

Grandmother's Prayer

A tiny room, a rocking chair,
Warmth for old bones, clean clothes to wear,
A reading lamp, a soft white bed,
A pillow for my weary head.
Sufficient good plain food to eat,
A little love, a friend to greet,
A shining faith, a useful task. . .
Dear Lord, is that too much to ask?

—Alice MacKenzie



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Bloom Where You Are Planted

- * Theme of this years Emphasis Month Program.
- * Written by Anne Worthington, WNAC's Recording Secretary.
- * A program that is different and one you will enjoy presenting.
- * Free kits will be sent to each Auxiliary without charge.
- * August is Emphasis Month.
- * Help us reach our goal.

GOAL \$12,000

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Women In Action

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY, WEST GREEN CHURCH, MOSHEIM, TENNESSEE. A growing and thriving group.



Kentucky Workshop

The Kentucky Woman's Auxiliary held a workshop Friday October 11, at the Southside Free Will Baptist Church in Paintsville.

Approximately 50 women were present from the Louisa, Thirteenth Street, Second Free Will Baptist Church, Ashland, Threalka, and Southside churches.

Dorothy Cox, WNAC member at large, gave a "Prescription for a Healthy Auxiliary." Walta Preston reviewed WNAC study courses and special music was brought by Sarah Brown. The Southside Auxiliary presented the skit, "Miss Annie and the Auxiliary."

Missionary Herbert Waid, brought the evening message and showed slides of the work in Japan.

Prayer Retreat

The Woman's Auxiliary Prayer Retreat for the Southwest Section of Oklahoma was held April 4-5, at Lake Texoma Lodge. Guest speaker was missionary Shirley Combs, Brazil. Beaver Creek District

"Light My Candle" (Psalm 18:28) was the theme of the South Carolina Beaver Creek District Auxiliary Convention in March, 1975. The meeting was held at the First Free Will Baptist Church of Rock Hill. Missionary Florine Coscia, Brazil, was the speaker.

The following officers were elected: Mary Ann Smith, president; Gwendolyn Hendrix, vice president; Gayle Hughes, secretary; Connie Lawter, treasurer; Mary Flynn, mission action chairman; Myrtle Chandler, mission prayer chairman; Brenda Easler, mission study chairman; Joyce Bowers and Pauline Carter, field workers.

The Inman Auxiliary received the attendance award with 34 members present.

MT. CALVARY WOMAN'S AUXILIARY, EDGEWOOD, MARYLAND. The Mount Calvary Woman's Auxiliary has been organized less than two years. Louise Wampler, secretary, writes: "It has been an exciting time, with many accomplishments and numerous blessings. We have reached out in many directions and the Lord has really been with us. We had a birthday party for our president; have been privileged to support a Home Mission project (Edd and Linda Green, who are from our church); also have sent money monthly to our State Association toward a project we hope to begin in the state of Delaware. Our Auxiliary is also helping with the support of the Haas' in France. We have done a special project for the Children's Home; plus mission projects in our own neighborhood too numerous to mention.

At Christmas time we honored six of our elderly widows of the church with a dinner at a local restaurant and we also had a dinner and fun time in honor of our six students at Free Will Baptist Bible College. Special gifts were taken to the homes of several shut-ins in our community and we accompanied the teens of our church on a carol sing."



JANN HAYNES, SHIRLEY COMBS, AND JERALDINE CARROLL.

Shirley Combs, missionary to Brazil, was guest speaker at a pre-Thanksgiving Auxiliary banquet held in the Western Avenue Church, Oklahoma City. The Sunnyslayne Auxiliary joined the group for the message. Both Auxiliaries later presented Shirley with a gift.

MEMBERS OF THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY, BENTON HARBOR, MICHIGAN as they presented the program "Lively Stones." From left to right, Paula South, Lillie Ballard, Wanda Glisson and Reba Chafin. Back row, Stella Pendergrass, Virginia Hays, Stella Payton, Donna Guthrie, Evelyn Faulkner, Crystal Johnson.





PLEASANT GROVE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY, NEWHOPE, ARKANSAS honored their eldest and one of the most faithful members, Mrs. Margie Whisenhunt as *Queen for a night*. Mrs. Whisenhunt is 70 years young.



ERMA WHITAKER was honored by members of the Auxiliary of Washington, N.C. on her birthday. Miss Whitaker is very active in mission action work visiting hospitals and nursing homes.



Members of Randall Memorial and the First Free Will Baptist Church met **December 7, 1974**, at the **Memphis, Tennessee airport**. They were there to welcome home, missionaries Louis and Florine Coscia of Brazil.

Louis Coscia is shown greeting his 86 year old father. Mrs. Coscia hugs Mr. Coscia's sister. The father died February 10, 1975.

WELCOME HOME, MISSIONARIES



Louis and Florine.

The *Actionettes*, a youth auxiliary, are shown with the Coscias. The youth group made all the welcoming signs and posters.





Co-Laborers Write

Our Woman's Auxiliary in Michigan is really growing and more of our people are becoming concerned about the work.

The women of the Southgate Free Will Baptist Church voted to become a part of the organized Woman's Auxiliary and to start using *Co-Laborer*.

*Barbara Daniels
Allen Park, Michigan*

A big "thank you" for a very good first quarter *Co-Laborer*. Our ladies surely enjoy the programs and all the other information, pictures included.

Our Auxiliary has grown during the year and is becoming one that can see beyond our own little group. Our goal of \$200 for foreign missions has been nearly completed and we thank the Lord.

