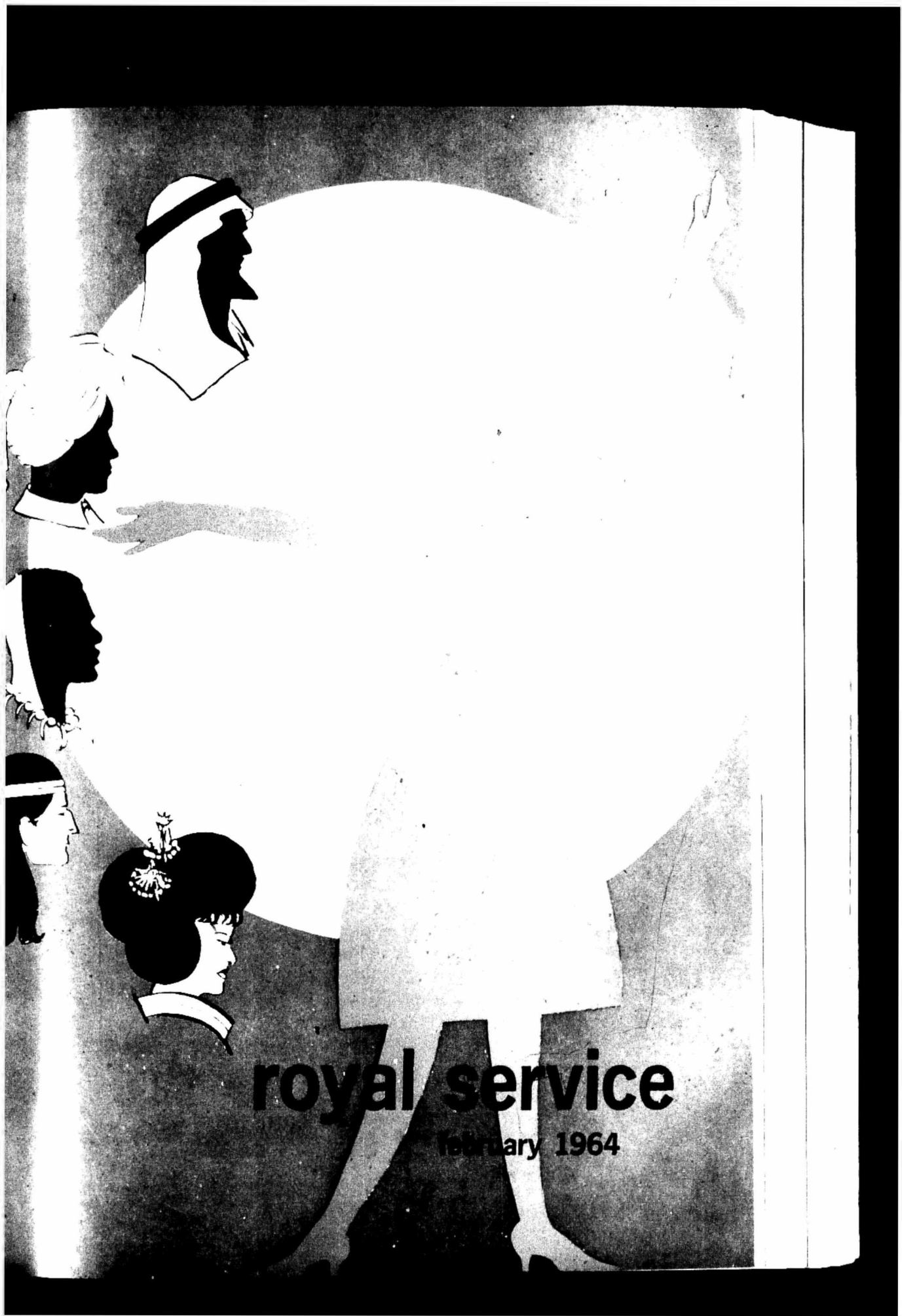




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—T. B. MASTON



Open-Minded CITIZEN

by Wendell Belew



JULIA HORTON navigated her baptism wagon into the driveway by the color home. This yard has some home

maintained a Spanish look. Though the trees are maple and the fence white picket, she thought as she got out and walked up the steps for her weekly visit with the widow, Maria Acayado, and her two teenage children.

secretary of the Department of Associations, Home Mission Board.

That Maria really has courage. Janet mused to herself. What with losing her husband in Cuba and having to rear two children in a strange country. Now that she has a job at the dental lab she wants to become a naturalized United States citizen.

"Oh, 'allo, 'allo!" Maria opened the door and welcomed Janet. "I am glad you come. I talk weeth you about our America," said a smiling Maria. "You will see if I learn my lesson," she added.

"When you asked me to help you with your study in preparation for citizenship I did not realize how much I'd learn from you," Janet laughed, giving Maria a hug. "How is the new job at the laboratory?"

"Oh, I like job, and people are interest, interesting, I mean."

And almost with the same breath, Maria continued, "I learn what really make good citizen in democracy."

"Yes? What is that?" Janet asked with a smile.

"It is learn to appreciate opinion of anybody. Other person may not say same as I say, but he has right to think and I let him do it!" said Maria emphatically.

"Yes, I think you have the secret of good citizenship in a democracy," said Janet. "There is no greater danger to a democracy than a closed mind and intolerance for the ideas of others. Sometimes I believe people become afraid that their cherished ideas and prejudices cannot stand up in the light of truth. And they often defend themselves with unreasonable arguments." My, I'm preaching, Janet thought.

"That happen in Cuba," Maria said sadly. "People with selfish, close mind not hear words of others. They condemn. They try destroy anyone who not agree. My husband destroy when he not agree with them."

"The person who persecutes someone else really is afraid, I think," Janet said as she picked up the morning paper from Maria's kitchen table.

"Well, in America a person he is not killed for ideas. He a good citizen when he seek to understand other person and know right of other person to opinion," Maria

replied.

The headlines of the morning paper rushed up to Janet. "BOMB KILLS JUDGE" Janet's eyes hurriedly took in the rest of the story: "Someone who perhaps differed with the judge in a recent ruling placed a bomb in his car last night."

Not a very pretty picture of our country, Janet thought as she sat silent. Maria sensed her shock and sorrow. Only cowards and people who have thought dark thoughts in long their minds are corrupted would do such hateful deeds, Janet's mind was reacting. She said to Maria, "Right here in this country there are those who know that being informed means knowing the other fellow's position too, and understanding him means there is hope for democracy in our world. I believe there are thousands and millions of us who still know and cherish this ideal. Only a few are deranged in mind by hatred."

Janet soon left to hurry home to prepare lunch for the family. Maria is always so refreshing, and such a blessing to me, she thought as she called good-by and backed the old station wagon out of the drive. Disturbing thoughts had filled her mind. What does it mean to be informed? Is holding one's own opinion the only responsibility a person has as a citizen? Am I good Christian enough and good citizen enough to love my fellowman whose attitudes are very different from my own?

Janet pondered these questions as she drove home, and she realized afresh that these were questions every conscientious person must answer every day—and that American democracy depends upon the answers.

She said aloud to herself as she slammed the door of the car and walked toward the house, "Not only does American democracy depend upon exercising an open mind and good will toward all people. Even more important—our Christian witness at home and abroad depend upon Christlike attitudes by Christians."

Oh God, help me her mind took up the realization of her need.

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She must objectively look at, walk around, explore, appreciate the true worth, accomplishments, and contributions of people of every culture.

A woman can do these when she learns truly to pray, identifying with the needs of others, when she relates herself to others and their inadequacies which she can meet. Further, she must examine her relationship to things, especially to money as it helps extend Christ's kingdom. And, she must rely on the Holy Spirit to speak through her life. Fortunate indeed is the woman who learns these truths. She is a happy woman.

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The INDIVIDUAL

by T. B. Maston ■



Other than the doctrine of God, there is no one element in our Christian faith more central and determinative than our doctrine of man. We cannot set forth, in this brief article, a complete outline of the Christian teachings concerning man. We shall restrict ourselves to a few of the more basic concepts that are particularly relevant for contemporary church and community life.

His Worth

Christians in general and Baptists in particular believe that the individual is worth more than all things material. They believe that man as an individual possesses dignity and worth regardless of his position or status in the world. This dignity belongs to him regardless of his class, color, or condition in life.

This worth or dignity is closely related to and derived from the biblical conception of man's creation. The Bible reveals that man was the crowning act of God's creative work. He was created in the image of God. This means that he was created a person. God is a person, man is a person. What does it mean to be a person? A person has the capacity to think, to judge, to feel, and to will, but supremely a person demands association with other persons. There is no person without communication or fellowship. Man was created for fellowship

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ship with his fellowmen, but on the highest level he was created for fellowship with God. When he is communing with God, he is most distinctly and uniquely man.

Sin entered the human race, and the image of God in man was marred, although it was not totally destroyed. At least enough of the image was left to be a point of contact for the gospel. Through union with the resurrected Christ the individual becomes a new creation in Christ Jesus. This means that the image of God is recreated or restored within man. This restoration, however, is not complete and will not be until the end of life's journey when we shall awake in his likeness. However, the fact that Christ died to save all men, along with the fact that men were and are created in the image of God, provides a sound basis for the worth or dignity of man.

His Rights

One of the basic rights of the individual is to be treated with dignity and respect equal to that granted to any other individual. Men everywhere and in every condition of life are to be considered actual or potential children of God. The preceding does not mean that men are equal in ability and in their contributions to the world; it does mean that they are equal in all that is essential to their manhood. They are equal before God, should be equal before the law, and should be treated with equal respect by their fellowmen. This respect for the human person is as central as any concept on our Western way of life. It is also of central importance to Protestants and particularly to Baptists.

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His Responsibilities

The right of individual conscience, so dear at least theoretically to Baptists, is a radical and dangerous doctrine unless it is properly balanced with a deep sense of responsibility. Among other things, there should be a deep conviction concerning the rights of others. The individual "is bound with others in the bundle of life." He should be just as concerned, if not more so, for the rights of others as he is for his own rights. This will definitely be true of him if he has been captured by the spirit of Christ. This may mean at times

that the individual will voluntarily surrender or limit some of his own rights to safeguard the rights of others. He will understand that there cannot be the fullest freedom for all men unless there is some limitation of his own freedom and the freedom of others.

The individual child of God also knows that every right carries with it a corresponding responsibility. He is free to make his own moral and religious decisions, but he is also responsible for those decisions. If he wants the right or the freedom he must accept the responsibility. What a glorious privilege: the responsibility of the decision. The family, the community, and the church may share some of the responsibility for the decisions that are made, but the final responsibility rests squarely upon the shoulders of the individual. The abiding message of the Word of God is, "The soul that sinneth it shall die."

His Relationships

We have already touched, to some degree, on the relation of the individual to other individuals. He does not and cannot live in isolation. The more he lets the resurrected Christ live in him and express Himself through him the deeper will be his concern and his compassion for others. Under the impulse of the indwelling Spirit, he will give himself increasingly in unselfish service to his fellowman. He will be more and more concerned with the rights of others and with his responsibilities to them.

The individual also lives in communities of persons. He belongs to a family, is a member of a church, and is a citizen of the community and nation, and of the world. These and other groups make distinctive contributions to his life. He could not fulfill the purposes of God for his life without them. He is both dependent on them and independent of them. The latter stems from the nature of man. Since he belongs to the natural or earthly order he is dependent, to some degree, on the institutions or organizations in which he belongs. On the other hand, since there is a transcendent point of reference in the nature of man, he is independent of the community and the institutions of the community.

He should recognize, however, that the groups to which he belongs have some rights as well as responsibilities. This means, among other things, that he should remember that he is responsible to every group to which he belongs: the family, the club, the fraternal order, the labor union, the church, the community, and the nation, all mankind. His supreme responsibility, however, is to God and his will. All his rights and responsibilities are subservient to and, in a sense, derived from the purposes and will of God for his life.

FROM

Washington

by Cecil L. Bryant
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"Race" to the Moon

OFFICIAL WASHINGTON has been quarreling for many months about the wisdom of President Kennedy's announced crash program to put an American on the moon before 1970. Cost estimates for the project, with its necessary faster-than-normal space research, run as high as \$20 billion.

Public opinion has been essentially in favor of the moon shot project. Americans love adventure and particularly applaud advances to new frontiers. They point to our country's need for world prestige and contend that an American "first" on the moon would offset the effect of Russia's "first" in earlier stages of space conquest.

Government officials are keenly conscious of the world opinion factor as they seek the support of yet uncommitted nations for the United States' positions in the cold war.

The tide of opinion might be turning, however, because one of the nation's most respected Democrats, Senator J. William Fulbright criticized this so-called "race" to the moon in a ringing Senate speech. Lawmakers, and the nation, listened, because Mr. Fulbright is chairman of the Senate's powerful Foreign Relations Committee.

Mr. Fulbright, who once was president of the University of Arkansas, pointed to America's deficiencies in education and employment, and to deficiencies also in adequate financial support for medical research and the causes of cancer and incur-

able arthritis. And then he said:

"In the face of all the unsolved problems of our country—problems of inadequate education and rising unemployment, of urban blight and rising crime—I cannot bring myself to believe that landing an American on the moon represents the most urgent need, the most compelling challenge, or the most promising opportunity before the American people in this decade."

Mr. Fulbright does not want to cut off space exploration, but to continue it on a more modest basis.

The Senator concluded his argument by supposing that maybe Russia won the race to the moon but that Americans succeeded at the same time in alleviating poverty and disease, eliminating slums and crime, and building the best public education system in the world. Who could doubt, asked Mr. Fulbright, that the United States would be the nation . . . which would be ahead in the worldwide struggle for the minds and the allegiance of men?

Protests that we could do both—continue on all-out space conquest and pour other billions into domestic advances—would perhaps be valid if nothing more than money were concerned. Somehow or other, the federal debt ceiling never seems permanent enough to block national expenditures if worthy objectives have sufficient public support.

But the shortage now comes in men as well as money. The space program is gobbling up scientists and engineers so fast that civilian programs are left begging. Published statistics reveal that in 1961, 250,000 of the nation's 400,000 scientists and engineers were working for government space and defense programs. The government has in fact absorbed all but 30,000 of the 180,000 specialists this nation has added to its scientific man power since 1953. Of the 27,000 new specialists expected in 1963, 25,000 were headed for government space research and development.

You can expect more discussion on this subject in the coming months. It is likely to be a major Congressional battle this year.

