the church last year and completing his senior year at Wake Forest College, Winston-Salem, North Carolina, prior to entering Southeastern next fall.

In addition to this impressive list, a former pastor, R. E. Gordon, is serving as a missionary to the Philippines under appointment by Foreign Mission Board. Also one of Rocky Hock's fine young women, Betty Ann Harrell is at present completing her senior year at North Carolina Baptist Hospital School of Nursing. She is looking to a future as a medical missionary.

And still the list grows! Last August during revival services at this church, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Leary added their names to those who have surrendered to the call of God for the ministry. Bill is a graduate of the University of North Carolina and his wife a graduate of North Carolina Baptist Hospital School of Nursing. The Learys have four small children. They have already indicated to their church that they are willing to follow God's leadership for their lives, even if it leads to the ends of the earth. Bill is enrolled at Southeastern Seminary, entering a year ago last January to begin his preparation.

Woman's Missionary Union . . . Girls' Auxiliary . . . Royal Ambassadors . . . Young Woman's Auxiliary . . . Sunbeam Band—57 years of missions organizations, enrolling, teaching, educating, inspiring, and sending out young men and young women to further the cause of Christ! Surely if Chowan had not been a missionary-minded Association, if Rocky Hock had not been a missionary church, this outstanding contribution to the kingdom's work would not have come to pass. How grateful we are that Luther Rice kindled the fires early in the history of Eastern North Carolina and that faithful Christian women—and men—have kept them burning ever since!

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WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

75th Anniversary

GOALS

for Church Woman's Missionary Union

Anniversary Prayer Retreat

75 per cent of members receiving WMU magazines

75 per cent of members reading a mission book

75 per cent of leaders holding current leadership cards

15 per cent increase in Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

15 per cent increase in Annie Armstrong Offering

15 per cent increase in tithers

15 per cent increase in members

Five-day observance of Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions

Five-day observance of Week of Prayer for Home Missions

Study of WMU history

Study of World Awareness

Special Cooperative Program presentation

Organize or participate in the work of one mission

At least one Honor WMU organization

Representation at association, state, or Convention-wide Anniversary meeting

(Recognition given for the attainment of twelve or more goals)

FORECASTER

for May



Anniversaries through the Years

ANNIVERSARIES have been memorable events in the history of Woman's Missionary Union. During the past seventy-five years there have been five anniversaries which have led us to "look backward that we might think forward." It is hoped that this 75th Anniversary with its emphasis on prayer and the commitment of self, substance, and service will prepare us for the challenge of the unparalleled future.

1913—The 25th Anniversary was known as the "Jubilate." The annual meeting was held in St. Louis, Mo., and Miss Fannie E. S. Heck was the president.

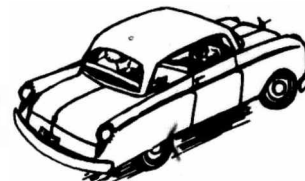
Watchword—"Serve Jehovah with gladness"
Psalm 100:2.

Hymn—"Joy to the World"

Fourfold object of the Jubilate—

- (1) Historic
- (2) Personal spiritual uplift
- (3) An increase in gifts marked from this time forward
- (4) Some definite personal service left as a memorial of each Jubilate meeting

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1926—The 40th Anniversary was called the Ruby Anniversary. The annual meeting was held in Chattanooga, Tenn., and Mrs. W. J. Cox was president. "Books of Remembrance" recorded attainments and special Ruby Anniversary gifts.

Watchword—"Enlarge—spare not—lengthen—strengthen" Isaiah 54:2.

Hymn—"The Kingdom Is Coming"

Goals—40,000 new members.

40 per cent increase in number of Woman's Missionary Societies

40 per cent increase in number of young people's organizations

4 million dollars as financial aim for 1928

1938—The 50th Anniversary was known as "The Golden Jubilee." The annual meeting was held in Richmond, Va., and Mrs. F. W. Armstrong was president.

Watchword—"Give unto the Lord the glory due unto his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts" Psalm 96:8.

Hymn—"The Woman's Hymn"

Goals—\$50,000 for a new WMU Training School

\$10,000 for Christian leadership training for Negro women and young people

10 per cent increase in total WMU gifts

10 per cent increase in number of members and organizations

115,000 covenant-signing tithers

Emphasis upon mission study institutes, pioneer classes, and teaching of required books

A personal service committee in every WMS, doing directed work with emphasis on soul-winning

1948—The 60th Anniversary was known as "Our Commemoration Year." The annual meeting was held in Memphis, Tenn., and Mrs. George R. Martin was president.