At our February meeting we had "Twin Night." Each woman was asked to invite an absentee member or a new prospect and bring her as her "twin." Pictures were made and several new women were introduced to the Auxiliary. The program "Moved with Compassion" was a real blessing to each of us.

*Pauline Owens
Grifton, North Carolina*

Our Auxiliary is growing and everyone seems to enjoy the fellowship and work together.

We enjoy the *Co-Laborer* magazines so much. Please increase our number to 15 for the year.

*Mrs. Jewell Roark
Merriam, Kansas*

We are starting a brand new Auxiliary here in Houston at our mission church. God has blessed us with souls every week since September. We are in a lovely building which we hope to purchase.

Thank you for the provision closet from which we received goods by way of the Jerry Webbs, appointees to France.

Please send us 12 *Co-Laborers* . . . We hope to elect officers in a couple of weeks.

*Mrs. Tom Hunt
Houston, Texas*

The Auxiliary work in Indiana is progressing well. We have added a new Auxiliary to the Indiana District. This new Auxiliary is located at the Valley Grove Free Will Baptist Church in Anderson with Mrs. Eula Mae Hargis serving as president.

Our local work at the First Bible Church is going well. New members have been added to the church as well as to our Auxiliary.

*Jane O'Donnell
New Castle, Indiana*

We are having good meetings and are growing some. We thoroughly enjoy our magazines. Each time we get them we read them through to learn what the other Auxiliaries are doing.

*Mrs. Evelyn Noles
Sumter, South Carolina*

I would like to speak for all of our ladies. We really enjoy the programs in our *Co-Laborer*. Some months several women give the program. One month our pastor gave the whole program.

Thank you for all your services that help us to have better local Auxiliaries.

*Faye Faison
Star City, Arkansas*

Would you please send me the program packet for this quarter. Even though I will not receive it in time for the first program, I feel it will be well worth 80¢ for the following two programs. Thank you for the very inspiring *Co-Laborer* magazine.

*Donnell Simmons
Alma, Georgia*

FROM JAPAN

We organized Woman's Auxiliary of Airin Chapel. We are going to organize Hokkaido State Association Woman's Auxiliary next year. Mrs. Calvary and Mrs. McLain help us. We thank God for them.

Airin Chapel Woman's Auxiliary has a meeting every Tuesday from 10 a.m. till 12. We have study and prayers on the first Tuesday. We have action on the second and fourth Tuesday. And we have evangelistic tea time at home on the third Tuesday. We have 10 Christian woman and five non-

Christian women regularly attending. Gombei began the secret P.T.P. plan (Prayer, Telephone, Person). Please pray for us.

*Gombei and Taiko Uchikoshi
Sapporo, Japan*

FROM FRANCE

We had 14 present at our February Auxiliary meeting and really felt the presence of the Holy Spirit in our midst.

Charlotte Tallent (one of our students) gave the program. Another lady translated for her.

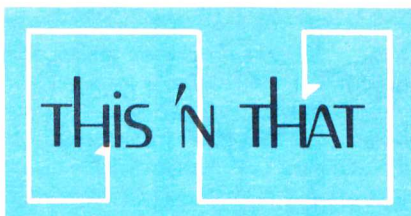
Inclosed you will find a check for \$36.00 for the Wennings in the Virgin Islands.

In December the women decided that they would visit the cancer patients at our big hospital here. Nine of the ladies went taking wrapped packages of religious, books, tracts, and candy for those who could eat it. We had nearly 100 patients to visit and as the women went from room to room and distributed the gifts they witnessed as best they could. I was so proud of our women and we know God was!

A few shed tears as we sang carols in each hall. We trust it reminded them of our Savior's birth and why He came to earth.

We are getting a number of young working women in our church and our hearts are becoming real burdened for these women. Pray that we can start a night Woman's Auxiliary for them. It will be so wonderful when Patsy VanHook and Barb Gibbs arrive to help with this worthwhile work for the Lord!

*Barbara Haas
Rennes, France*



Retired Ministers

If you know a retired Free Will Baptist minister or widow, please send their mailing address to:

Reverend Herman Hersey
Department of Retirement
and Insurance
P.O. Box 1088
Nashville, Tennessee 37202

Representation Dues

Don't forget that your national dues this year are increased from 75¢ to \$1.00 per member. Send with your annual report.

Hold the Medicine Bottles

You have generously supplied the need for plastic medicine bottles at the clinic in the Ivory Coast. Please do not send any more bottles to the national offices. We are swamped! If you have some on hand and wish to dispose of them, please send directly to the address below. Send in small parcels (not exceeding two pounds). The green customs sticker should be used. This is post office form 2976. Send to:

Dr. Laverne Miley
Mission Protestante Evangelique
B.P. 20
Bouna, Ivory Coast, West Africa

Youth Auxiliaries

In recent years numerous churches have voluntarily organized youth auxiliaries. They have asked for missions literature to be used in these organizations.

WNAC has worked with CTS to help supply this need. The answer is a yearbook of missions programs called ACTIONETTES. A leader's guide is also available. Designed for young women ages 13-18, the theme of this first issue is "Pattern for Missions."

ACTIONETTES will be on sale at the WNAC booth during the annual convention. Or you may order from WNAC, P. O. Box 1088, Nashville, Tennessee 37202. See new catalog for prices.