Assignment: Interview Chaplain Alewine

by William W. Russell

"Chaplain Alewine, line one please."
"Colonel Rohr to see you, Chaplain."
"Sir, did you call the Reverend Loving this morning?"

I WAS SITTING in the reception room of the Chaplains Center of Norton Air Force Base in San Bernardino, California, when I overheard the continuous demands upon this chaplain. I watched with amazement the ease with which Francis T. Alewine handled pressing matters.

The soft-spoken chaplain from Taylors, South Carolina, was not the only chaplain in the Chaplain's Center, and the others no doubt were busy, too. I sat there amid activity centered around him and realized that here was a hard-working Southern Baptist chaplain.

It may be that the people back in Yemassee First Baptist Church, or Marion Street Baptist Church in Aiken, South Carolina, had wondered what had happened to their former pastor, but if they are like many of us, our former pastors have passed into memoryland to be recalled only occasionally with appreciation.

And Francis T. Alewine may now be only a memory to that teacher who taught him as an undersized, freckled-faced Junior boy in First Baptist Church of Taylors, South Carolina. Today I sat here watching that boy who grew up in a Baptist church. I was gathering facts in order to write a

Mr. Russell is pastor of the Memorial Baptist Church, Rialto, California.

Chaplain Francis T. Alewine
with his family—wife Doris,
and their children, the son
Alan, and daughters Mary
Frances, and Ruth



story about him.

As we began the interview, I was so charmed by this energetic personality before me that it took a moment to realize he was speaking "... and Air Force chaplains conduct in excess of 28 hours an average of 30 marriages and 19 baptisms." Chaplain Alewine was saying.

After leaving the US Navy in 1946 with a feeling that some day he would be a Chaplain, Alewine entered North Greenville Junior College at Tigerville, South Caro-

lina. Leaving Greenville, the chaplain went to Furman University and graduated from there in 1950.

From Furman, Alewine went to Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas, where he attended the first chaplains course offered by that school. Then, the pastorates at Yemassee and Aiken, South Carolina, followed until 1960 when Alewine entered the Chaplaincy of the United States Air Force. Following nine weeks in school at Lackland Air Force Base,



The Chaplain
chats with young
airman on the
flight line at
Norton Air
Force Base,
San Bernardino,
California

FOR LIVING

WHEN Norway was invaded by ruthless Nazi soldiers in World War II, Rev. Eivind Beggrav of Oslo, president of the Norwegian Bible Society, was imprisoned for protesting Nazi cruelties and for preaching Bible principles of freedom. Held prisoner for several years, he continued to witness faithfully, often comforting other prisoners by quoting God's Word. In one of the few letters he was permitted to write his wife, Mr. Beggrav mentioned the wonderful prophesy of Isaiah which was fulfilled by Jesus: "... he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, to set at liberty them that are bruised." The police chief immediately censored the letter and ordered the minister's wife to appear in court.

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Chaplain Alewine was assigned to Norton Air Force Base in San Bernardino, California.

At Norton Air Force Base, Chaplain Alewine's duties range from regular worship services at the Base Chapel to hospital calls at the base hospital. Along with these duties come home visitation, moral leadership lectures, counseling, and sundry other duties.

With demands of administration and

"Oh, but these are words copied from the Bible," explained Mrs. Beggrav, "they were written centuries ago."

"Then inform your husband that from now on he is forbidden to quote the Bible for any matter too up-to-date," snapped the policeman.

"Much too up-to-date!" This is an apt description of the ancient Book which shall never become antiquated. Many centuries have now passed since the beloved old disciple John, banished to the Isle of Patmos, wrote, "Even so, come, Lord Jesus," and laid down his pen. Throughout intervening ages, translators have labored to "put God's Word in man's language" and make it available as the common possession of all mankind. However, in the 1,800 years which

other responsibilities pressing hard upon the chaplain, he still finds time to participate in local Southern Baptist work. He has preached in revivals, taught Sunday courses, and helped organize Southern Baptist churches.

With wife Doris, and children, Ruth, 10 years; Alan, 8 years; and Mary, 7 years, Chaplain Alewine is a member of the Immanuel Baptist Church in San Bernardino, California.

by Helen Fling

have elapsed since the Bible was finished, God has never changed his redemptive message nor added to his written revelation. It is the complete, sufficient, up-to-date Word of God.

The Bible is always relevant. The New Testament is as applicable and timely as when God first gave it. It was written against a dark background of paganism, in a day of sexual immorality, godless governments, religious sham, human bondage, and degradation. "But when was the world darker than now?" asks Leonard Ravenhill, adding "A triple umbrella of darkness—moral, spiritual, political—keeps the light of God from the souls of men." The Bible is relevant, indeed, for our tortured time.

Believing the Scriptures to be God's inspired Word, Woman's Missionary Union is co-operating with other church organizations in a Convention-wide effort to lead individuals to read the New Testament through in 1961, the year of Jubilee. Beginning in January, *Royal Service* "Call to Prayer" listed several Old Testament prophecies and then proceeded with Jubilee Advance readings, daily Scripture references, which, if followed faithfully will lead one through the New Testament in a year.

Leading individuals to read the New Testament through became a part of the 1961 Jubilee program when Dr. Porter Routh pointed out that the modern missionary movement, which the Jubilee celebrates, was ignited by a personal knowledge of the Bible by thousands of earnest men and women who believed that the gospel was the good news for all the world. Significant in the Proclamation of the Baptist

Year of Jubilee begins:

"As fresh winds stir smoldering fire into flame, so God's Spirit swept through Baptist churches in North America one hundred and fifty years ago to stir Baptist people to a world encircling mission. Through two men, Luther Rice and Adoniram Judson, the Holy Spirit spoke to the churches."

And how did the Holy Spirit speak to Rice and Judson? The story has been recounted often during the Jubilee, for their New Testament study of baptism was destined to bring results which are still being felt after one hundred and fifty years. The Bible never speaks in a vacuum. It speaks to particular people with particular needs. It speaks in definite places at definite times. It spoke to Ann and Adoniram Judson aboard the *Catavan* and to Luther Rice aboard the *Harmony*. Months later Ann wrote home: "We are now confirmed Baptists, not because we wished to be, but because truth compelled us to be. . . . We feel that we are alone in the world, with no real friend but each other, no one on whom we can depend but God."

Rice, too, wrote of his Bible study: "I conceive it to be possible that a revolution in my own mind, similar to that which my dear brother and sister have experienced, may take place." And take place it did! God's Word is not only "comforting," "inspiring," "assuring"—it is also powerfully "revolutionary."

Without note or comment, God's Word can accomplish its work in our lives because the Holy Spirit himself is the energizing, revolutionary agent in the Word.

So powerful is this revolutionary force of the Scriptures that J. B. Phillips, in translating the New Testament, was struck by the "living quality" of the material on which he worked, and declared he felt like an electrician rewiring an old house without being able to turn off the power!

Having recently read Mrs. William McMurry's manuscript, *Spiritual Life Development*,* I am made newly aware of our need for revolutionary power—in personal living, in our churches, our denomination. Mrs. McMurry writes of those "who merely yawn at life, asking for bedtime stories which tell them how to relax and think positively. They are the 'in church' people rather than the 'in Christ' people. . . . Society is changed not by resolutions couched in pious clichés but by 'in Christ' persons 'who live revolutionary lives.'"

The great need of our day is for the dynamic power of the Holy Spirit to revolutionize lives and transform churches. Too often we have labored in the energy of the flesh rather than the energy of the Spirit. Our work will amount to little unless his Spirit comes like refreshing rain upon our dry lives and parched organizations. At times there is an unutterable longing in my heart akin to that expressed in Isaiah 64:1, "Oh that thou wouldst rend the heavens, that thou wouldst come down, . . ." Many WMLU members share this burden of prayer for a spiritual awakening in our churches and throughout our land. Yet true revival never comes apart from a revival of interest in God's Word. Revival comes first to the repentant, seeking heart that allows the Spirit to guide into all truth, then kindles the church that rivets its attention upon God. "Knowledge about" the Scriptures is not enough. There must be "acquaintance with" God through the Scriptures.

It may seem paradoxical that revolutionary living begins in quiet communion. "In returning and rest shall ye be saved, in quietness and in confidence shall be your

strength . . ." says Isaiah 30:15. "We must have islands of solitude where we put down our whole weight on God. Then each of us can talk to him and he to us through his Word," suggests Mrs. McMurry. The Bible clearly instructs, "Be still, and know that I am God." Activity may become a counterfeit coin of spirituality. Active church work, no matter how efficiently performed, can never be substituted for fellowship with God in daily prayer and Bible reading. A time of meditation is never to be an escape from service—it is preparation for service. God's Word does not beckon us to retirement but only to retreat and gather strength for battle.

The New England philosopher, Henry Thoreau, refused to be cumbered in a life of trivialities or regimented by a time schedule. Spending quiet days of meditation on the shores of Walden Pond, he was chided by a busy friend who asked, "Why is it, Henry, that you are always out of step?" Thoreau gently replied, "It's simply that I'm listening to a different drummer."

Who sets your pace? Time spent in the presence of God, reading his Word, will bring a new thrust of spiritual power into your life. Will you join me in reading it daily? As we read through the New Testament this year we shall find the old Quaker expression very true and descriptive of many passages: "It speaks to my condition."

Be forewarned that from the moment you decide to read the New Testament through, all the powers of darkness will focus on your heart and Satan will try in every circumstance to prevent you from carrying out your high resolves. Beware, also, of making a fetish of your daily reading. It is often said that the Bible is not a charm, but a chart. A chapter a day will not keep the devil away—if read in that attitude. Instead, read the Bible as one hungry, seeking bread, as one impoverished seeking wealth, as one who travels seeking the way, as one in darkness seeking light. Indeed, "Unless our lives are lighted from within, we are as stained glass windows in the dark."

*The book is not available until March 1.



by Marie Mathis

The purpose of this feature is twofold: first, to share with you what our members have to say about "many" subjects; second, to put into proper perspective the suggestions that come as we consider future tasks and plans.

According to a recent statement from the American Bible Society, 350 million adults will learn to read in the next five years, on an average of 70 million a year. We might well raise a question—what reading material will WMLU provide for many of these adults? Through your suggestions to us we shall be helped to meet such a challenge.

We like to "get letters" from you!

Voting "Yes" and "No"

IT SEEMS TO ME that the Supreme Court has taken the only action consistent with the Constitution of the United States in banning the requirement that public school authorities have devotions each day in schoolrooms.

In order to safeguard my own religious liberty I am impelled to protect the rights of others to worship or not to worship according to the dictates of their own hearts and minds.

The decision of the Supreme Court . . . places primary responsibility for religious nurture . . . on the home and church. Indeed, if the church will only accept this responsibility . . . the action of the Supreme Court could well serve as a tremendous incentive to Bible reading and prayer for each new generation. JLB

IN OUR HOME we are of the opinion that we will do our nation more harm than good by discontinuing this [religious] practice.

We have observed a recent terrific decline

in respect from the student body toward those in authority. . . .

We believe the moments spent before class "set the pace." At least this leaves an [attitude] of respect toward teacher and fellow student. E.H.

THE SUPREME COURT of the United States has not ruled religion and its expression out of American life. . . .

It is a ruling strengthening free exercise in the training of children in public schools supported by the taxes of all the people.

In a nation founded on the principle of religious freedom, in which every imaginable form of religious establishment is free to operate, it is totally unnecessary for the state to concern itself with religious instruction. RR

In at least one place, personal prayer is encouraged in some of the schools in Waco, Texas, a bell is rung each day at noon. The students have been told that this is a signal for them to pause for prayer if they choose to do so.

Different Opinions Regarding Race Relations

I WANT TO EXPRESS my appreciation for the efforts through programs and

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articles to meet the various issues so critical today.

Particularly the attitudes for support of the Christian's role in race relations is very heartening. It is hoped that those who would oppose such efforts would search their hearts to gain an understanding of their motivations. REF

PLEASE CANCEL my subscription to *Royal Service* immediately. . . . I do not want to read another word about "liberty and justice for all races." The major portion of the Negro race would be far happier if left alone and allowed to be with their own kind. AS

A Missionary Writes

WE KEEP TELLING ourselves that we'll write. We mean to keep in touch—but days run away. The agency each day is more than fits into a day. But I do wish there was some way to tell every woman in our churches how much their praying means to us. It is our lifeline. Even though we do not write as we should, we are depending on you partly to do the job here. And know, too, we are praying that God's name may be glorified in the way you meet the problems at home which arise from time to time.

Helen Masters, Nigeria

Opinions Re: WMU Conferences at Glorieta and Ridgecrest

I WAS ONE among the many women attending WMU week at Ridgecrest last summer. The dictionary would have to have new words for me to be able to express how much it did for me.

You know I have heard WMU all my life, but until my visit to Ridgecrest I really had not begun to grasp the real meaning of it.

Please pray for us and our small church here that we may grow and help our country reach up and know that God is able to keep us for his own. JM

I WANT YOU TO KNOW what a happy experience it has been for me to be with my friends in WMU this summer from time to time. Memphis, Ridgecrest, and Glorieta are all more meaningful to me now than ever before. I am sure I shall return to these days frequently for renewed vision and dedication. Thank you for helping to "fill my cup to overflowing." It needed it!

Joyce C. Wyatt
(Mrs. Roy Wyatt)
Missionary to China

MY HEART is overflowing with gratitude for the hospitality extended to me at Ridgecrest last summer. Thank you and the friends in Woman's Missionary Union for the loving, gracious spirit which I found there.

May God continue to bless all of you in His Kingdom work! With love and gratitude,

Elizabeth Evans

(Mrs. Lezzing Evans is the author of our wonderful new book, *ANNIE ARMSTRONG*.)

(The expressions from women who attended WMU Conferences last summer should inspire you to want to go this year. It is time to make plans—especially to write for reservations. I am listing the dates and addresses of the managers.)

Conference at Glorieta

WMU Conference

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CIRCLE PROGRAM

OR FOR SECOND WMS MEETING

MISSION STUDY BOOK
Apogee. Kate Ellen Gruver,
Editor. Make plans to have
this Home Mission Graded
Series book taught in circle
or society.