Watchword—"That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow" Philippians 2:10.

Special Theme—"For God and Home and Every Land"

Hymn—"Jesus Shall Reign"

Goals—Re-emphasis of family worship

Every WMS member urged to read the entire Bible during "Our Commemoration Year"

More adequate literature provided Negroes, Indians, and Mexicans

Emphasis placed on full-graded Unions

10 per cent increase to Cooperative Program

WMS membership—600,000

60 per cent of all co-operating churches in Southern Baptist

Convention having at least one WMU organization

Plans begun for permanent WMU headquarters

YWA—400 net increase in organizations

RA—9,000 chapters

GA—1,200 net gain in organizations

Sunbeam Band—1,080 net gain in organizations

1963—The 75th Anniversary is known as the "Diamond Anniversary." The annual meeting will be held in Kansas City, Mo., and Mrs. R. L. Mathis is president.

Watchword—"Laborers together with God" 1 Corinthians 3:9
"That the world through him might be saved" John 3:17.

Hymn—"We've a Story to Tell"

Goals—(See back cover of May Royal Service)

"Those Wonderful Years"

May 11, 1963, will be long remembered by WMU mothers and GA daughters. In cities and towns and in the country there will be parties in commemoration of the 75th Anniversary of WMU and the 50th Anniversary of Girls' Auxiliary.

Detailed plans have been sent through the quarterly bulletin which goes regularly to WMU presidents. She will appoint a general chairman and committees to prepare the invitations, decorations, refreshments, and to plan the program.

Invitation Committees

Invitations may be mimeographed on lavender paper and cut in the shape of a diamond, or Anniversary Seals may be used on the invitations. (Order from Woman's Missionary Union, 800 No. 20th St., Birmingham 3, Ala., large Anniversary Seals $\frac{3}{4}$ " x $1\frac{1}{4}$ "—25c for 25; small, $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 1 "—15c for 25.) The theme, "Those Won-

derful Years" may be used and the invitation may read:

"Those Wonderful Years" . . . it's time to recall.

So lend us your ears, GA daughters, mothers, and all.

WMU and GA are having anniversary occasions we think are great.

So come to an old-fashioned party and let's all celebrate.

We'll sit and chat and be ever so gay

In a happy, joyous, old-fashioned way.

Don a dress of bygone days

And add to the festive fashion parades.

Time

Place

Decoration Committee

Arrange a display, "Among Our Souvenirs." The display may feature old pictures of past presidents, old minutes, gavels, and other items significant in your WMU history.

The serving table may be deco-

rated with gold, purple, and white. Use a large birthday cake in the center of the table or a flower arrangement with a large gold 50 and or silver 75. If the cake is used, place small nosegays around the base of it.

You may want to have the guests register. If so, place a notebook with an antique lamp or an old oil lamp on a round table. An old inkwell and quill pen will add to the atmosphere. Have a girl in an old-fashioned dress help register the guests.

Refreshment Committee

Lemon ice in ginger ale with cakes or cookies, mints, and nuts may be served. Individual cakes with 50 or 75 on the top of each will add to the birthday idea. Small napkins with an Anniversary Seal in one corner may be used.

For favors use the lovely Anniversary Paper Dolls (price 50c pkg., 9 in each pkg., from Woman's Missionary Union, 600 No. 20th St., Birmingham 3, Ala.) or small yellow nut cups with small GA Anniversary Seals (25 for 10c). These can be decorated with netting.

Program Committee

The WMU president and GA director in old-fashioned dresses may welcome the guests, along with WMS officers, GA counselors and GA presidents. As background music use songs of the different decades from 1888 to 1963 played on piano or old-fashioned organ or record player.

Find pictures of people well known in WMU, past and present. Pin these on backs of various guests and as they mill around have them ask questions which can be answered by "yes" or "no" to try to identify the "famous face" on their backs. When they guess who they are, take the picture and

place it in the "Picture Gallery of Famous Faces." Mount the pictures on a dark velveteen background framed with an antique frame or one made of gold cardboard.

Have someone dressed to represent each decade sing or lead the group in singing songs of the year she represents. Suggested songs are included in the bulletin to WMU presidents.

Feature a parade of "Fashions Through the Years" after group singing. Programs may be mimeographed on Anniversary Program Covers (price 25c dozen from Woman's Missionary Union, 600 No. 20th St., Birmingham 3, Alabama).