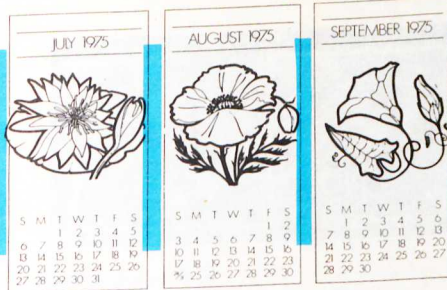
Double Treat

Many of you will remember hearing Jill Renich speak at WNAC's Fellowship Dinner at St. Louis, Missouri in 1969. This year we have a double treat in store. Both Jill and her husband Fred will be conducting a seminar on Tuesday afternoon during the convention. HARMONY IN THE HOME will be the theme. Mr. Renich will also speak at the Fellowship Dinner on Monday at 5 p.m.

This is in addition to the opportunity we will have to hear these missionaries speak and sing: Carlisle Hanna, India; Molly Barker, Uruguay; Robert Bryan, Ivory Coast. Don't miss this *double treat!*

PRAYER GROUPS

by Earline Arthur



JULY What Price Freedom?

This month marks a very special time in the history of the United States of America. Special observances are planned in all parts of the country as we enter our 200th year as a free nation.

On July 4, 1776, 199 years ago, the group of men chosen as the Continental Congress signed a document that affected world history as few other documents have. In the Declaration of Independence, Thomas Jefferson and other great men set forth the ideals of a free government—a union of free and sovereign states bound together by common boundaries and beliefs.

But what did this freedom cost? And did it not bring on additional responsibilities? I think our Christian liberty can be compared in many ways to the same struggle for freedom that our American forefathers experience.

I recently read *Those Who Love*, a biographical novel about Abigail Adams, wife of our nation's second President, John Adams. Through this novel I viewed the birth of America's freedom as seen by Mrs. Adams. Perhaps I had just never given the subject

much thought before, but I was greatly surprised to read of some of the events leading up to and immediately following our declared freedom.

We are all no doubt aware of the dedication of our Minute Men, and know that many lives were lost as our American soldiers did battle with the British troops. But the families of these brave men made many sacrifices, too.

Our nation today is in the grip of an economic recession, and none of us are spared the spiraling costs of inflation. Clothing and food costs keep rising, but I was interested to note that during the time that our country was first experiencing freedom, costs very likely were even higher than today. Certain cotton fabrics were selling for \$45 per yard, butter and other dairy products for \$15-\$20 per pound! So not only did these families carry on their farms and family businesses without their husbands and fathers there to

Earline Arthur, pastor's wife, Twin Mountain, N. H., formerly served as a secretary and editorial assistant in the Foreign Missions Department, Nashville.



guide them; they paid the high cost of life during wartime as well.

As sinful men, we, too, are trapped in a search for freedom. For some, hardships and even death do not bring that elusive search to fruition. The advent of all the Eastern religions and other "isms" has not brought the peace and fulfillment man seeks.

But God's Word offers such a simple solution—"And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." This promise to us cost Christ his life on the cross of Calvary, but because of His love for us, He willingly paid the price for our freedom.

As we reflect back on our country's freedom, I hope we will each re-evaluate our own Christian liberty and renew our allegiance to God and to America.

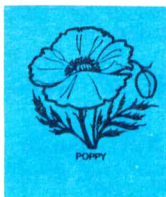
Prayer Requests

Pray for Larry Condit in Sacramento, California, as his church becomes self-supporting this year.

Pray for the foreign missions interns who have completed their term at Missionary Internship and are now on deputation before service on a foreign field.

Buddy Drake begins a new joint project work in Enid, Oklahoma, and desires our prayers for contacts and converts to give the church a strong nucleus.

Many missionaries are due home for furlough this summer: Tom Willeys, Jr.; Sam Wilkinsons; Molly Barker; Dr. and Mrs. Miley; Wesley Calverys; Carlisle Hannas; Don Sextons (for short furlough); Bobby Aycocks; Bill Fulchers (short furlough); and the Howard Filkins (for six month furlough).



AUGUST Can We Measure Love?

Christianity is a religion of love. Jesus Christ, the founder and very cornerstone of the church, showed his love toward us by giving His life on Calvary that we might have hope of eternal life and a home in Heaven with Him.

Christianity in practice is love in action. Love should be the earmark of a Christian. "By this shall all men know you are my disciples, *if you have love one to another.*" We should have compassion for those less fortunate than we. Our eyes will be opened to the needs of others, and our hearts will be compelled to act.

God's love eludes measure. We catch a glimpse of it in the beauty of the earth. Through our faith we view a broader tide that lends reality to unending eternity. Yet, we will never see all of God's love.

In our lives as Christians, more dear and precious even than faith and hope is heavenly love. Without love, faith ultimately dies. But, love never fails.

I read the following story once, and it really spoke to me of the power of love.

"I'll master it!" said the axe; and his blows fell heavily on the iron. And every blow made his edge more blunt till he ceased to strike.

"Leave it to me!" said the saw; and with his relentless teeth he worked backward and forward on its surface till his teeth were worn down and broken, and he fell aside.

"Ha, ha!" said the hammer. "I knew you wouldn't succeed! I'll show

you the way!" But at the first fierce stroke off flew his head, and the iron remained as before.

"Shall I try?" asked the still, small flame.

They all despised the flame, but he curled gently around the iron and embraced it, and never left it till it melted under his irresistible influence.

"And now abideth faith, hope, love . . . the greatest of these is love."