I Must Be Informed

by Mrs. Louis L. Dabney

Outline for Meeting

Circle Chairman in Charge

Call to Prayer (reading Scripture passage, giving missionary information, and praying for missionaries)

Song: Choose one appropriate to Scripture passage

Business

Promotional Period (see Forecaster)

Song

Program Chairman in Charge

Suggestions to Program Chairman: Last month we launched our circles into the first stage of flight toward the full orbit of Christian Citizenship. Today we enter the second stage—as a Christian citizen I must be informed. This presentation should be informal, aim at having it become a discussion group in action.

Members taking part may sit in their usual seats, or together in a semicircle. They may use newspaper articles, current event magazines, opened to articles pertinent to political action, television and radio schedules with news programs underlined, to "From Washington" on *ROYAL SERVICE* to any visual aid suggesting the matter. Program may be introduced informally as suggested below.

Circle Chairman: Now that we've handled our business matters, we'll have our program.

Mrs. N. Different (enters humbly): Oh, I'm sorry to be late. I hope I haven't interrupted the meeting.

Circle Chairman: Glad you could make it. We were just ready to begin the program.

Mrs. N. Different: My being late isn't my fault. I left home in plenty of time, but my husband—that man can be so unreasonable—has been after me for years to register to vote, and he insisted it was today or else! (*With a show of surprise*.)

Mrs. B: You mean you've never voted?

Mrs. N. Different (defensively): Well, is that so terrible? I know I ought to vote, but I never could see what difference one little vote could make. And how could I ever know whom to vote for? I don't have time to. But I'd better not get off onto that. Excuse me for being late (*sits down*).

Leader: I'm glad you came, Mrs. N. Different, even if you are late. You've given us a good introduction to our program.

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Mrs. N. Different: I have? How?

Leader: In our circle programs this quarter we are discussing some of the responsibilities of Christian citizens. Ladies, suppose we just put aside our planned program and talk informally as a circle. Mrs. N. Different, what do you think is the real reason you have never registered to vote?

Mrs. N. Different: I suppose the real reason is the one I blurted out a minute ago. I just don't know enough about what goes on in Washington (*stress it*) to make intelligent decisions. I am not well enough informed about major issues. I am ashamed to admit it, but it's true. I don't have time to read everything that is printed, and you can't believe everything you read or hear about candidates. Even though I am now a registered voter, I'll probably vote just as my husband does. As a citizen, I guess I don't know the score.

Leader: You've mentioned several points we can profitably discuss today. May we suggest some answers?

Mrs. N. Different: I'd be delighted for you to do so. And my husband would be, too!

Leader: Fine. Let's begin with your last statement. You imply that voting is the only important function of the citizen. Voting is certainly important, but before we can make intelligent decisions on issues and candidates so that we can vote, you have indicated that we must be informed. And as you brought out, this may be your weakness.

Mrs. C: Hadn't we better clarify the areas through which a citizen functions? Mrs. N. Different spoke of what goes on in Washington. I am sure we all know that we are contributing members not only of the nation, but of the state, of our local community, civic groups, and the family. We have many overlapping allegiances, all of which are secondary to our allegiance to God, but ones which nevertheless have a right to make demands upon us as individuals and as Christians.

Mrs. B: There's another truth we must recognize. The whole system of democracy is based upon the idea that every individual is worthy of consideration. A democracy is the most complicated system of government because it draws its power and direction from the millions, and must abide by the decisions of the majority yet protect the rights of the minority. Dr. Maston's article on page 4 is very good in explaining the importance of the individual. (*Hold up Royal Service opened to this article.*)

Mrs. C: And a democracy is not like a game of blindman's bluff where the one who is "it" reaches sightlessly for someone. The citizen needs his blindfold removed to search intelligently for best qualified candidates and answers to political problems. Notice how the freedoms guaranteed us in the Bill of Rights help us in this search: freedom of religion, speech or press, assembly, and petition. You know, the public library slogan for 1963 suggested that "Reading is our fifth freedom." This is important for information, isn't it?

President James Madison said: "A people who mean to be their own governors must arm themselves with the power which knowledge gives." We act wisely only as our decisions are based on knowledge of people and situations.

Mrs. N. Different: When you come right down to it, then, no Christian has the right to be uninformed, does he?

Leader: You're exactly right. It is his duty to translate Christian principles into everyday relationships with other people, and this applies to family, friend, and fellow American.

Mrs. N. Different: Now can we get right down to the kind of information I must have to make the right choices?

Leader: We must have a general knowledge first of all, of how our local, state, and national governments function. Most of us remember from high school civics classes the structure and divisions of authority, the way our representatives are chosen, the

depend on the citizenry for upholding the law.

Then we should know how the system of political parties represent the voice of the people. Many groups today are encouraging study for laymen on what they call "practical politics," in which instruction is given so that they might work effectively in the party of their choice to elect and support those whom they consider the best for the job.

Mrs. B: We really need to know about specific issues. For example on the local level, we have a vote in determining how local tax monies shall be spent, the kind of police and fire protection we get, recreational facilities for our young people, cooperation between teachers and parents in our school, support of worthy civic groups, Boy and Girl Scout activities, and many other worthy activities.

On the state level, we need to study the record of those who are in office. Listen to what each party says of its own candidates, and search out the facts. Does our state support education, hospitals for the mentally ill in worthy ways? Has the state the moral right to legalize gambling for revenue? What part of the tax dollar goes for education?

On the national level, we face an increasingly important presidential election this year. Will we be reduced to electing a man because of his television appearance or ready wit? Has the present administration gone far enough, or has it gone too far in the matter of civil rights? Has it taken a stand in relation to Communist aggression? All of these, and many more are issues on which I must be informed to the best of my ability.

Mrs. N. Different: When you have overheard me more than ever! How can I ever be informed on all these issues?

Mrs. C: It does sound like an impossible task, doesn't it? Somebody has said that the citizen's problem is not how to FEEL, his head, but how to KNOW it. You may have seen a little card bearing this message:

"I've already made up my mind. Don't confuse me with the facts!"

Seriously, though, all the ways in which we gain information which we need could be summed up in the word "communication." This has been called the Age of Communication. We are completely swamped with words—reading, writing, listening, and speaking. Our task is to choose what is relevant and meaningful to the issues at hand. Newspapers and newsmagazines are our best investment perhaps, money wise. The obligation of the press is to give the facts on which people make fundamental decisions concerning their government and their lives. Theoretically a news story is unbiased.

On editorial pages opinions are expressed on current news and issues. More than one newspaper should be read regularly. Try to read those with opposing political views to get a more complete picture. Recently a newspaper in a large southern city carried on its front page a series of articles concerning the pressing need for the city to provide more funds for care of indigent patients. Pictures and case studies helped to put a complacent citizenry into action on this matter.

Magazines, especially those with articles on current events and governmental trends, help us to become informed. Dwight Eisenhower wrote: "Our magazines are a leading force for moral and cultural growth in our country, and one of our surest guarantees of an informed public." Here again we must weigh what we read in the scales of Christian principles.

Other printed matter is available: pamphlets, newsletters, our state Baptist papers and other Baptist literature, which keep us posted on matters relating to our obligations as citizens on local and national level. The Christian Life Commission conducts research into social questions and may recommend actions and attitudes. Articles and books are often suggested in *Royal Service*, the monthly report "From Washington," by Cyril E. Bryant gives a Baptist eye view of the capital city. *The Commission*

and *Home Missions* keep us posted on issues relating to missionary advance.

Mrs. N. Different: Then there are those television and radio programs which are newsworthy.

Leader: Yes, we are able to get "on the spot" news, interviews by the press, commentator interpretations, documentary films which add to our knowledge. Films on juvenile delinquency, the plight of migrant, and exploration into the civil rights situation, all help us see conditions as they are, and help to give us varying viewpoints on which to make intelligent judgment.

On the local level, radio and television stations can help citizens to reach decisions. For example, one local station announced a series of programs to be based upon problems facing the community as a whole. Each program dealt with a specific issue; people with varying viewpoints were invited to participate and to present their interpretation of problems and to propose solution. This was an attempt to help the citizens to come to sane, intelligent appraisals of situations which could become explosive if ignored.

Mrs. B: I'd like to take one step further in this matter of being informed. I belong to a discussion group which has helped me organize my thinking. You know, local government had its roots years ago in the old town hall meetings. People got together to talk about civic needs and worked out ways to meet those needs. Democracy is well served in such groups. I have found, I'm not talking about aimless arguing on any subject which comes to mind. I have in mind a purposeful meeting with an agenda for discussion topics. We use a method called "circular response."

Each member has an outline of subjects to be discussed before he comes to the meeting. The leader reads the first question and makes whatever comment he wishes. Then the next member may add his own thinking to the conversation. Each member in the circle has opportunity to speak up on the subject. This prevents any one person from

monopolizing the time and attention of the group, and encourages everyone to make contributions.

Freedom of speech also involves the responsibility of listening to other points of view. We learn from others, not only the facts of a situation, but also viewpoints and conditions which may have bearing on our opinions. This is a way of sharing information which helps stabilize thinking.

At one time we took a course in "political politics" which you mentioned a few minutes ago. We met once a week for nine weeks, and based our discussion on a book let which accompanied the leader's manual. There was no attempt to persuade the members to join a specific party. Every thing was done on a bipartisan basis. We learned about everything which goes into party work, including case studies on aspirants for political office, and the platforms of the parties. After the course our names were given to major party leaders, and we were urged by them to take active part in politics.

Leader: Woman's Missionary Society, and other groups could adapt this discussion group idea to their own needs.

Mrs. B: Oh, yes. And let me mention one other way of getting information firsthand. There are many people who are trained and willing to come and speak to such groups, not only party leaders, but local officials and specialists in various fields. There are forums, public debates, current affairs meetings open to the public, where concerned citizens come together to share solutions.

Mrs. N. Different: The responsibility we have to be Christian citizens is indeed a serious one. And I think I understand now that it is my duty to become informed about the matters we have discussed today. Thank you so much for helping me with my obligation. I may even have to change my name, for I am no longer N. Different. Wonder what my husband will say about THAT!

Close with discussion about registration and voting. Encourage members to vote.



"The seed is the word."

Seed sown through benevolences, for care of orphans, aging, needy, sick, alcoholics, suffering, lonely, blind, young Christians, the lost.

Call to Prayer

Day by day
for the World I Pray

Prepared by Hannah Plowden

1 SATURDAY But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life. John 4:14 (read vs. 2-14 28-29 39-42)

Rev. W. D. Morgan of Bethany Baptist Church, Rainbow City, Canal Zone, was asked by the Home Mission Board to go to the San Blas Islands and hold revival services on two islands. During 5 days of meetings there were 41 conversions and 45 rededications. Though primitive in many respects these island people are moving forward rapidly. Many of their fine, dedicated young men are studying in colleges. Let us strengthen God's workers there with prayer.

Pray for Mrs. Andres Rodriguez, Havana, Cuba, ex. W. T. Watts, Oklahoma City, Okla.; Mrs. or I. E. Gonzalez, Texas; Gladys E. L. Lu, et. Mrs. M. K. Wasson Ogburn, Nigeria, et. Mrs. B. T. Griffin, Lagos, Nigeria; Mrs. A. J. Powell, J. C. Duke, Lebanon; J. A. Herring, Kaohsiung Taiwan, ex.

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 2

So likewise shall my heavenly Father do also unto you, if ye from your hearts forgive not every one his brother their trespasses. Matt. 18:35 (read vs. 21-35)

In Brazil the Holy Spirit sent Pastor Barbosa into a strong Catholic town. He was met there by a band of Jesuits who demanded that he leave. Even though Pastor Barbosa is a big man with a big temper, that day he was calm. With the butt of his pistol, the leader of the group knocked Barbosa down and left him bloodstained on the ground. Later Senor Barbosa sought out his assailant whom he startled by saying, "My friend, I want to tell you that I love you. I have shed my blood but that will do you no good. But Christ shed his precious blood that we might have forgiveness in his name. It is that salvation I have come to your town to preach."

His recent enemy replied, "Barbosa, you win. You may preach in our town. No one will stop you." Let us pray for this man and

names are listed on their birthdays. Addresses in DIRECTORY OF MISSIONARY PERSONNEL, free from Home Mission Board, Box 6597, Richmond, Virginia 23230, and in HOME MISSIONS.

BA business administration med. medical evangelism
DMD dentist pub. publications
ed. education ret. retired
es. evangelism RM Rescue Mission
GWC Good Will Center RN nurse
Ind. Indian soc. social worker
JR Juvenile Rehabilitation Sp. sp. Spanish speaking
MA missionary associate SW Student Work
MC Mission Center TM Teacher missionary
MD doctor " turlough

his former enemy.

Pray for J. P. Kirk, Salvador, Brazil, ev.; G. W. Thomas, Oakland, Calif., dsuf. ev.; Sara Ruth Wilson, New Orleans, La., GWC; Mrs. A. Worthington, Okla., ret.

3 MONDAY But when the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful for he had great possessions Matt. 19:22 (read Matt. 19)

It is said of Borden of Yale that he had to overcome wealth as other men have to overcome poverty. At first thought it seems that the former would be easier, but is it? This story is too often repeated in our day and in our rich country. Teaching little children to love God supremely and to obey him in the matter of the tithe helps to fortify them against the deceitfulness of riches.

Pray for R. B. Alvarez, Hartingen, Tex., Sp. sp. ev.; Mrs. C. J. Smith, Kingfisher, Okla., Ind. ev.; Mary Lucile Saunders, Manila, Philippines, pub.; F. B. Owen, Kediri, Indonesia; G. H. Koltmar, Barranquilla, Colombia, MD; Mrs. H. D. McCamey, Ibadan, Nigeria, RN; Mrs. J. C. Dike, Lebanon, ev.; J. D. Ragan, Singapore, MA; Dorothy K. Lane, Tokyo, Japan, ed.; S. A. Qualls, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, BA

4 TUESDAY The Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister and to give his life a ransom for many Matt. 20:28 (read Matt. 20)

Today we pray for two retired missionaries: Mrs. J. E. Jackson, China-Japan-Philippines, and Mrs. Frank DiMaggio, Louisiana. What do retired missionaries do? How can we pray for them? They do deputation work. They take a warm, cordial place in church life. They do personal work and visitation. As the shadows lengthen and physical strength lessens they still serve through faithful prayer. Pray for retired missionaries.

Pray for E. F. Holmes, Concepcion, Chile.

Mrs. B. A. O'Neal, Mareto, Mrs. R. J. Carter, Salvador, Brazil, ev.