The party may be a "come and go" affair or it may be a more formal one with brief messages on the organizational history, purposes, watchword, etc.

World Awareness

THE BOOK being taught this quarter in circle meetings or for the Woman's Missionary Society(s) meeting together is *World Awareness* by Sadie T. Crawley (85c from Baptist Book Stores). This fifth book in the Aims Series gives an interpretation of the Aim, World Awareness. Every WMS member should be encouraged to buy her own copy, to read it, and to keep it handy for future reference. The following suggestions from Mrs. Bradley Allison, Missouri, may be used to stimulate the reading of *World Awareness* and other mission books.

1. Place on poster a tree for each circle. As members read books,

paste apples (cut from red gummed paper) on trees.

2. Have an "Honor Roll of Readers." Place names on a scroll drawn on poster paper as members read a book or write all members' names on poster and place an Anniversary Seal by their names as they read a book.

3. Draw an anniversary cake. Put dates 1888-1963 at bottom. As each woman reads a book, write her name on a candle and place on cake.

THE *Cooperative Program*
is the GREAT COMMISSION
IN ACTION.  "GO YE"

THE COOPERATIVE PROGRAM makes it possible for each Southern Baptist to "go into all the world and preach the gospel." Some are unaware of this privilege so it is necessary that information concerning the Cooperative Program be given. One way that this can be done is through the dramatic presentation, "To All the World Through the Cooperative Program."

A copy of the presentation was sent to WMU presidents and pastors. Additional copies may be ordered from Woman's Missionary Union, 600 No. 20th St., Birmingham 3, Ala., for 10c each. If your church has not had this presentation, plan for it at a time when the largest number of people may see it.

The dramatic interpretation of Aim 1, World Awareness, by Gwynn McLendon Day, should be used in WMS meetings or in other gatherings during this quarter when we are studying the book, *World Awareness*.

Order your copy, or copies, today (Dramatic Presentation on World Awareness, price 10c from Woman's Missionary Union, Birmingham 3, Alabama). Ten to fifteen copies will be needed by those participating in this dramatic interpretation.

The Great Commission in ACTION

Number 13 of the 75th Anniversary goals is "Special Cooperative Program presentation." When your WMU presents this dramatic interpretation of the Cooperative Program, goal 13 will have been achieved.

Encourage every WMU member to put the Great Commission in action by giving through the Cooperative Program.

"Each One Give One"

HAVE YOU given a subscription to *Royal Service* this year to a friend, a neighbor, a relative, or to some institution? Is your WMS 100 per cent in members participating in the anniversary plan, "Each One Give One"?

Does this anniversary subscrip-

tion plan need extra promotion in your church? Then display the poster explaining the plan and show WMS members the card which is sent to announce the gift and the person, or persons, sending the subscription.

Anniversary

PRAYER RETREAT

PRAYER RETREATS were held in many places during the 75 days of prayer preceding the 75th Anniversary of Woman's Missionary Union, July 18—October 1, 1962. Prayer Retreats will continue to be held throughout the Anniversary Year, giving WMS, YWA, and GA members opportunities for deepening their spiritual lives and for missionary intercession.

An Anniversary Prayer Retreat pamphlet with prayer requests and suggestions for planning a retreat was sent to each WMU president

Additional pamphlets are available from Woman's Missionary Union, 600 No. 20th St., Birmingham 3, Ala. for 5c each.

Do not let the 75th Anniversary Year close without your WMU having a Prayer Retreat. An excellent time for a Prayer Retreat will be during June, July, and August. Choose a quiet spot where women and young people may experience the blessings of silence and communion with the Heavenly Father.

Privileges of Use of Calendar of Prayer

1. Definiteness in prayer
2. Closer intimacy with the work and needs of our missionaries
3. Unity in prayer about the affairs of the Kingdom
4. A Scripture text or an inspiring thought for each day of the year
5. A watchfulness for and joy in

answered prayer

In our missionary meetings, as well as our homes, the calendar should serve as a reminder of these blessed privileges.

—From 1913 Minutes of Woman's Missionary Union, Auxiliary to Southern Baptist Convention

12 Steps

for Visitation Evangelism

1. Go in the strength of the Lord and in the spirit of prayer (Psalm 71:16) (Luke 18:1, Williams or RSV)
2. State your business briefly but tactfully and stay by the purpose of your visit.
3. Try to talk with the lost person alone
4. Find out what he knows about the plan of salvation.
5. Begin at his level of understanding and present Christ by one or more of the following types of

witnessing:

(1) Express prayerful concern for his salvation.