Prayer Requests

The annual foreign missions retreat will be held August 11-15 at Free Will Baptist Bible College.

Pray for the "M.K.'s" who will be coming to the States for school next month.

Sherwood and Vada Lee expect to depart about the middle of this month to return to Ivory Coast.



SEPTEMBER The Pattern for Our Lives

I'll have to admit, I guess I've just got sewing in my bones. My mother is responsible, I'm sure, because she always took the time to explain to me what she was doing. She encouraged me to try my hand at it, and at an early age I began sewing my own clothes and, later, did sewing for others.

As a young seamstress, I learned that an indispensable sewing aid was a pattern. Size, style, etc., are all determined by the type of pattern you select.

You know, there's another pattern that is important to us—God's pattern

for our lives. Certain aspects of our lives are determined by heredity, which, of course, God controls. But other factors also contribute to the pattern our lives follow.

Sometimes, even when you buy the correct size, a pattern may need to be altered. Perhaps the sleeve must be shortened, or the hemline lengthened. Trial and error is the best method for determining the perfect fit.

As we travel the path of life, our "trail and error" as humans offers the alterations needed for our life pattern. God might allow trials, or He may send blessings as He trims, lengthens or shortens us to best fit our life's pattern.

All of us are interested in our appearance and try to select clothes that flatter us. We should try to pay as much attention to the things that affect our Godly appearance, as well.

Prayer Requests

Rev. and Mrs. Johnnie Hale, former home missionaries in California, are beginning a new joint project work in West Helena, Arkansas.

Pray for Ivan Lopez who has been left in charge of the camp ministries while the Wilkinsons are home on furlough.

Greenwood, S.C., is where Rev. and Mrs. Paul Reid are beginning a new joint project thrust. Pray for a strong nucleus for this new work.

The second term of service in the Ivory Coast awaits Robert and Judy Bryan as soon as they complete their language refresher course in Switzerland.

Pray for Bob and Rosa Lee Thomas as they lead the new church in Greeley, Colorado into a building program.

July Program
by Joyce Osborne

Mary, Martha, and Me



Purpose: *To make us aware that we can become so busy doing things for Christ and our friends that we fail to spend time with them.*

Song: "Take Time to be Holy"

Scripture: Luke 10:38-42

See Program Help Packet

THREE MEMBERS of one family were very close friends of Jesus. They were Mary, Martha and their brother Lazarus. Jesus loved this family (John 11:5).

Jesus seems to have been a frequent guest in this home in Bethany when He was in the Jerusalem area. Bethany was about two miles from Jerusalem.

Martha and Mary

Many a housewife can sympathize with Martha as we read this little intimate scene in the life of Jesus.

Martha was troubled, concerned with the material things of life. She had a guest in the house, she wanted to have her house in good order. She

wanted a fine meal prepared to serve the guest. She wanted to make a good impression by doing the things a good hostess should do. She also wanted help from her sister to do these things. Mary had helped Martha, but when Jesus came, she left the household duties to the competent hands of Martha and visited with Jesus.

Jesus was close enough to the members of this household for them to be open and natural in their expressions in His presence. Martha felt free to complain to Jesus about Mary's failure to help her with the serving.

There is no doubt that Martha loved Jesus, worshipped Him and loved to listen to Him as Mary did. But, like so many of us, she was concerned that the material things be taken care of first.

But Jesus said in verse 42, "One thing is needful" What is He saying here? In Psalm 27:4, David said, "One thing have I desired of the Lord, that will I seek after that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple."

On another occasion also we find that Martha was concerned with

material things. In John 12:2-3 we read that *Martha served* but Mary bowed down and *worshipped* Him by anointing His feet with fine ointments and wiping them with her hair.

Me

How many times have we been in exactly the same position as Martha? We are entertaining a guest, and we want everything to be in perfect order. We work ourselves into a frenzy and all the time we are missing precious companionship with our guest.

Martha thought she was honoring her Guest by preparing a great dinner, but she was overlooking the great chance she had to talk with the Master and to receive from Him the bread and water of life.

Time seems to be harder to get than money these days for most of us. Whether it is a day, an hour, a minute, or even a few seconds, all seems hard to spare to do the things which really count in our lives.

If you live to be 75 years of age, you will have lived less than 30,000 days. Of course it is not important how we count our days, it is important how we make our days count.

People say, "Well, I go about tending to my own business. I don't hurt anyone so what I do or what I say doesn't matter. My influence is only a drop in the bucket." Don't be too sure. It all depends on what the drop is and what is already in the bucket. One little drop of water falling into of acid may cause an explosion. One drop of germ culture may change the contents of the bucket in a few hours. A speck of yeast introduced into bread dough will leaven the whole mix. One drop of cleaning disinfectant may neutralize a

whole bucket of poisonous material. Someone once said, "a drop in the bucket isn't at all unimportant. It may be of very great importance in the results it achieves."

What is Important?

If we work, we certainly should do our best on the job. If we are married, we should give our husband or wife, the best of our attentions and affections. If we have children, they need our constant care and guidance. As Christians, we should have neat and clean homes and yards and certainly we should present ourselves in a neat and clean appearance, but if we put any or all of these things before God, we had better be careful, lest we fail to measure up to the standards it is going to take to "dwell in the Lord's House forever."