5 WEDNESDAY Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord: Hosanna in the highest Matt. 21:9 (read ev. 1-22)

One day when kindergarten was almost over at Carver Good Will Center in New Orleans, Dr. John L. Gilbert, supt. of missions, drove up in a new station wagon. He asked the children to guess what he had for them. One child answered, "We've been praying for a station wagon." One little girl exclaimed, "God just loves to answer prayer." Now when the evidence of this love was before them thirty-five Negro children dropped to their knees in the middle of the floor to thank God for his loving kindness and tender mercies. Let us pray for the ministry of Carver Mission.

Pray for Densidedith Escobar, La Palma, Panama; Mrs. J. P. Gilbert, Quito, Ecuador; Mrs. S. P. Jackson, Brazil; R. H. Pinder, Argentina; C. F. Roberson, Yaba, Nigeria; Mrs. L. N. Nelson, Japan, ev.; Lila F. Watson, China-Taiwan-Hong Kong, ret.

6 THURSDAY Therefore say I unto you, The kingdom of God shall be taken from you, and given to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof Matt. 21:43 (read ev. 23-46)

Most Jews of our country are in reach of Christian churches. Most of them are economically well established. Few are ever in trouble with the law. Most of the children are good students. To reach these people with the message of the Messiah Saviour, we first must be concerned for them, then make them our friends, visit them as they invite us into their homes, and invite them into our homes and to church services.

Pray for Mrs. Dan Contreras, Las Vegas, N.M.; Sp. sp. ev.; Francisco Rodriguez, Matanzas, Cuba, ev.; Mrs. V. T. Yeats, Panama, ret.; Jerry Hubbs, Nakuru, Kenya, Thailand; Reiji Hashizaki, Nagoya, Japan; Hattie Mae Gardner, Okata, Nigeria, ev.; Delilah Jones, Eku, Nigeria, RN; Emma Harris, Heife, Nigeria, ed.

7 FRIDAY Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind Matt. 22:37 (read Matt. 22)

After receiving a Ph.D. in philosophy, Maud Royden was asked what she thought of the philosophy of Jesus. She said she did



GIVE me your tired, your poor,
Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free.
The wretched refuse of your teeming shore,
Send these, the homeless, tempest-toss'd to me,
I lift my lamp beside the Golden Door."

In preparation for the Week of Prayer for Home Missions, March 1-8, ponder these thoughts of Emma Lazarus, and be prepared to pray for the masses in America who yearn to breathe free!

FORECASTER

Planned by Margaret Bruce and Elaine Dickson
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Madam President

"Though we measure our lives by the length of their years, it is more significant to grow in the depth and breadth of our living." February should help WMS members grow in depth and breadth. This month in circle meetings they will learn about their responsibility as citizens and in the general WMS meeting about the chaplain and his work with the military, in hospitals and industrial institutions. Investigate your area and discover whether or not there are opportunities for your WMS to help a chaplain with his work.

February has three denominational emphases of which you will want to be aware: Baptist World Alliance Sunday, February 2, Transfer Church Membership Month and Jubilee Revival Prayer Program, February 24-28.

YWA Focus Week plans will be in The Window Your WMU executive board will co-operate with your YWA director and her committee in carrying out these plans in making February 9-15 an outstanding experience for YWA members.

How well do you know the art of delegating? The Westinghouse Electric Corporation rates their employees on the following broad aspects in managerial development:

1. What he is
2. What he knows
3. How he works
4. What he accomplishes

Each of these is broken down into smaller elements on which the em-

ployee is rated. "How he works" is determined by his planning, organizing, communicating, following through, developing people, maintaining morale, working with others, and delegating.

(From *The Techniques of Delegating* by Donald A. Laird and Eleanor C. Laird, published by McGraw-Hill Book Co. Used by permission. Price \$4.50 from Baptist Book Stores)

How do you rate in getting things done through others? How much of your work load do you delegate to your vice-president? The two duties outlined for the vice-president are: (1) perform duties of president in her absence and (2) assume responsibilities delegated by president. There are many ways in which the vice-president can help you. She may visit youth organizations, represent you on certain committees, help with leadership training, and with the presiding.

Be willing to entrust others with responsibilities; be willing to give them freedom to act; be willing to delegate.

Being able to delegate wisely comes from practice, so practice delegating responsibility and get the job done through others.

One of the duties of the WMS president is to lead in organizing new WMS circles. Have you considered recently the need for forming new circles in your WMS?

Are there circles with more than fifteen members? If so, they may be too large. Are additional circles

needed to enlist those who have not as yet been reached?

There may be young brides, or young mothers, or single young women beyond YWA age who could be enlisted more easily if a circle was organized for their groups. Are there those unenlisted because of the inconvenience in the meeting time and place? Are community circles needed?

By dividing you encourage the enlistment of other women.

As new members are brought into the society, help them understand its purpose and lead them to participate actively in all that the society seeks to do.

Analyze your situation. There may be need for more than one WMS in your church. A WMS survey may reveal that there are business women who cannot meet during the day. The survey may reveal that there are women who prefer a

morning society, an afternoon society, and a night society.

If you and your executive board are interested in going into Plan B (a plan providing for more than one society), study the plan as outlined in the WMS Manual, page 7. After you get a thorough understanding of the work of the WMU executive board, the WMS executive board, and the duties of the officers, discuss the matter with your pastor so that he may be well informed of this change in the WMU. One of the easiest ways to understand Plan B is by seeing the diagrams on pages 12-13 in the WMS Manual.

Plan carefully the agenda of your meeting. It should include the use of Call to Prayer, business, promotional features (see suggestions in this Forcaster), and the general missionary program, pages 26-32, Royal Service.

Dear Circle Chairman,

February is one of my favorite months; not because Leap Year comes around every fourth year either! I suppose it's because of February 14th and the 12th and the 22nd, and because it's such an important month in WMU.

It is preparation month for the Week of Prayer for Home Missions, March 1-8, and the Annie Armstrong Offering for Home Missions. Be sure that these are presented enthusiastically at your

February circle meeting.

February 9-15 is YWA Focus Week too and you will lead your circle members to co-operate in carrying out any plans assigned to your circle at the executive board meeting.

The circle programs this quarter on citizenship should cause WMS members to think and act. Impress each circle member with her responsibility to be an informed Christian citizen.

Read the section addressed to madam president, on organizing new circles and societies and on delegating, in this Forecaster. See suggestions for promotional features at circle meetings. You may

use these ideas or your own good ones.

Plan for your agenda to include the use of Call to Prayer, business, promotional features, circle program or mission study

Promotional Features FOR MEETINGS

GENERAL MEETING

Suggestions for Use of Call to Prayer

Since February is considered the month of hearts, use a heart to present Call to Prayer. Place a large red cardboard heart on a tackboard. Then arrange the continents of the world in their proper locations. After these have been placed on the heart read Ecclesiastes 3:11b, "also he hath set the world in their heart." Point out the areas where the missionaries are serving who have birthdays on the day your WMS meets. While praying for the missionaries pray that your Woman's Missionary Society may be used to set the world in the hearts of WMS members and cause them to be concerned for lost people everywhere.

Week of Prayer for Home Missions

At the general WMS meeting in February announce the observance of the Week of Prayer for Home

Missions, March 1-8. Tell of how the week is to be observed in the church and in homes from Sunday to Sunday. Stand-up prayer reminders will be provided to encourage families to pray together during the week. Emphasis will be given to home missions in Sunday school and Training Union departments.

The theme for the week is "In Freedom's Holy Light." The daily topics are:

Monday—We Proclaim Christ
Tuesday—We Proclaim Life
Wednesday—We Proclaim Liberty

Thursday—We Proclaim Love
Friday—We Proclaim Victory

On a placard print, "We Proclaim," leaving space for the additional word in each day's topic. On five cards print the words "Christ," "Life," "Liberty," "Love," and "Victory." As each day's topic is presented thumbtack or tape the proper word in its place.

Give time and place of each day's observance.

Give More in '64

Present the idea of "giving more in '64" to the Annie Armstrong Offering. Cut out of blue cardboard a map of the United States and print on left side of map in red letters, "1963." Under this date print the amount given by your church last year to the Annie Armstrong Offering. On right side of map print "1964" and under this date a question mark. As the poster

is presented and your 1964 goal is announced, explain that it is a fifteen per cent increase over your last year's gift. Each one will need to give more in '64 to make possible an enlarged ministry through the Home Mission Board.

The 1964 goal for the Annie Armstrong Offering for Home Missions is \$3,500,000. This is a fifteen per cent increase over the amount given last year.

MEETING

APOGEE

To call attention at circle meeting to the book being promoted for study and reading this month, ask each member to make an acrostic from the word, "Apogee." The words should give some information they have learned from reading the book. Such words as the following may be included:

A America, advance
P program, progress, people
O organization, overseas
G gospel, geography, Gruver
E evangelism, effectiveness
E expanding, extending

Urge every member to read the book in order that each may learn of the expanding program of work of our Home Mission Board. Give information about teacher, or teachers, time and place of class.

Promote Reading New Testament Through in 1964

There are 1,440 minutes in a day. Take the minutes necessary each

day to read the scripture reference in Royal Service Call to Prayer. These verses will take WMS members through the New Testament in 1964. At the circle meeting tell members of the denominational plan to encourage every Baptist to read the New Testament through during the Jubilee Year. This is a part of WMU's Three Point Program for Progress. (See WMU Year Book.) As the plan is presented read Revelation 1:3 and 1 Timothy 4:13.

Promote Week of Prayer for Home Missions, March 1-8

If your February circle meeting is a luncheon or a supper meeting use as place mats a calendar of the month of March on which the first week, March 1-8, is circled in red. If refreshments are served instead of a luncheon or supper, give each person a calendar to place on her lap or use small calendars as favors and explain that March 1-8 is a

very special week and should be circled in red on every WMS member's calendar. Announce plans for the observance of the Week of Prayer for Home Missions in your

church and give information about the fifteen per cent increase in the Annie Armstrong Offering goal which is \$3,500,000

SPICING YOUR PROGRAM

GENERAL •

Have you discovered the following resources?

Free leaflets from the Home Mission Board, 161 Spring St., N.W., Atlanta, Ga. 30303:

"Spiritually Prepared"

"Today's Chaplaincy"

"Institutional and Industrial Chaplaincy"

"For Mom and Dad Only."

Order four copies of each of these. Give them to program participants for background reading. After looking at the leaflet, "For Mom and Dad Only," you might want to get enough copies of this to give to every family in your church who has someone in service.

Home Missions magazine for September, 1963, was devoted almost exclusively to the work of chaplains. Did you save your copy? It contains excellent pictures and information.

See pages 8 and 24, for supplementary articles in this month's Royal Service.

Is there a Baptist chaplain in your area whom you could invite to be on your program? If so, why not interview him, using the same techniques as given in the program. Someone in your society could summarize the other phases of chaplaincy work not represented by your guest.

Consider preparing prayer lists of names and addresses of military personnel from your church. In-

clude on it any chaplains who serve in nearby institutions, hospitals, or industry. Give a list to WMS members as the program closes, requesting that they pray for those listed and that they write letters of encouragement, appreciation, and news of the church and community.

Use the information from "Facts of Interest," page 28. These facts might be written on large sheets of paper and placed on the walls in the meeting room. Some of them might be read by the program chairman as she introduces the program. They could be distributed on strips of paper and read aloud by members at an appropriate time; or they might be included in the printed program, if you have one.

If the church has a tape recorder, you might tape the closing meditation ahead of time, using both men and women's voices.

CIRCLE •

As a follow through on the circle program, why not utilize the "circular response" technique mentioned in the program. Choose two or three issues which are paramount considerations in local, state or national government. Pose them as questions and solicit response from the group. Don't become involved in endless discussion; merely let this point up thought processes within the group.

ENLISTMENT

Orientation of New Members

When a WMS works at enlistment, it receives new members. What happens when they join—anything? Moving a new member into active participation in the society's work is sometimes a greater challenge than getting her name on the membership roll in the first place.

When a woman joins the WMS she has certain needs which the organization can meet.

A new member wants to know...

Who's who?

Where do I fit in?

What is expected of me?

What is the purpose of WMS?

A new member needs to...

feel at ease

feel identified with the program

be mentally and spiritually stimulated

Consider these suggestions for helping the new member find her place of active participation in WMS.

1. When a woman joins WMS, have someone responsible for visiting her the following week in her home. Leave a copy of Royal Service for her to read; see that she has a subscription. Have the new member fill out an Interest-Talent Card* (price 10 for 10c).

2. Have someone bring the new member to the first society meeting after she joins. Introduce her to the WMS officers. (In churches with circles, this is particularly important for a woman could join a circle and think this is the end unless the circle helps her see the broader relationship of the circle to the society as a whole.)

* From Women's Missionary Union, 400 North 20th St., Birmingham, Ala. 35263 (see page 41), WMSU Year Book for instructions.)

Current COMMENTS

3. Formally introduce the new member at the next society meeting after she joins. Give her a WMS Membership Folder* (15c dozen). Read the statement of WMS Aims, on the inside of the membership folder, to the new members as she is presented the folder.

4. Purchase two or three copies of Woman's Missionary Union* by Alma Hunt (85c). On the flyleaf write the name of your WMS and church and "The following new members of our society have read this book." Lead a copy to every new member and ask her to enter her name on the flyleaf when she has read it.

5. Use the information from the interest-talent survey to help get the new member involved in some activities with which she is interested in helping.

PRAYER and STEWARDSHIP

WEEK OF PRAYER for HOME MISSIONS

and
Annie Armstrong Offering

March 1-8, 1964, is the date for the Week of Prayer for Home Missions. The theme is "In Freedom's Holy Light." Will your society have a five-day observance? Are the dates cleared on the church calendar? Are you working with your pastor and other church leaders in making the offering churchwide? Do you have an Annie Armstrong Offering goal for your church?

March Royal Service will carry complete plans for the Week of Prayer. Forecaster will bring "how to" suggestions for the prayer and stewardship committees.

Celebrate the Jubilee: Have a 15 per cent increase in the Annie Armstrong Offering in Your Church.

ALL WMS LEADERS

Baptist Jubilee Revival

Jubilee revivals will be a high light of the Jubilee Year, 1964. They are scheduled for March 8-22 or March 29-April 12, depending on your state. WMU has a "job assignment" for these special events. Become familiar with the WMS actions suggested below and help your church in its revival emphasis.