(2) Give personal testimony of your own conversion experience.

(3) Use Scripture passages to show him that:

a. He is a condemned sinner (Romans 3:23) (Romans 6:23a)

b. Christ is the only Saviour (Romans 6:23b) (1 Peter 2:24)

c. He must meet the conditions of salvation. (Romans 10:9, 10) (Mark 1:15)

6. Depend on the Holy Spirit as you use God's Word. (Matthew 10:20) (Hebrews 4:12)

7. Extend an invitation, with or without audible prayer, as seems best under the circumstances.

8. Leave him with the assurance of your interest and desire to help whenever he requests it. Never become ruffled by rebuffs.

9. Leave a scriptural prescription, in most cases, and secure a promise

to study it often with an open mind and a searching heart.

10. Leave the results with the Lord. (John 14:6) (John 6:44)

11. Follow up wisely yourself, or through others, until the prospect is won and enlisted in active church life.

12. Help the new convert to become an effective witness to his lost friends and relatives. (2 Timothy 2:2)

—From "A True Witness" by R. Othel Feather (5c from Baptist Book Store, 400 Throckmorton, Fort Worth, Texas)

To place in your Bible, we recommend the Gummed Sticker with Bible references presenting the plan of salvation, 25 for 25c (packaged only as listed), from Woman's Missionary Union, 600 No. 20th St., Birmingham 3, Ala. The sticker is also a good "scriptural prescription" to leave with the one you are seeking to win to the Lord.

75th Anniversary Materials

14K gold pin with 2 1/2 point diamond, \$10.00

Anniversary Seals (large 1 1/2" x 1 1/2") 25c for 25; (small 1/2" x 1") 15c for 25

Anniversary Program Cover, 25c dozen

Anniversary Place Card, 35c dozen

Anniversary Bookmark, 25c dozen

Anniversary Prayer Retreat Pamphlet, 5c

Cooperative Program Presentation, "To All the World Through the Cooperative Program," 10c

Anniversary Paper Dolls (package of 9), 50c

(Order from Woman's Missionary Union, 600 No. 20th St., Birmingham 3, Ala.)

75th Anniversary Bulletin Cover, 1c each from Baptist Bulletin Service, 127 Ninth Ave., No., Nashville 3, Tenn.

Educating Youth in Missions

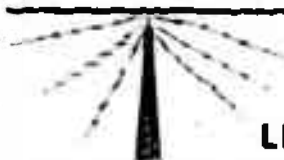
"If any grade is weak or omitted the responsibility rests with WMS. For the older society to work, no matter how diligently, without building up the young people's branches is to attempt to build a permanent house without a permanent foundation." These words of Miss Fannie E. S. Heck, former president of Woman's Missionary Union, are especially pertinent to the May circle program topic, "Educating Youth in Missions."

Woman's Missionary Society has accepted this responsibility and one of her eight Aims is "Educating Youth in Missions." Keeping before WMS members this responsibility are two basic objectives and two electives.

and above. If needed secure assistant leaders for each youth organization.

FOSTER

Sustained fostering of all WMU youth organizations in the church is essential. It is not enough to secure leadership for the youth organizations and then expect the directors, counselors and leaders to carry the work load without the help of the WMS. Whenever possible there should be additional WMS members on each of the youth committees. In churches with one WMS the president appoints one to five WMS members to serve on each youth committee. In churches with more than one WMS, each society president appoints a representative to serve on each committee. These committees take their fostering needs to the WMU executive board where plans are made for a society(s), circle(s), or individuals to meet these needs.



LISTEN!

Be sure to listen to the Baptist Hour on Sunday, May 5. In commemoration of the 75th Anniversary of WMU, Mrs. R. L. Mathis, President, and Miss Alma Hunt, Executive Secretary, will participate in the program.

PROVIDE

Provide leadership for at least three or more WMU youth organizations. If possible provide Sunbeam Bands, Girls' Auxiliaries, and Young Woman's Auxiliaries for all age groups in the church four years

During the next three months the following events for youth leadership and for young people provide fostering opportunities.

May 11, Mother-Daughter Anniversary Party

May 12-18, GA Focus Week

June 18-20, GA 50th Anniversary Convention, Memphis, Tennessee

July 18-24, WMU Conference, Glorieta, New Mexico

July 25-31, YWA Conference, Glorieta, New Mexico

August 8-14, WMU Conference, Ridgecrest, North Carolina

August 11-17, Sunbeam Band Focus Week