Our houses and gardens in this world will "melt away with a fervent heat" some day. Our jobs are not going to be needed for that dollar, that *bread on our table*, or those little extra things we want to get for the house or family. We aren't going to have to worry about that bill that has to be paid by the first of the month and praise the Lord, we are not going to have to take a dirty house or an unkept lawn to heaven with us.

Perhaps you have all heard the ad, "*Try it, you'll like it.*" Although it's silly and makes us laugh, seriously, if you do not start your day with God by reading His Word or by praying, *try it, you will like it*. If you do not go through each day with God first on your mind and in your heart, *try it*, He will like you doing it. If you don't constantly talk to Him and ask His guidance in all areas of your life, try it,

you'll like it and so will Jesus.

If you have never left some dishes in your sink, or a vacuum in the middle of the floor and gone into your room or closet, or wherever you pray, try it. You will receive a great blessing.

Take the time and go seat yourself at the feet of Jesus as Mary did and tell Him you love Him. Thank Him for the blessings, for life itself, and for your family and friends.

If you feel you have nothing for which to be thankful think about the little blessings which are yours. Things like the clean, sweet smell of flowers in a room, the joy of coming home to someone you love after a tiring day, or how about the good tastes of summer such as corn on the cob, strawberries, and cantaloupe?

Self Evaluation

We have touched on the material things of life that necessarily occupy much of our time. Now Let's think about our leisure time. How do we spend it?

Do we seek worldly entertainment? Do we attend our church services regularly? Do we help with church functions and projects which will help our people support missionaries. Do we show our true Christian love and concern for our neighbor? Do we visit the sick and lonely? Does what we do glorify God? Can we do it in the name of the Lord Jesus and offer a prayer of thanksgiving over it? Can we ask His blessings on it? A Sunday school teacher once said, "*when in doubt—don't.*"

Does what I do make me more preoccupied with "things" or does it help me in spending more time at the feet of Jesus? Does it help to build up

(edify) my Christian life or does it tear it down? Will it offend another person? If we ask ourselves these questions when we are in doubt about how to spend our time, we will be stronger and better Christians.

My Martha Side:

My house is a tyrant,
demanding each hour,
Imperiously ordering,
"Sweep, mop and scour.
Do the dishes, the laundry,
then iron, dust and cook,
And there's mending to do,
If you'll just take a look.
Now, Martha get busy,
and don't waste a minute,
Dirt is a sin and
you're wallowing in it."

My Mary Side:

My housework can wait,
there's a friend I must see.
Who's lonely and frightened,
she's looking for me.
Then I'll tidy up quickly,
and hurry to hear,
That fine missionary,
we support every year.
Home again, "Father, thank you,
Please help me to care,
for the hungry and homeless
Who live in despair."

Mary, Martha, Me:

Martha nags me to keep
my house spotless each day.
And Mary says gently,
"I need time to pray."
Martha's concerned with what
neighbor's might think,
If they dropped in and
found dishes stacked in the sink.

August Program
by Betty Reeves

LEFTOVERS

a burden or a blessing

Purpose: *To encourage and reassure Christians that the Lord is able to take care of them in all circumstances.*

Songs: "God Leads Us Along"; *Have Faith in God*"

Scriptures: *Leviticus 19:9, 10; 23:22; Ruth 2:2-13; Matthew 14:15-20; 15:22-28; Psalm 37:25*

See Program Help Packet

IN THESE DAYS of inflation, recession and shortages, we are all becoming more aware of the fact that we must develop a new life-style. Perhaps most of the present generation have become spoiled to getting those things that they want. Even those who could not be called wealthy manage somehow to gain those material things in life that they feel are important. We have become a very materialistic nation. Though many of us were born

during the last throes of the depression, we were too young to remember the hard times of that our parents experienced. Parents must shoulder some of the responsibility for they seemed to try to make up for those hard times by attempting to get their children all those things that they themselves had been denied. Our generation has grown up during an era of war, but also in an era of plenty and many of us were prone to think that the good times would go on forever. But the last couple of years have brought about a rude awakening to many harried homemakers as they try to stretch the shrinking dollar to cover the ever expanding budget. And even some of the older generation are having to learn to re-adjust their lives, also.

Learning to Accept

Learning to accept this new way of life perhaps will be the biggest hurdle that we will have to conquer. Americans are known for their ability to accept and to overcome the adversities that come their way. We may be called upon to do just that in the coming days. Learning to accept the fact that things are going to be different will not be an easy task. It will mean a reeducation of our basic values. We will find that we really do not have to have meat at every meal and that doing without desserts will most probably improve our health; that a second car, however nice and convenient it is, is really not a necessity but a very expensive luxury; that doing without a new outfit may hurt our teenager's pride but it will not mar her for life. We women have already come to grips with this problem as many of us have had to make friends with the sewing



machine. In the process, we found a great sense of accomplishment as we can take a straight piece of cloth, cut it into numerous pieces and then sew it up into a work of art for approximately half the price of a ready made garment.

Also many of us are becoming better acquainted with our cookbooks as we shy away from some of the high-priced, ready-to-eat, convenience foods and start learning the old fashioned art of cooking from scratch.

But it is not only the women who will have to accept this new mode of life but our husbands and children also will have to do a lot of adjusting. We have reared our children in much the same manner that we were reared, to think that they must have the things that they want to eat and wear and do, or the world will come to an end. They, too, are going to have to grow up a great deal during the next few years.