1. Attend Associational Evangelism Clinic.
2. Promote Baptist Jubilee Revival Rally.
3. Help entertain evangelist (meals in homes, noon only).
4. Engage in pre-revival visitation.
5. Help provide places for neighborhood cottage prayer meetings.
6. Help build attendance at prayer meetings.
7. Provide nursery facilities for revival services.
8. Lead in soul-winning visitation.
9. Have circle prayer meetings for revival.
10. Emphasize WMU community missions soul-winning program.
11. Secure gummed sticker with Bible references presenting the plan of salvation (26 for 25c) from Woman's Missionary Union, 600 North 20th St., Birmingham, Ala. 35202.
12. Read WMU periodicals and Church Administration magazine.

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PRESIDENT

Study Baptist Ideals

During the 150th Anniversary of organized Baptist life on the North American continent, Baptists are pausing not only to celebrate the Third Jubilee, but also to reaffirm the ideals which Baptists have upheld throughout their history. Royal Service is carrying a series of articles on these ideals. The series began in January and will continue through May.

You may obtain free copies of the leaflet, "Baptist Ideals," from your state convention office. Write for enough copies to distribute to all your members of your society meeting, and call attention to the article in Royal Service. (See page 4 for the second in the series of articles.) The leaflet contains an abbreviated statement of each ideal while the Royal Service articles discuss the ideal in more detail. Encourage every member to study Baptist Ideals through the leaflet and Royal Service.

Celebrate the Jubilee: Lead Every Member to Study Baptist Ideals.

YWA DIRECTOR or REPRESENTATIVE

YWA Focus Week

February 8-15 is YWA Focus Week. The theme for the week is "Commitment to Witness" and you will find complete plans in February The Window. The emphases for the week will be witnessing and enlistment. The witnessing plans will tie in with preparation for Jubilee revivals. A "YWA Twinfest" banquet will be the special accent on enlistment.

As plans are developed for this important week in your church enlist WMS help where it is needed.

not know if he had one. She was told that his philosophy was followed by millions of men today and through all the past two thousand years. She asked where she could learn of his teachings and was pointed to the New Testament. She studied it and accepted Christ with her whole life, giving all she had and was to have. She gave him her all. Do we?

Pray for Mrs. E. M. Treadwell, Albuquerque, N.M.; Mrs. Paul Rogosin, San Francisco, Calif.; Russian ex.; R. C. Johnson, Panama, Mrs. F. B. Huey, Jr., Rio de Janeiro, Brazil; C. G. Corlin, Ghana; Mrs. J. D. Hooten, Nombasa, Kenya; ex.; L. C. Atwap, Bulawayo, So. Rhodesia; pub.; Marilois Kirksey, Brazil, soc.; Mattie A. Baker, Brazil, ret.

SATURDAY For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard. Acts 4:28 (read Matt. 4:18-22; 17:1-2; Mark 14:32-33; 37-38; Acts 12:1-3).

The method used by an Atlanta insurance salesman has application in Christian witnessing. secure an interview, create a general problem, make a specific problem, present the solution, and press for a decision.

The most important steps are the last two. With the soul-winner the final step often is neglected. You might ask these questions before you press for a decision. Have you been thinking of spiritual things lately? What do you consider the most important spiritual need of any man? May I tell you what the Bible has to say about man's most important spiritual need? These suggestions, if prayerfully followed, will help the Holy Spirit win a soul through you.

Pray for Mrs. Ross Hanna, Santa Fe, N.M.; Ind. ex.; M. E. O'Neill, Alamo, Texas, Sp. sp. ex.; D. E. Smith, Minna, Nigeria. Mrs. J. P. Griggs, Gwelo, So. Rhodesia, ex.; Katie Murray, China-Taiwan, ret.

SUNDAY And whosoever shall exalt himself shall be abased: and he that shall humble himself shall be exalted. Matt. 23:12 (read vv. 1-22).

Helping to stir Baptists in this country to great concern for world evangelization is the hope of Herbert W. Neely of Bulawayo, So. Rhodesia. He says there is need for giving. There is need for going. But neither is the complete answer. The outstanding need in Africa and America is for a man to stand where God calls him. Some of this is beginning to show among the deacons of Mzilikazi Baptist Church of Bulawayo where they are

struggling along without a pastor. The men meet at 6:00 p.m. when they come home from work and go out two by two to witness. Pray for these witnesses.

Pray for Mr. Neely, Mrs. K. R. Wolfe, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, ex.; L. R. Parker, Jr., La. Negro ex.; Alexander Pasetti, Lutz, Fla., Sp. sp. ex.

10 MONDAY Behold, your house is left unto you desolate. Matt. 23:38 (read vv. 23-39).

A patient in the Baptist Hospital, Shaki, Nigeria, heard the gospel, and the message was sweet to his ears. He registered belief and a decision to follow Christ. He was full of joy. On his return home, he taught choruses he had learned to people in the Baptist church. Then he stopped attending.

When the hospital friends visited him he said, "If I become a Christian, who will be left to worship the idols?" All of his children were Christians. He thought, according to their tradition, that worshipping idols was the way to keep in touch with departed loved ones. If he became a Christian he would be the one to break the contact with generations of ancestors whose influence they feel to be almost a human force. He backed away from that final break. Will you remember him and pray like him as you pray?

Pray for Mrs. D. N. Mayhall, Ogbomoso, Nigeria. S. E. Ray, Nigeria. W. D. Frazier, Kaduna, Nigeria, Nadine Lova, Kermasi, Ghana, ex.; B. J. Walsh, Torreon, Mexico, ex.; C. E. Sanders, Tucson, Ariz., Sp. sp. ex.; Abraham Wright, Ill., ret.

11 TUESDAY And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come. Matt. 24:14 (read vv. 1-14).

"Whatever the reasons, there is new missionary zeal and activity [among some] non-Christian religions. This is especially true of Islam, Hinduism, and Buddhism. . . . That we are being missionized by non-Christian religions is a reality with which we must reckon"—Christianity and World Religions* by E. Luther Copeland.

Pray for A. M. Lugo, Sterling, Ill., Sp. sp. ex.; Mrs. W. H. Smith, Campinas, Brazil; C. L. Miller, Cotabato, Philippines; Mrs. S. P. Howard, Jr., Kokura, Japan, ex.; E. R. Walker, Baguio, Philippines, ex.; Ruby L. Wheat, Korea, RN, Clifford Barratt, China-Taiwan, Mrs.

*4c from Baptist Book Stores.

C. A. Baker, Brazil, ret.

12 WEDNESDAY Watch therefore; for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come. Matt. 24:42 (read vv. 13-31).

Pray for J. B. Hippa, retired after 38 years in China as professor at University of Shanghai, and dean of the Theol. Sem. there, after retirement from Board was on faculty of Southeastern Seminary until 1957; Mrs. H. B. Boone, physician's wife and mother of six children, Jinja, Uganda; Mrs. H. E. Peacock, musician, assists her husband in City Missions program, Sao Paulo, Brazil; Mrs. H. O. Hendrick, mother of five children, Sao Paulo, Brazil; Ruth Randall, 38 years in Brazil where for many of those years she was editor of WMU materials, retired 1952; Mrs. J. C. Brown, Jr., Costa Rica, ev.; Ada Young, director Friendship House GWC, New Orleans, La.; H. A. Borah, director East St. Louis Rescue Mission, Ill.

13 THURSDAY For unto every one that hath shall be given, and he shall have abundance; but from him that hath not shall be taken away even that which he hath. Matt. 25:29 (read vv. 1-30).

This word came from a worker in Japan. "A girl for whom I have been praying told me of her great loneliness and how when she heard the Word at the Student Center and came under deep conviction of sin. At my home she made a profession of faith, but she will need continuing prayer on her behalf and much encouragement because of past associates."

Pray for Mrs. T. O. Cox, Japan, R. E. Morris, Taiwan, J. R. Marshall, Jr., Thailand, M. C. Reed, Petah Tiqa, Israel, C. A. Allison, Mbeya, Tanganyika, Mrs. G. M. Fule, Jr., Nalerigu, Ghana, Mrs. J. D. Spann, Las Piedras, Uruguay, ev.; J. C. Anderson, Buenos Aires, Argentina, J. C. Willmon, Lebanon, ed.; S. R. Fleweller, Ghana, med.; Mrs. M. S. Blair, Argentina, ret.

14 FRIDAY And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily, I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me. Matt. 25:40 (read vv. 31-46).

Have you wondered if you are tender-hearted as Christ would have you be? Do you clothe the needy ones? Yes. Feed the hungry? Yes. Visit the sick? Yes. Entertain strangers? Maybe. Visit in prisons? No! Why not?

Jail doors swing shut on nearly three mil-

lion people every year. Many are you people without previous police record. These are usually placed in juvenile hall, city jails. Except in some larger cities, there is no chaplain or pastor for these unfortunate inmates. The presence of a Bible or a Gospel portion can be, and has been, the means of awakening conscience, of discovering God's voice. It may be Christ needs you there, and then there you will come into new joy in service.

Pray for Gladys Farmer, Columbus, S. C.; GWC; J. R. Cheyne, Salisbury, So. Rhodesia; Mrs. J. M. Carpenter, Greenville, Liberia; D. N. Sharpley, Santa Maria, Brazil; W. A. Hatton, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, ev.

15 SATURDAY And Jesus answering said unto them, They that are whole need not a physician; but they that are sick. I come not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance. Luke 5:31-32 (read Luke 8:26-39).

Our men and women in the armed forces are in many parts of the world—places where there may be no Christian influence. Some countries are closing their doors to missionaries but not to our armed forces. We need to pray that God will continue to use these Christian men and women to be missionaries wherever they go at home and overseas. He has done so already in the USA, in the Philippines, in France, Germany, and other places. Encourage and pray for them.

Pray for Olive Lacton, Taiwan, Mrs. D. R. Cobb, Thailand, Dale Moore, Johannesburg, Nigeria, ev.; Martha L. Franks, Taipei, Taiwan; Mrs. Hake Smith, Jr., Buenos Aires, Argentina, ed.; Jovita Galun, San Antonio, Tex., Sp. sp. ev.

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 16 For this is my blood of the new testament which is shed for many for the remission of sins. Matt. 26:28 (read vv. 1-35).

In the Philippines, Baptist laymen have felt great burden for pioneering evangelism. A special one-year course at the Sem. has been provided to give them new training. This has added new dimension to their lives and their witness for Christ. There are unreached multitudes. W. Hicks of Baguio pleads that we pray and give generously and regularly to the Cooperative Program.

Pray for Mrs. Hicks, J. A. Yarbrough, Nigeria, ed.; W. E. Verner, Abuakwa, D. L. Mills, Kingston, Jamaica, M. Hancour, Orléans, France, ev.; Mrs. L. J.

FACTS OF INTEREST

1. Southern Baptist chaplains reported 12,000 conversions in 1962.
2. Annually 600,000 persons are inducted into the armed forces; 20 per cent have no church affiliation.
3. There are 120,000 members of Southern Baptist churches inducted annually into the armed forces.
4. American military men are stationed in 74 of the countries of the world.
5. Six Southern Baptist ministers are serving full-time in industry.
6. There are more than 160 Baptist hospital chaplains.
7. Sixty-eight Southern Baptist pastors are ministering full-time in correctional institutions.
8. A community survey would more than likely reveal to your church many avenues of service to the military, in hospitals, and institutions.

son, Brazil, Ola V. Lea, China-Taiwan, E. M. Bantick, Jr., China, ret.; R. G. Falcon, El Paso, Tex., Sp. sp. ev.

16 MONDAY Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak. Matt. 26:41 (read vv. 36-56).

Mr. Lester D. Cochran, Deming, New Mexico, is superintendent of missions in his association. This phase of Southern Baptist Home Mission work has received a great boost in the influence of the 30,000 Movement. The program is the promotion of work on an associational basis. A superintendent endeavors to lead churches in co-operating in all phases of denominational work—in study courses, camps, and associations, state, home, and foreign missions. Mr. Cochran helps foster new missions, assists in organizing new churches. Pray for Mr. Cochran.

Pray for R. J. Green, Tuba City, Ariz., Ind.; R. C. Hill, Thailand, Mrs. W. E. Wynn, Ibadan, Nigeria, ev.; Katharine Weldon, Mexico, med.; Mrs. J. C. Ware, Guadalupe, Mexico, RN; T. H. Dowell, Korea, ed.; Mrs. E. Chambers, China, ret.

18 TUESDAY Hereafter shall ye see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven. Matt. 26:64 (read vv. 57-75).

Dr. Courts Redford says in a pamphlet "Spiritual Conquest Now" that we must not fail God and our fellowmen. We must dedicate our spiritual and material wealth to the service of our Master. He says, "I will go to the place of prayer—I will go to the place of worship—I will go to the place of sacrifice—I will go to the place of service. I will be a living epistle and a willing witness for my Lord."

Pray for Mrs. Quinn Morgan, Bakersfield, Calif., Sp. sp. ev.; Mrs. Manuel Quintana, Pinar del Rio, Cuba, Mahel Summers, Beirut, Lebanon, Mrs. J. H. Carpenter, Bandung, Indonesia, ev.; W. E. Whelan, Korea, DMD.

19 WEDNESDAY Pilate saith unto them, What shall I do with Jesus which is called Christ? They all say unto him, Let him be crucified. Matt. 27:22 (read vv. 1-34).

There is a green hill far away,
Without a city wall,
Where the dear Lord was crucified,
Who died to save us all.
O dearly, dearly has He loved,
And we must love Him, too,
And trust in His redeeming blood,
And try His works to do.

—Cecil F. Alexander

Pray for A. Ben Bedford, Argentina, Mrs. G. A. Cankner, Brazil, T. J. Kennedy, Zaria, Nigeria, Jewell Greer, Bangkok, Thailand, Mrs. B. B. Tisdale, Tarlac, Philippines, Mrs. F. A. Hooper, III, Israel, ev.; R. H. Fannoni, Nigeria, MD; Atilio Rivera, San Blas, Panama, ev.; Elizabeth Newman, Ill., GWC; Mrs. Pedro Carranza, Douglas, Ariz., Sp. sp. ev.; Mrs. J. L. James, Okla., ret.

20 THURSDAY Nine when the contention, and they that were with him, watching Jesus, saw the earthquake, and those things that were done, they feared greatly, saying, Truly this was the Son of God. Matt. 27:54 (read vv. 35-66).