Learning to Adjust

After we have accepted the new way of living, then the next step will not be quite so hard, or will it? Adjusting to what we know we have to will be quite a strain and it will require a great deal of wisdom and patience from wives and mothers. A wise and thrifty homemaker, with a little ingenuity can prepare a tasty dish for her family using leftovers from a previous meal. However, no matter how craftily the meal may be disguised, the usual comment is often heard at the table, "Leftovers again?" So it will take time to re-educate our tastebuds to new foods.

The use of leftovers is not new, it is as old as the Bible itself. The Levitical

law required that the reapers not take all the grain but to leave some grain in the corners so the stranger and the poor could glean from the field to satisfy their hunger. So in effect they were getting the "leftovers."

As we read the miracle of the feeding of the 5,000, we hear Jesus telling the disciples to gather up the remains so that none might be wasted, and there were twelve basketfuls leftover. Jesus taught us to take care of things and not to be wasteful.

Surely the One who could produce that bountiful feast could have produced more when it was needed but He was teaching them a lesson. He knew there would be a time when He would not be with them physically and they must learn to take care of things themselves. Perhaps, He was looking to the time when His people in this generation would need to learn that lesson also. As we are learning to adjust, we are going to have to get our priorities straightened out and put first things first.

Americans are noted for their desire to go first class, but we must realize that if we are to go first class, then we will have to pay the price. If we are to do anything but eat and clothe ourselves, then we will have to learn to deny ourselves of the luxuries to which we have become accustomed. And, as we begin to put first things first, we will automatically put the work of the Lord ahead of even our own needs, and trust Him to provide for our personal needs.

David said, "I have been young, and now am old; but have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread" (Psalm 37:25). The Christian in America may well realize in the near future what sacrificial giving really means. It possibly will cause many

Christians to rely on God in a way they have never done before.

Many times the Israelites in times of prosperity turned away from God and followed the idols of their day. It was only after God allowed famine, captivity and hardship that they would bow their knees to Him and confess their sins and rely on Him for sustenance.

Learning to Enjoy

Learning to enjoy hard times may seem to be a paradox. Many people may feel that they could never rejoice under such circumstances. But the Economic Crunch will give Christians a chance to witness with deeds as well as words. Worldly happiness is dependent upon circumstances but the true joy that the Christian has is dependent only upon his relationship with the Lord. If the Christian goes around lamenting the hard times, griping about his lot and fussing like the world's people, then he will have no effect upon those around him. But if he will accept the situation and go on with the joy of the Lord in his life, then the world will take notice of him that he has been with Jesus. The Christian can really learn to enjoy the leftovers of this life, the shortages and the sacrifices as he views them as an opportunity to come into a closer relationship with His Lord. It is a well known fact that hard times frequently causes people to turn to God. Do you remember the full churches and the earnest prayers of our people during World War II and the Korean conflict? So if the current situation causes a return to God by His people, then we can truly thank Him for it and enjoy the results.

No Spiritual Shortages

In conclusion, let us once again turn to the Scriptures for insight. In Matthew 15:22-28 a Gentile woman came to Jesus seeking help for her daughter. When Jesus didn't answer her, the disciples asked Him to send her away for her crying was bothering them. Jesus turned to her and told her that He had come to call the Israelites to repentance and it wasn't proper to give the children's bread to the dogs (Gentiles) before the children had been fed. The woman was not discouraged for she immediately answered, "Yes, Master, but even the dogs get the scraps that fall from the table." She was willing to accept the scraps that fell from the table of Jesus. Jesus commended her for her faith and persistence.

We have read in newspapers or have seen on the newscasts where an elderly recluse had died of starvation in apparent poverty. Later it was discovered that large sums of money were hidden in his or her apartment. We think this is ridiculous but it is just as foolish for the Christian to settle for anything less than a full meal *spiritually*. True, spiritual leftovers from the Lord are far better than anything from the devil's table, but there is no reason for any Christian accepting leftovers or scraps when the Master has invited him to sit at the table and to partake of the feast with Him.

The Lord has a bountiful supply for all of us. There is no shortage of spiritual food. So even though the Economic Crunch that we are passing through might cause hardship, we can profit from it as we learn to get by on less, and as we learn to trust the Lord literally for our daily bread.

September Program
by Judy Bryan

A Visit with Judy Bryan



Purpose: *To make us more aware of the problems missionary wives face and to encourage us to pray daily for them.*

Songs: "Footsteps of Jesus"

Scripture: Psalm 68:11; Proverbs 19:14

See Program Help Packet

WHEN WAS the last time you made peanut butter or mayonnaise? Judy is in the process of making mayonnaise as we arrive and we can smell bread being baked, too.

Judy Bryan, missionary to the Ivory Coast, West Africa, lives in Bouna with her husband, Robert. They work among the Lobi tribe.

She is thrilled to have us drop in on her. A tall glass of Pepsi is offered to us. After such a long trip, we are really thirsty. She excuses herself to put another load of clothes in the washer. She has an automatic washer since they have city water and electricity. Most of the other missionary women have wringer type washing machines because their water supply is a well and their electricity a generator.

We ask her if her responsibilities as a wife are any different from us here in the States. She says, "No, not really. It just takes longer to live here, and there are no short cuts in preparing meals."

Simply preparing the meat for a

meal is a lengthy process. First buying it: it's important to be at the open-air market when the meat is first brought in. There are fewer flies then, and a better selection of meat, though it is sold by weight instead of cut. After Judy buys the meat, she still has to clean it, then slice it into steaks, cut it into chunks or grind it for hamburger.