Robert Lawson, home missionary working with the Sinter Baptist Association, Sinter, S. C., speaks for the missionaries serving in many of 1,162 associations throughout our country, and urges you to pray for associational missionaries as they labor in the field.

of "world missions." This superintendent of missions here in our country is concerned that all Christians be involved in a worldwide witness.

"A strong association builds Christian fellowship, deepens Christian commitment, strengthens organizational and spiritual life, stimulates evangelistic concern, promotes church extension, and undergirds missions at home and abroad," he believes. *Pray for associational missionaries.*

Pray for Mr. Lawson: Milton Bryant, Brookhaven, Miss. TM; Mrs. Pascual Argento, Calif.; Mrs. J. L. Maye, Texas; I. V. Larson, China-Philippines-Taiwan, ret.; W. A. Conoley, Nigeria, ed.; Mrs. R. S. Franks, Chihuahua, Mexico, SW; J. P. Gilbert, Quito, Ecuador, M. E. Dofson, Mexico, etc.

21 FRIDAY Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost Matt. 28:19 (read Matt. 28).

This verse is buttressed before and behind; before, it says, "All power is given unto me." Following it, Jesus says, "Lo, I am with you." The job is too big for any person. Christ speaks to his churches and his churches are made up of individuals—you and me. So he speaks to each heart. He says, "I have the right to command. Therefore, you go. I love the lost one to whom I send you. I love you as my messenger, and I will go with you. Therefore go in love for me." This is a command!

Pray for J. E. Musgrave, Jr., Rio de Janeiro, A. A. Giannetta, Campinas, Mrs. H. W. Fite, Jr., Brazil, Mrs. E. H. Walworth, Hermosillo, Mexico, Mrs. M. P. Jones, Paraguay, Mrs. R. R. Greenwood, Guatemala, Lucy E. Wagner, Korea, Mrs. W. R. Wakefield, Makati, Philippines, Mrs. W. B. Faw, Jos, Nigeria, ed.; Margaret Marchman, Shaki, Nigeria, ed.; Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Sealey, Panama, Sp. sp. ev.; R. G. Van Rynen, Tex. field worker, Dorcas Christensen, Santa Fe, N.M. Ind. ev.; Hazel McGill, New Orleans, La., RM.

22 SATURDAY In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace; wherein he hath abounded toward us in all wisdom and prudence Eph. 1:7-8 (read Luke 7:36-50).

There is a half inch worm common in New Zealand which is capable of producing a pinpoint of light. In caves where these worms live the darkness vanishes when they light

up one by one until there are millions glowing. They produce a fantastically beautiful light by which one can read a newspaper. This should be true of believers. When we shine for Christ we illumine this dark world which so desperately needs Christian who light the way!

Pray for Mrs. E. L. Oliver, Kagoshima, Japan, med.; Mrs. J. H. Hammett, Taipei, Mrs. G. L. Hix, Taiwan, Mrs. F. G. Ross, Durango, Mexico, Mrs. A. E. Senter, Dar es Salaam, Tanganyika, Mrs. A. C. Perez, Panama, etc.

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 23

The time is fulfilled and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent ye, and believe the gospel Mark 1:15 (read ev. 1:22).

What do you estimate to be the cost of the first trip to the moon with an eight-day stop-over? Scientists and mathematicians estimate that it will cost three billion, sixty-eight million dollars! For mission use this amount of money would pay for transportation both ways for 100,000 missionaries, plus sufficient equipment to last ten years; it would build 100 new radio stations at \$100,000 each; it would provide enough money to build as many mission schools, hospitals, and printing plants as we have provided for missions in the last fifty years; and with a great sum left over. We do not have such money available, but if every Southern Baptist tithed there would be much more than the \$541 million available which is the amount given to our churches last year.

Pray for C. C. Craig, Jr., Raleigh, N. C., Negro, ev.; Andrew Foelter, Washington, D. C. TM, Mrs. T. K. Edwards, Ogbomoso, Nigeria, RN, Alma N. Graves, Fukuoka, Japan, ed.; Flora E. Dodson, China-Hong Kong, Mrs. R. E. L. Moushew, China, ret.

24 MONDAY And he healed many that were sick of divers diseases, and cast out many devils; and suffered not the devils to speak, because they knew him Mark 3:14 (read ev. 23-45).

Mrs. Armanda Silverio serves with her husband among Italian and other Latin people. She has three children yet carries an active part in the work in Tampa, Fla. In order to fit herself more completely into the total program of the Home Mission Board she has visited in Cuba and Hawaii.

Pray for Mrs. Silverio: Mrs. R. L. Baulch, China-Taiwan, Lara Clement, China-Singapore, Mrs. R. T. Bryan, China, ret., Viet. N.

Camp, El Paso, Texas, Baptist Sp. Pub. House, ev.; Ruth M. Rumphol, Kontogera, Nigeria, Mrs. Bill Smith, Campinas, Brazil, RN; Mrs. J. K. Ragland, Beirut, Lebanon, L. A. Wade, Jr., Manaus, Brazil, R. B. Robertson, Buenos Aires, Argentina, Mrs. J. T. Lochridge, Philippines, etc.

25 TUESDAY They that are whole have no need of a physician, but they that are sick: I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance Mark 2:17 (read Mark 2).

The Lord has blessed the efforts of Southern Baptists during the past twelve years in pioneer mission work in Michigan. Rev. Robert Wilcox says, "Our needs for prayer are many; one is for dedicated pastors. We have the people in Michigan; but because our work is small and young, we do not have finances for the work which needs to be done. Many pastors have to work at secular employment for a year or two while they are establishing a new Baptist church. We need the best men available for this work! New emphasis is on language groups within our state. We recently called a language missionary who will be working with churches as they try to reach people of many nationalities."

Pray for Jane W. Lide, China, ret.; Mrs. T. D. Guillart, Mito, Japan, Mrs. C. H. Lawton, Sr., Philippines, Mrs. B. E. Adams, Concepcion, Chile, Mrs. B. C. Atchison, Campinas, Brazil, N. W. Wood, Blentyre, Nyasaland, etc.

26 WEDNESDAY And he ordained twelve, that they should be with him, and that he might send them forth to preach Mark 3:14 (read Mark 3).

We now have 64 missionaries appointed to the Philippines. Many Filipinos have come to the USA. The largest concentration of them is in California. Mr. and Mrs. Donald Phlegar are home missionaries among them in Stockton. Mrs. Phlegar works with women in their homes and churches, seeking to win them to Christ as Saviour and as Lord of their lives.

Pray for Mrs. Phlegar: N. T. Tull, La., Mrs. D. P. Appleby, Brazil, ret.; Mrs. R. F. Goldie, Ogbomoso, Nigeria, RN; Mrs. M. E. Phillips, Kisumu, Kenya, Mrs. W. B. McNelly, Volta Redonda, Brazil, ev.; J. W. Ross, El Paso, Texas, Baptist Sp. Pub. House.

27 THURSDAY And other fell on good ground, and did yield fruit that sprang up and increased, and brought forth, some thirty, and some sixty, and some an hundred Mark 4:8 (read ev. 1-20).

How marvelous are God's ways! Betty (Mrs. Charles) Bedenbaugh of Ill. married Charles Bedenbaugh of S. C. and they were sent by the FMB to Dar es Salaam, Tanganyika, East Africa, to work with Asiatic people. They must speak no Chinese or Japanese, but the Gijjarali language! Jesus came to seek and to save. Some people seem not only lost as individuals but as tribes. Let us pray for Mrs. Bedenbaugh in her unique service.

Pray for Mrs. W. D. Frazier, Kudu, Nigeria, S. P. Jackson, Brazil, Mrs. E. L. Cole, Guadalajara, Mexico, ev.; R. L. Morlock, Carington, Ky., JR., A. W. Hancock, Okla., Mrs. Lee Aulitt, N.M., ret.

28 FRIDAY It is like a grain of mustard seed, which, . . . is less than all the seeds . . . But . . . it groweth up and becometh greater than all herbs Mark 4:31-32 (read ev. 28-41).

Mrs. J. H. Humphrey has led a most eventful life. She and her physician husband spent fourteen years in China; then they came home. After his death she was reappointed to Hawaii where she served as teacher of Home Economics in the Baptist Seminary until 1961 when she was transferred to the Philippines where she is dean of students in our Baptist Seminary, Baguio.

Pray for Mrs. Humphrey: R. F. Goldie, Ogbomoso, Nigeria, MD; Mrs. W. E. Allen, Dar es Salaam, Tanganyika, Mrs. C. G. McCalmann, Brazil, R. E. Smith, Santos, Brazil, Mrs. Marcos Rodriguez, Havana, Cuba, ev.; Mrs. F. H. Linton, Panama, Mrs. W. E. Shiller, China, ret.; Humera Yearwood, Vacaville, Calif., Sp. sp. ev.

29 SATURDAY She saith unto him, Yea, Lord: I believe that thou art the Christ, the Son of God, which should come into the world John 11:27 (read Luke 10:38-42, John 11:20-27; 12:1-3).

Do you know who wrote, "Our present church plant is inadequate. It is overcrowded, and we have been forced to limit our vacation Bible school enrollment, to restrict our Sunday school expansion and teaching methods, especially in the Nursery through Junior departments?" It actually was in the Sunday bulletin of Ewa Beach Church in Hawaii, but it could have been reported as true in countless places in the world including our own country. Let us pray for ourselves that we may give worthily Sunday by Sunday and to the Annis Armstrong Offering.

Pray for Mrs. B. T. Thorpe, Blentyre, Nyasaland, etc.



in JAILS
Sometimes a chaplain is requested by inmates to read from the Scriptures



in HOSPITALS
A chaplain finds many opportunities to guide, comfort, and win to Christ



in MILITARY
This young airman carries along his New Testament in his shirt pocket



in INDUSTRY
At the noon lunch hour many workers in industry welcome a time of devotion and spiritual guidance



The Chaplain and His Work

by Mrs. Bradley Allison

MISSIONARY PROGRAM

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PROGRAM OUTLINE

Sing: "Onward, Christian Soldiers"
Panel Discussion
Chairman
Panelists
First Woman (Military)
Second Woman (Institutional)
Third Woman (Hospital)
Fourth Woman (Industrial)
Closing Meditation and Prayer Period

To the Program Chairman

Spot-Checks

Before the meeting make a spot check of the institutions and hospitals in the community. This can be done on the 'phone. Ask to speak to the superintendent or administrator. Ask these questions:

1. How many beds do you have in your hospital (or a hospital)?
2. How many patients or inmates? (depending on the institution surveyed)
3. Is there a chaplaincy program in the hospital or institution?

1. Is he a full-time paid chaplain?
Part-time? Volunteers?

INTEREST CENTER

For an interest center, make an honor roll listing names of your church members serving in armed forces. Place small Christian and United States flags on either side and a hospital or institutional symbol, such as a small hospital bed or model of a hospital.

Intro:

Chairman: The topic for our panel discussion is the chaplain and his work. "What

mental picture comes to you when you hear the word *chaplain*?" (Allow time for answers.)

In studies done at Memorial Baptist Hospital, Houston, Texas, this question was asked of the patients. Seventy-five per cent reported, "A minister I can talk to;" where as, patients with a Catholic background responded with "last rights" as what they thought of in the word chaplain. In your opinion the word called forth the "preacher" picture "a minister who talks to me from others." The word "hospital" was associated with pain.

How do you visualize a minister in uniform serving the spiritual needs of men and women in military service? Let us look at recent trends in chaplaincy work.

Panelists will present four phases of chaplaincy work, done by 756 full-time Southern Baptist chaplains. *Introduce panelist by type of work represented. Write on a panel or chalkboard the four types of Chaplaincy work: Military, Institutional, Industrial, Hospital.* We appreciate their willingness to serve on the panel.

Will one of you explain the meaning, or origin of the word *chaplain*?

First Woman (Military): In Bible times, the Hebrew priests led the marching Israelites around the crumbling walls of Jericho. However, the word chaplain originated during the Middle Ages when Saint Martin of Tours was the patron of the French Kings. French soldiers carried his cloak as a banner in battles. This cloak, or banner, was kept by men called chaplains. Ministers served as chaplains, or spiritual advisors, in our country first during the Revolutionary War.

Chairman: That's interesting! When did Southern Baptists become involved in chaplaincy work?

First Woman: Southern Baptists began a planned ministry to army and navy men as early as 1853. Convention minutes of 1897 speaking of mission work disrupted by the Civil War, reported that public sympathy and efforts were turning to the spiritual

well-being of men in the army.

The Home Mission Board was charged by the Convention with responsibility for securing Baptist chaplains during the two World Wars of this century. Then in May, 1941, the chaplaincy was made a permanent part of the mission program of this Board. Since then the Division of Chaplaincy, established in 1939, has extended its assistance to hospital, industrial, and institutional groups in addition to the military.

Chairman: Why do we include hospitals, institutions, and industries in the chaplaincy program?

Second Woman (Institutional): In our country in the last fifty years we have moved from an agricultural economy to a great industrial nation. This has brought increasing problems to the laborer.

Also we have become more "institutionalized." Whereas we once kept our sick and emotionally ill within our homes, now, for the most part their needs are cared for in institutions. Then there are nursing homes and other types of welfare institutions, including children's homes. Two and one half million people live permanently in institutions. Changes in our society focus attention upon the need of qualified ministers to serve as chaplains in hospitals, institutions, and in industry. The Home Mission Board's hospital and institutional programs were separated in 1962.

Chairman: Thank you. What is the relationship of chaplains to the division of chaplaincy of the Home Mission Board?

Fourth Woman (Industrial): The Chaplaincy Division gives denominational endorsement to qualified chaplains when requested by the military, by institutions, and in industry. A study is made of a minister's background, training, ordination, denominational standing, pastoral experience. There are 756 chaplains in active service with all military chaplains being endorsed and approximately 70 per cent of the hospital, institutional, and industrial chaplains receiving denominational endorsement.

These chaplains reported 12,600 conversions in 1962. Some civilian hospitals, institutions, etc., do not require denominational endorsement of a chaplain.

Chairman: What else does this division do?

Third Woman (Hospital): It coordinates the work of all Baptist chaplains, conducts conferences and workshops, gives out information on current needs, and renders any assistance possible. For example, the secretaries of the institutional, industrial, and hospital chaplaincy, Rev. L. L. McGee, and Rev. Cecil Etheredge work with hospital and institutional administrators and superintendents, pastors conferences and associations in helping to establish chaplaincy programs either on a full-time basis or volunteer, according to needs. They should be contacted for help in a hospital, institution, or industry chaplaincy program.

Chairman: What requirements must be met to qualify as a chaplain?

Second Woman: The first is to feel God leading to this service. The division of chaplaincy is not a recruiting agency. It presents needs and depends upon the leadership of the Holy Spirit. There are 35 volunteer or part-time chaplains serving effectively who are not required to meet certain standards. But in order to receive endorsement, a chaplain, in addition to those things included in the study mentioned above, must meet high standards of college and theological education. He must have pastoral experience, and clinical pastoral training is required in most cases for the hospital, institutional, and industrial chaplain. As new opportunities develop, there is need for specialization by chaplains.

Chairman: What is the role of the military chaplain in the armed forces?

First Woman: George W. Cummins, director of the Home Board's Division of Chaplaincy, says the military chaplain's role is that of pastor, teacher, preacher, evangelist, counselor, administrator, a military officer, and a world missionary.

He must apply the teaching of God's Word to the problems and decisions of young people who seek his help. He has opportunity to preach from God's Holy Word, seeking to bring the lost to Christ and to strengthen Christians. This is a demanding and a high calling indeed.

He is all of these that he might bring God to men and men to God.

Of the 1,000,000 men and women inducted into the armed forces annually, 20 per cent have no church affiliation. One hundred and twenty thousand are members of Southern Baptist churches. There are 2,700,000 serving in the military, and 31,000 of these are women. Approximately 120,000 are Southern Baptists. One half of the 2,700,000 are men with families. A great host are young people away from home for the first time. They face situations and temptations that test moral fibers. It is the chaplain's responsibility to offer spiritual guidance, instruction, and assurance.

Military chaplains face rewarding experiences, but also many of the heartbreaks and disappointments shared by civilian ministers. An incident related by Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Carmah Underwood points up this observation.

One night after Chaplain Underwood had preached, a couple with a small girl greeted him. "We're in town for a few days, and just came by to let you know that we're together because of you," the man said.

The chaplain recognized the couple and recalled the wife's coming to his office in desperation several years before. The military husband was a problem drinker and the home was disrupted. He also remembered the husband's visit a few weeks later. After counseling, the husband had received a marked New Testament. "When you get to your room," the chaplain had suggested, "get down on your knees and tell God what you have told me. Ask him to come into your life. Call me tomorrow at ten o'clock."

The chaplain still recalled the words which came over the telephone the next day. "I don't know what happened to me last

night," the husband said, "but something did."

Looking at the happy family standing before him, Chaplain Underwood knew that God was in this soldier's life and home.

For the Home Mission Board, Chaplain Willis A. Brown is secretary of Military Personnel Ministries. He works in cooperation with the Student Department of the Sunday School Board. Recently he has been encouraged by the appointment of directors for military personnel and student ministries at both the US Naval Academy, in Annapolis, Maryland, and at the US Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colorado. Plans are being formulated to extend this ministry to the other service academies, West Point, Coast Guard, and Merchant Marine, in the coming year.

In many places around the world Baptist chaplains and military personnel have demonstrated that they are "world missionaries." The first Baptist church organized in Alaska, at Anchorage, was started by chaplains and servicemen who rented a building and began a revival. Today 36 Baptist churches and missions with 7,500 members speak eloquently of that pioneer venture. The Foreign Mission Board reports that 80 per cent of the English-language Baptist churches scattered around the world were started by chaplains and servicemen. American military men are now stationed in 74 countries of the world. This is almost two dozen more than the 53 countries the Foreign Mission Board has entered. Thousands of military men and their families have added their Christian witness to that of the 1,000-plus appointed missionaries overseas. What a missionary force God would have if all Southern Baptists in the armed forces were witnessing Christians.

Chairman: We are anxious to hear from the newest phase of this work—the chaplain in industry. We do not know exactly what he does for industry. Please tell us.

Fourth Woman: He spends most of his time counseling with people one by one. As workers reveal conflicts and disturbances, the

industrial chaplain seeks to help them find for themselves satisfying solutions.

The majority of their problems are personal. One industrial chaplain reported that 32 per cent of the people counseled had marital difficulties. Few of the problems are job related; still fewer are financial. Where there is a problem of accident proneness, absenteeism, labor turnover, labor-management dispute, this is often the symptom of deeper underlying problems of emotional maladjustment. Perhaps the pressing need of most frustrated employees is for a sympathetic listener. At this point, the chaplain becomes the meaningful extension of love and concern from the local church.

This new dimension among Baptist chaplains represents a vital ministry. More than 78,700,000 Americans live one-third of their lives on the job. Many are unsaved and unchurched. Six Southern Baptist ministers are serving full-time in industry, seeking to reach many with the gospel.

Chairman: This brings us to the ministry of the hospital chaplain. Many of us know the encouragement of this chaplain from experience with his helpfulness.

Third Woman: This ministry is an extension of the love and concern of the churches in a community. This is illustrated by an experience of Chaplain L. L. McGee, secretary of Hospital Chaplains, Home Mission Board.

One morning a hospital supervisor told Chaplain McGee that a patient needed him and added, "You know she is considered a terminal patient."

While visiting the woman the chaplain found that she was a mother and a former Sunday school teacher. In an eight month experience in the hospital, God had become very real to her. "I know I will have eternal life. I have put my life in the hands of God," she assured the chaplain.

Through weeks of heartbreak, Chaplain McGee ministered to her, her family, and friends. His frequent visits and concerned prayer reaffirmed her faith in God's compassion and abiding love. He was her friend

and she knew his strength was around and to sustain her.

More than 160 Southern Baptist ministers are hospital chaplains. The administrator of the Baptist Memorial Hospital, Houston, referring to chaplains, said, "This group of men have instilled a new spirit in our hospitals. Christian hospitals not only have the obligation to prolong life, but to enrich it. Hospital patients have emotional and spiritual problems which must be met if we are to speed recovery."

Chairman: How many chaplains are working in institutions?

Second Woman: Ninety-nine, however 31 of these are on part-time basis. This number also includes those in correctional institutions.

Many in such institutions come from homes broken by death, desertion, divorce, or other divisive forces. A great number are young people who have resorted to illegal means for securing a livelihood.

"My particular work," says one chaplain, "is in an institution for juvenile delinquents. Many a young person appears tough, but underneath his bravado he is fearful and uncertain. They often feel that God has no interest in them. God is often visualized as a passive 'square,' a sp. or one who will apprehend him—eventually. Sometimes a boy prays; often that he not get caught or that mother and dad will live together again." Almost invariably a young person in custody of a juvenile detention institution is highly self-centered in his remarks to the chaplain as well as in his communication with God.

Chaplain Charles White, working with delinquents at the Kentucky Reformatory Center, tells of a girl who must remain nameless. When he first contacted her she was a helpless, defeated young mother. Her lawful husband had been permanently disabled a few days after their wedding. Encouraged by his family, she returned the wedding ring and left.

Reluctant to return to her parents' home, she went to live with a man in a nearby

community. Just before his child was born, he deserted her. When she created trouble for him, he had her arrested and the baby placed in a home. For weeks she cried for her baby. For many hours Chaplain White counseled with her, and finally she came to know God's forgiveness and expressed her faith by saying, "I'll trust the future to God."

God is making a spiritual future for many inmates. One chaplain states the day seldom passes that someone does not profess faith in Christ as Saviour. Chaplain E. P. Weaver, Missouri, reports that 32 men confessed Christ as Saviour in less than a month in a state prison. In the same prison, 117 men study the Bible in a correspondence course furnished without charge by the Division of Chaplaincy.*

Pray for Southern Baptist institutional chaplains as they proclaim a message of deliverance behind prison walls and in other institutions.

Chairman: As Southern Baptist women, we express our concern for this work as we pray and give to the Division of Chaplaincy through the Cooperative Program and the Annie Armstrong Offering. Are there other types of services which could be done by societies and churches to strengthen this work?

First Woman: Let me say this. Military chaplains are dependent upon local churches spiritually to prepare youth for military service, to keep in contact with them while they are away, to assist them in readjusting when they return. The leaflet, "Spiritually Prepared" from the Division of Chaplaincy, outlines step by step activities of the committee. (Show leaflet. Enlarge on contents if time permits.) In 1961 a survey was conducted at four military training centers. Half the 1,678 Southern Baptists who par-

ticipated said that their church made no contact with young people in service relative to military duty. What can young people from your church report?

Churches near military bases can enlist servicemen and their families in the life of the church.

Second Woman: If institutions are nearby, there is much to be done for no institutional chaplain can serve effectively alone. He will always need Christian workers from nearby churches. Societies or churches may supply Bibles and gift subscriptions to *Home Life* or *Open Windows*. Some societies have requested chaplains to send names of inmates for Intercessory Prayer Leagues. Often a volunteer chaplaincy program has been effective in institutions without a full-time chaplain. Let us discover the needs and then work prayerfully with our church, association, and community with the goal of a chaplaincy program full or volunteer for every hospital, institution, and industry in your area. (Present needs which you have discovered from your "Spot-check" suggested on page 27.)

Pray: With this information before us, let us pray meaningfully regarding the needs we have discovered.

Fourth Woman: Our greatest need is for ministers who serve on volunteer basis until industries employ full-time chaplains. The Division of Chaplaincy suggests a Volunteer Chaplaincy Program and will furnish suggestions for its organization to interested groups. The program operates under the supervision of a planning committee elected by a local or associational ministers conference. Its chief function is to plan periods of teaching and preaching in industries.

Third Woman: Since assistance to hospitals must be well planned and supervised, I suggest contacting the hospital chaplain. If the hospital has no chaplain, the administrator can give directives to your church or society. For example, one hospital administrator worked closely with an associational community missions chairman and a spare room

*Write: Home Mission Board, 161 Spring Street, S.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30303, and ask for a copy of "Free Correspondence Bible Course," by Dr. A. F. Bown.

in the hospital was converted into a worshipful prayer room. In another hospital without a chaplain, a community missions committee visits weekly to encourage and counsel. Patients often express personal needs which are met by the visiting women.

The Fairfield Association in South Carolina has a strong church-centered mission program. One of the many institutions in which they work is the state mental hospital. There religious services are conducted and a visitation program sustained. The hospital superintendent says the work has been of great assistance in treatment of the mentally ill.

Chairman: Thank you for participating on the panel. We have gained much from the discussion.

(To women) Do you know of members from our church who serve in the armed forces? Are their needs being met? *(Tell what your church or society is doing or plans for the future.)*

What are needs for a ministry in nearby hospitals, institutions, and industry which your society will meet? Tell plans.

(Allow time for a discussion and suggestions. Compile list of suggestions for community missions committee. Be sure there is follow-up and that you actually do something definite.)

We will remain seated for closing meditation and prayer.

CLOSING MEDITATION

All: Come, Oh blessed of my Father; inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.

Voice 3: For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink. I was a stranger and you welcomed me; I was naked and you clothed me.

Voice 1: Lord, when did we see you hungry, thirsty, a stranger, or naked, and minister unto you?

Voice 1 and 2: Truly, I say unto you as you did it to the least of these my brethren, you did it unto me.

Voice 3: For I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.

Voice 1: Lord, when did we see you sick and visit you, or in prison and come to you?

Voice 1 and 2: Truly, I say unto you as you did it to the least of these my brethren, you did it unto me.

Voice 1: Lord, who are the least of your brethren?

Voice 2: The defeated . . . the bewildered . . . the ill.

Voice 3: The young, the old, languishing behind prison walls.

Voices 1 and 2: The spiritually unprepared in the midst of life's testing.

Voice 2: The moral . . . the upright . . . ever seeking . . . ever groping.

Voice 3: The emotionally disturbed . . . the maladjusted. These are my brethren.

All: Truly, I say unto you, as you did it to the least of these my brethren, you did it unto me.

PRAYER PERIOD

Pray for your projected plans, the work of chaplains, including those in the Home Division Board offices; George W. Cannon, director of Division of Chaplaincy; Chaplain L. L. McGee, secretary of Hospital Chaplaincy; Chaplain Cecil D. Ethers, secretary of Institutional and Industrial Chaplaincy; and Chaplain Willis A. Brown, secretary of Military Personnel Ministry.

YWA ADOPTION

WHETHER you have daughters of your own or the girls whom your mother are of YWA age in your church, your real interest and concern for their affairs are significant in growth and development. Especially is this true in a girl's broadening spiritual discernment. It is true to say that adults set the pattern of attitudes and conduct for youth. It is true but true. A modern sophisticate may appear to know her way around. And she does in many instances. But she still gauges basic values by her mother or other women whom she admires.

If a woman shows keen interest in a girl's work in Young Woman's Auxiliary, the work of missions become more important to her.

There are, of course, numerous ways WMS members can let YWAs know that they are keenly interested in them. They can visit their organization, work with them when needed, serve as counselor for organizations.

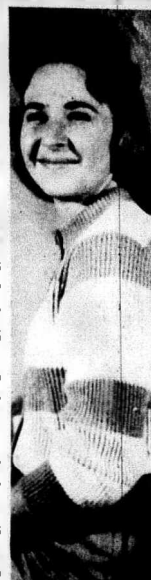
But person-to-person contact is most vital also. During Young Woman's Auxiliary Focus Week, February 9-15, talk personally and casually with YWA in your home and

church, encouraging and commending them. Find out from counselors the names of girls in this organization and write notes of appreciation for specific ways they are making Christian responses. Don't "fake" interest but secure facts from YWA director or counselors so you can properly commend.

Are there girls YWA-age (16-24) in your church who are not active in this significant organization? Get their names and addresses and write each one. Names can be assigned to women who know the girls and whom the girls admire. One letter to each girl from the right person might be more influential than several letters.