Tossed salads take even longer. The lettuce has to soak in bleach water for 20 minutes, then rinsed in filtered and boiled water. All fruits or vegetables eaten raw have to go through this process.

All drinking water must be filtered though limestone filters and then boiled for at least ten minutes. "That bottle of water in the bathroom," Judy says, "is for brushing teeth. Never drink water straight from the faucet. It can cause many sicknesses."

In the States we usually think that hamburgers and french fries are a quick meal. But over here, when one makes the buns, grinds the meat, and soaks and washes the lettuce and tomatoes, a lot of time is involved. Judy even makes catsup for the hamburgers. We can see that a lot of her time is taken up with household duties.

But a good part of her time is taken up in outside ministries. Robert does

considerable printing, and Judy helps him. She does a lot of typing, making stencils, helping in proofreading and putting books together. She is his number one critic!

Two days a week she has sewing classes for boys and girls in the village of Ansoum, about 9 miles south of Bouna. She gives a Bible lesson then gives the children things to sew. They may make underclothes, blouses, shirts or shorts. The sewing class is just another means of presenting the gospel. To make sure they hear the Bible story, Judy requires the children to be there for the lesson or they cannot sew.

The Doropo Clinic

The medical clinic is located at Doropo, 45 miles north of Bouna. Since our time is limited we cannot visit the missionaries there. So we ask Judy about the missionary wives' responsibilities there.

No two days are ever alike at Doropo, or at any other mission station as far as that is concerned. At the clinic, some kind of excitement is usually happening . . . a snake bite, a gun-shot wound, or a broken arm or leg. Patients start coming to the clinic as early as 6 a.m. At 7:15 a devotion is given by one of the Ivorian clinic workers or by one of the missionaries. Then at 7:30 Dr. Miley starts seeing patients. This is when you would see Lorene Miley or Sandra Payne at the clinic: Sandra is a registered nurse, Lorene a lab technician. You might see them giving shots, dispensing medicine or doing some sort of lab work. When Dr. Miley has to be gone from the clinic, either of these ladies may treat the patients.

But working in the clinic isn't the only thing these two ladies do. Two days a week Lorene has sewing classes on her back porch. If you walked into her living room during one of these classes it would sound like a regular "hen party" . . . only here it's in Lobi. Of course Lorene always has plenty of household duties, too.

With two daughters, Sandra stays busy doing many things . . . making clothes, mixing up a batch of cookies, planning a birthday party or helping Laura and Debbie with their school work. The only time the girls have attended a public school is when they have been in the States on furlough. While in the Ivory Coast they have done their studies by correspondence, with their mother as teacher.

When Dr. Miley is not at Doropo, Sandra is left in charge of the medical work. This means being on call 24 hours a day and perhaps getting up in the middle of the night for an emergency.

Other women missionaries have some of the same responsibilities already mentioned. They may be dorm parents to other missionary children. Some of them teach weekly Bible lessons in the public schools, similar to a Bible club in the States.

African Women

While we have been visiting at the Bryans' house, we have noticed African women passing by, some with a heavy load of wood or a big pan of water on their head. Others are going to the field to work or perhaps going to the market to buy the meat, tomatoe paste etc. for the meal they'll prepare later in the day. The African women have a very hard way of life, Judy says. They work many hours in

the fields, and then come home and prepare meals. Their kitchens are outside, with no modern conveniences, and yet they make bread and peanut butter. Meals are cooked over an open fire; cooking one thing at a time can take a long time before the meal is ready. The women go to a nearby creek or well for water. If someone dies, they will walk many miles to the funeral. There they will dance, wail and cry. All this is a part of their lives.

The African woman is sometimes cast out if she can't have children. Most babies are born at home with the help of a mid-wife, who may be the grandmother or just some older woman in the village. Within 30 minutes to an hour after the baby is born, the mother may be on her way back to the field to work.

Tribal customs make the woman's life very hard. It's hard to win many African women to Jesus because they are always in the background. The woman is not considered important: she is to have children, work in the fields and prepare the meals. Sometimes she has so much to do, she does not have time to come to any church services. But what a joy it is when she realizes she is a sinner and accepts Jesus as her Savior.

But this might be the beginning of other problems. Her husband will not be happy when she refuses to sacrifice the chicken to the fetish before cooking it. Or when she refuses to go work in the fields because it's Sunday.

Specific Prayer

Well it's time for us to be going. Judy really hates to see us go because it's not very often she has visitors from the States. One thing she asks that we do is to pray for the missionary wives

and the African women.

She says to remember to pray for the missionary wives as we are loading our dishwashers, buying a loaf of bread, or popping open a can of biscuits. "Don't feel sorry for us," she adds, "we are not making a great sacrifice. We are only doing what God has asked us to do."

Oh yes, it gets frustrating sometimes, they may be half way through the dishes when the water gets cold. More water has to be heated before they can finish them. Someone may come unexpectedly for lunch, and no bread is made. Things may go wrong at the clinic. Patients do the opposite of what they were told to do. Kids in the Bible class may be noisy. Ladies in the sewing class may seem to be doing everything backwards. It's at times like these when the missionaries are depending on people to be praying for them.

Missionaries get lonely for their families and sometimes for other white people. They get discouraged and this is when Satan begins to put doubts into their minds. Pray for good health. If the missionaries are sick, it is evident they cannot do their best. And of course pray for souls for their labor. Please don't forget to pray for the nationals. Some of them are new Christians and don't understand a lot of things about following God's way: being a Christian is so different to their pagan life. Most of them cannot read therefore they cannot read God's work for guidance.