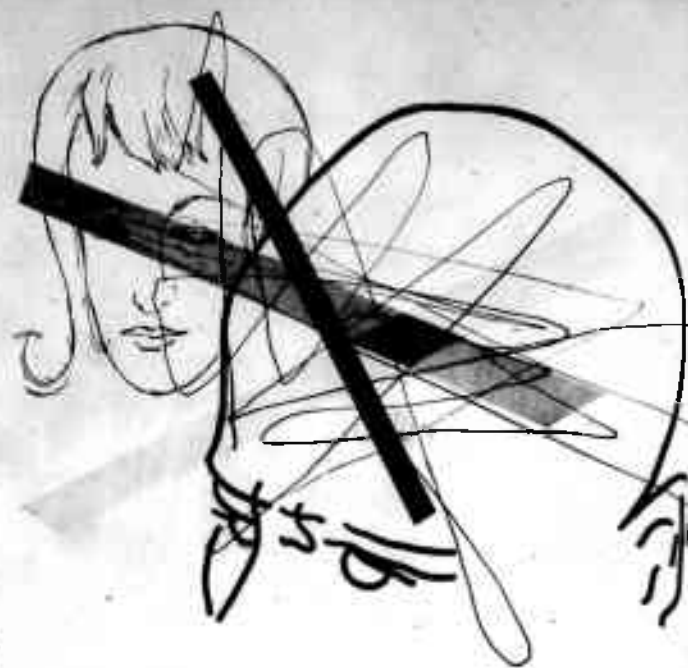
Frankly, there may be WMS members whose YWA-age daughter is not in Young Woman's Auxiliary. How tragic that these wonderful years pass so quickly and girls miss this influence which has been so vital in countless thousands of lives, as women testify today.

In *The Window* for January and February there are specific plans for YWA Focus Week. You can volunteer to be a part of the experiences which YWAs will have the week, February 9-15. You, of course, will never know what this will mean to young women and their leaders. But it may accomplish much more than you can imagine in the cause of Christian missions.



**YWA
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ROBBER OF FIVE MILLION BRAINS

by S. I. McMillen

WHEN my phone rang about midnight, I was very sleepy, but the voice on the other end aroused me instantly: "Say, Doc, can you come out here right away? Two people

were killed on the highway, and two more are in desperate shape!"

A crowd was there when I arrived. A driver had hit a bridge abutment, and

steering wheel had flattened his chest. One look at him showed me that he was beyond human help. The other three occupants of the car had been hurled twenty or thirty feet into a dry creek bed. One of them, a woman, was dead. A second woman was lying on the crumpled windshield that she took with her as she was propelled forward. She was moaning with pain. A semiconscious man was also down there in the mud and gravel of the creek.

What an unforgettable scene of devastation—the telescoped car, two mangled people covered with blood and mud, and two motionless figures who would never breathe again. The horror of the catastrophe was particularly pathetic because it could have been prevented. The brain of the driver had been robbed by a drug.

That ghastly night, I saw destruction, suffering, and death that can result when the brain of even one person is robbed. I confess that my mind is much too small to multiply the series of greater and lesser magnitude that occur daily because the brains of five million Americans are thus robbed.

Visualize another drunken driver as his school bus careens crazily over a steep, winding road. Imagine the havoc of twenty-six terrified, wide-eyed children, leaning far over their lives, jumping out in ones and twos as the bus slows a bit on the curves.

In the *Journal of the American Medical Association*, Milton Golfin summarizes his article, "Robber of Five Million Brains," with the statement: "Drunk has taken five million men and women in the United States taken them as a master takes slaves, and new acquisitions are going on at the rate of 200,000 a year."

How many deaths are caused by partially demented Americans on our highways? A study conducted in Delaware indicates that alcohol figures in about half of our

traffic deaths. In New York City a joint study made by the New York State Department of Health and Cornell University revealed that seventy-three per cent of the drivers responsible for the accidents in which they died had been drinking. And in Westchester County, New York, blood tests were done on eighty-three drivers who were killed in single-vehicle accidents. The tests revealed that seventy-nine per cent of these drivers were "under the influence" of liquor.

If one were to estimate that even fifty per cent of our forty thousand annual automobile deaths were caused by John Dopley-orn, it would mean a colossal indictment against the character of this annual mass murder of twenty thousand American men, women, and children. Many a driver has had his license taken away for causing one wanton death on the highway, yet here is one who is legally licensed to perpetrate the slaughter of thousands. He is indeed highly privileged to continue with such carnage.

In defense of this massacre, it is argued that our income taxes would be higher if the liquor industry did not exist. However, many studies indicate that a half dozen other costs would be lower. An insurance executive revealed that auto insuring rates could be cut forty per cent "if drinking drivers were not such a problem."

What part do these five million Americans play in other types of violent deaths, such as homicide? I shall never forget the night I entered a house to find a drunken man pressing a cocked revolver against the temple of his wife, the mother of his five children. It was fortunate that I arrived when I did. Perhaps it was my presence that made him release her, but as he did, he said, "If I didn't think I would hang for this, I would blow your brains out."

A statistical study reveals that alcohol plays a prominent part in all kinds of violent deaths: "A resume of 27 years of autopsy findings in Middlesex County, N. J., showed alcohol was a factor in 11.2 per cent of violent deaths, according to a report by the Chief Medical Examiner of the county.

Dr. McMillen is a former medical missionary of the Wesleyan Methodist Church. He served in Africa.

Order the book *None of These Diseases*, \$2.95 from Baptist Book Stores. In this excellent and interesting book Dr. McMillen, "from the annals of medical science and from convincing personal experiences . . . presents an astounding testimony to the potential power of Scriptural prescriptions for well-being of the physical self."

Dr. William C. Wilentz." No drug known to man is more widely used nor more frequently responsible for deaths, injuries, or crimes than is ethyl alcohol.

Also revealing is a quick look at the matter of suicides, the eleventh leading cause of violent death, with an annual total close to twenty thousand. Expert statisticians estimate that alcohol is responsible for five thousand of these deaths.

Alcohol robs brains in a variety of ways. When I was an intern, it was not uncommon to see a man ride into the hospital ward on a pink elephant. At least he thought he was riding one. If it wasn't a pink elephant, the man would be screaming because he was being charged by a herd of orange-colored bulldozers, or clawed by water gorillas.

The large wards of that day became a hellham as the man shouted and sought refuge from the ferocious "animals" bent on his destruction. Sometimes he would try to escape from them by breaking a window to make a leap from the top floor. Fortunately the nurses were usually quick enough to grasp the tail of his nightgown and pull him back.

When we had to hand out these patients to the beds and give them large doses of morphine, some of them died. Even today, under improved techniques, the mortality

from delirium tremens is four per cent.

Death results from other forms of alcoholic damage to the brain. Some victims develop disturbance of hearing, which can cause so much fear that they may commit suicide.

Alcohol is one of the most important factors in making mental disease the number one health problem of America. A recent medical text states: "About ten per cent of the admissions to mental hospitals are officially reported as due to alcoholism and another ten per cent have alcoholism of considerable degree noted as an important contributing cause. In addition, general hospitals take care of many of the acutely disturbed alcoholics." In fact, six per cent of chronic alcoholics develop insanity in some form. Because alcohol produces areas of atrophy in the brain, a large percentage of drinkers are actually committing a slow suicide of their personalities.

Alcohol, the licensed robber, every day kills many tens of thousands on our highways; it incites people to murder, to suicide and suicide; it places others behind bars as raving maniacs. An amazed Shakespeare in his day exclaimed, "O God! if men should put an enemy in their mouths to steal away their brains . . ."—Excerpt from *None of These Diseases*.

ADVANCE

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POINT PROGRAM for PROGRESS

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Aim to advance. Now that you have aimed to advance, how is your Woman's Missionary Society progressing? The president, every officer, and chairman will need to evaluate your work. Are you meeting requirements on Aims for Advancement? Is the depth quality of your work improving? If you advance you must aim to do so, then carefully plan to work month by month toward accomplishment.

Celebrate the Jubilee. The Jubilee gathering is scheduled for May. Plans will reach you in the President's Bulletin. What about your gifts to mission offerings? A 15 per cent increase in both is the goal for this year.

Are you encouraging members to read and study the Baptist Ideals series of articles in *Royal Service*? The first one is in the January magazine. The second one is in this magazine. There will be three more in following months.

Are your members following Call to Prayer readings, thereby reading through the New Testament this year? Have you experienced a Prayer Retreat this year?

Month by month, day by day, are your members being led to be soulwinners?

Present Post-Jubilee Program. Jot down in your notebook that in July, August, and September you will present the Post-Jubilee Program in your society. There will be suggestions and helps in *Forecaster* and in *Royal Service* those months.

OUT ★★★★★ OF OUR ★★★★★ Churches

Almost every Southern Baptist church sends one or more of its youth into the armed forces each year. The total is more than 100,000, and an approximate equal number returns to civilian life.

by Willis A. Brown ★ What is your church now doing for the spiritual and moral welfare of church-related youth inducted into the military? This may be a difficult question to answer. But as long as the draft exists—and the end is nowhere in sight—spiritual guidance is urgently needed by young people at this crucial time in life.

This "routine" experience in service often determines a young man's future. Church leadership, alert to the possibilities can guide in ways which will help a young draftee turn military service into channels for physical, mental, and spiritual growth and advancement.

Parents, pastor, deacons, other church leaders, friends, chaplains—all have supporting roles in this significant service.

Consider pertinent statistics, which are alarming and revealing. In a survey made early in 1963 by Southern Baptist Chaplain James H. Dickinson, a questionnaire was submitted to 4,103 Basic Airmen at Lack-

land Air Force Base. They were assured that the survey would be entirely objective, that it would have no bearing on military careers, and that no names would be required.

Thirty-six per cent indicated they gamble; 58 per cent smoke; 61 per cent drink alcoholic beverages; 74 per cent dance; 77 per cent use profanity; 78 per cent have premarital sex relations; and 78 per cent tell off-color jokes.

It should be remembered that these are not statistics from seasoned military men, but of average young Americans who had just arrived from their homes to begin military training.

Consider additional statistics. In a survey of four Recruit Training Centers involving 1,018 Southern Baptist military recruits, two questions were asked: 1. Before you entered service did someone talk with you about your Christian life and witness? 2. Were you given a Bible or a devotional book before the church? Sixty-one per cent of those questioned indicated no one talked with them, and 82 per cent recorded that the church

did not give them anything.

"In our church," confessed a WMS member, "we seem to be mildly concerned for college youth, but not for boys in the military." This is strange and incredible, isn't it?

Especially since there are reported to be more Southern Baptist young people who enter and leave military service each year than those who enter and graduate from our Baptist institutions of higher learning. Why do we not generally demonstrate concern for military youth? Of course, some churches do.

A Florida church, for example, recognizes in an appropriate ceremony during a worship service each young person who is leaving for military duty. He is assured of the church's continuing concern and he is given a New Testament and the young people's quaterlies. Assisted by the Sunday school and the Brotherhood, an armed forces committee keeps in contact with young people away from home. Each week names of two or three of the church's service personnel are listed for prayer at the mid-week prayer service. The young person receives personal letters from individuals in the church, who commit themselves to this service of writing community and church news, thus keeping the young person in close touch with home base.

These contacts have had profound effect upon their service-connected youths, as well as their families in the church. Members of families have often been enlisted in the midweek service and in other phases of church life as a result of this interest in their loved ones. Can your church plan such a ministry? It is largely a matter of getting at it.

Sadly enough, many churches do nothing. Consequently, the percentage of military personnel returning to active service in their home church following their tour of duty is tragically low. One superintendent announced the departure of a young man for military duty. "Joe is leaving tomorrow for the Marines," he said. "We are sorry he has to be three years out of his life, but somehow has to go. We will miss him, and

will see him when he gets out." If this is the extent of the church's ministry to military personnel, the chances are very slim that it will ever see these young people active when they return.

The job is difficult to maintain, but it is not impossible where people know the need and are willing to begin. A church must challenge individuals to dedicate themselves to this significant service.

Often these young people are trained for Christ after they enter service. The writer spoke to a group of about 550 Baptists and Baptist-inclined recruits at Lackland Air Force Base who had just arrived from their homes. Thirty-three of them accepted Jesus Christ as Saviour and wanted to be baptized into a nearby Baptist church. The chaplain testified, "This happens every week." It happens in other Basic Training Centers. These new Christians need nurture and encouragement from their home churches as well. For temptations are great. How can you begin now to tie them to your church to which they should return?

The Chaplains Commission of the Home Mission Board seeks to help. A new thrust, or rather a new emphasis of an old thrust, is in preparation. Individuals or churches interested in this ministry may write* to this Military Personnel Ministry.

Women's Missionary Unions in our churches can help immeasurably by creating a climate of concern for this sustained ministry. The WMU may also encourage the service-obligated person to a strong Christian witness and to be a missionary while in his country's service. The records are filled with hundreds of young people who have strengthened and even established Baptist churches near to their bases here in the States. Almost 1,000 of the new churches, missions, fellowships, Bible classes begun during the 30,000 Movement have been accounted for largely by military personnel.

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OUT OF OUR CHURCHES

and chaplains.

Armed forces personnel also is presently serving in 74 countries of the world, which is more than our Foreign Mission Board has been able to enter. Many Southern Baptist chaplains and other military personnel have strengthened churches, helped to establish missions and churches overseas.

Truly it can be said of these witnessing Christians, "They that were scattered abroad went every where preaching the word" (Acts 8:4). No doubt if the whole story could be told, many of these witnessing young people received regular encouragement from their families and churches at home. It can be firmly said that most of them entered military service soundly based in a strong faith in Jesus Christ.

Can you imagine the impact that 100,000 such Christian servicemen and women could have on our world missions program each year? Can you imagine further what an impact they will have on home churches to which they return? Can you imagine the number of mission volunteers who will return to college, seminary, medical school, and serve in their communities or present themselves to the Home and Foreign Mission Boards for vocational mission service? Can you imagine the effect such men and women who have viewed missions first-hand will have on the home church's missionary witness in the community, with knowledgeable praying and giving of money.

Finally, suppose this young man who determined to make the best of military duty and wish God's help to be a dedicated witness for Christ, a military missionary regardless of consequences or cost, and who "decided to follow Jesus, no turning back," were your own son?

IT is apparent that the question is appropriate for our day and generation. . . . A lad was studying geography while his father was reading the evening paper. The boy asked his father, "Dad, what is the shape of the world?" Without even glancing up from the paper, the father replied, "About the worst shape I ever saw. . . ."

In view of our present opportunities, pressing needs, and the critical world situation, each of us should honestly face this question, "What manner of persons ought we to be? . . ."

After all, a church is not to be measured for greatness by the beauty of the architecture, the size of the congregation, the amount of its budget, or the eloquence of its ministry, but by its people who live truly and serve faithfully.

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