Don't just pray "Lord bless the missionaries." Call them by name. Ask the Lord to do specific things. Make a commitment to the Lord by praying at least five minutes everyday for the missionaries. If everyone will do this we will see a real working of the Holy Spirit on our mission fields.

*Showers of blossoms,
Showers of beautiful blooms
Everyone working together,
And look how the
Auxiliary booms!*



WNAC

Tippetts Chapel Woman's Auxiliary
Clayton, North Carolina

Emphasis Month Blessings

Minnie Ray Kennedy, Clayton, North Carolina, describes how the Tippetts Chapel Woman's Auxiliary observed WNAC Emphasis month. Their members all dressed in long dresses made of Auxiliary colors, lavender and white. They set a goal of \$100 for their offering. They gave \$184. "We really do thank God for His many blessings here at Tippetts Chapel," Mrs. Kennedy said.

Myrtle Parris, North Carolina state treasurer, is rejoicing because the Western Piedmont District Auxiliary has gone *over the top* again this year with their Emphasis month offering. They gave \$908.

Sybil Cooper wrote that the New Prospect Woman's Auxiliary, Pamlico, South Carolina, had a wonderful Emphasis program on a Sunday night in August. "The program was put on by our ladies and we really learned

more about our Auxiliary work. The members had been filling up the special offering folders for some time and with the special offering taken after the program, we had a total of \$165.62. *Praise the Lord for His many blessings.*

Carolyn Saverance, Glenville, Georgia, said they really enjoyed presenting the Emphasis Month program and felt that the congregation did also. They sent in their offering.

The Woman's Auxiliary of Uriah, Alabama, held their Emphasis program on Sunday night. Mrs. Charlie Woods said the program was most inspiring and helpful. They inclosed an offering of \$45.

Elsie Staten wrote that the Wooddale Auxiliary, Knoxville, Tennessee presented their program on Sunday evening preceding the preaching hour. Their offering was \$210.65.

Pauline Carter of the First Free Will Baptist Church, Chester, South Carolina, sends an offering of \$47. She gives much credit to their pastor, Reverend J. B. Smith for being a great help by allowing them time to present their special programs. The officers of

their auxiliary put on a skit, had a special speaker and special singing. She expressed appreciation to the national office for the helpful materials they have been receiving from time to time. "The special skits seem to give our programs just the right touch we seem to need," she wrote.

NEW WNAC EMPHASIS KIT AVAILABLE

"Bloom Where You Are Planted" is the theme for the new WNAC Emphasis program. Written by Anne Worthington, WNAC's recording secretary, this program is *different!* You will enjoy presenting it.

The purpose of WNAC Emphasis Month is to give your entire church an opportunity to learn what is being accomplished through the ministry of women in Free Will Baptist churches, to enlist all women in the work, and to help support the work of the national office.

August is WNAC Emphasis Month. However, any month more convenient to your church program may be used.

We are grateful for your letters, your friendship, your prayers and your support.

FREE EMPHASIS MONTH PROGRAM KITS WILL BE SENT TO EACH AUXILIARY ON THE CO-LABORER MAILING LIST. PLEASE NOTIFY US IF YOU FAIL TO RECEIVE YOURS.

PAID IN FULL!

Cleo Pursell
WNAC
P.O. Box 1088
Nashville, Tennessee 37202

Dear Mrs. Pursell:

As we send the final balance on our student loan we wanted to say *thank you* to the Auxiliary and you for making it possible.

If you remember, when Glen came to college we had three children and another born the following year. If we had not had help, Glen possibly could not have gone to school. It also made possible some college for me.

Another thing we wanted to thank you for was being so patient with us about paying.

We are both very proud to be a part of such a wonderful denomination!

Love and Prayers,

Nadine and Glen Hood
Midland, Texas

We are proud of you Nadine and Glen, and many others like you who take seriously their obligation to repay WNAC for loans granted. You have made it possible for other students to obtain much needed loans.

SEPTEMBER IS STUDENT LOAN FUND MONTH

Reeves



Bryan



Who's Who in This Issue

Hastings



Christian



Betty Reeves of Farmington, Missouri, is president of the St. Francois District Auxiliary and local study chairman in the Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church. She is a deacon's wife and has four daughters. She is a Sunday school teacher and Primary church director. She also works with *Learners* in CTS.

Judy Bryan is a native of Bixby, Oklahoma. She has served one term as missionary in the Ivory Coast, West Africa, with her husband Robert. She is presently in the states on furlough, but plans to return to the Ivory Coast this fall.

Joyce Osborne, formerly of Cocoa, Florida, now resides in Wilmington, North Carolina. She is active in Woman's Auxiliary work having served as treasurer and speaker at local and district meetings.

Jo Hastings has served as secretary of the Hannon Woman's Auxiliary near Liberal, Missouri. She is the mother of two children and teaches a teenage Sunday school class. Her article won honorable mention in last years writing contest.

Cora Christian is a member of the Upper Room Free Will Baptist Church, Church Hill, Tennessee. She is treasurer of the Tennessee Woman's Auxiliary Convention. Her article won honorable mention in last years creative writing contest.

Looking Toward Dayton



Bloom Where You Are Planted is the theme for the WNAC annual meeting, July, 14-15, 1975, in Dayton, Ohio.

Dayton has a vested interest in aviation, hence its aviation Hall of Fame. Here too, is the U.S. Air Force Museum, the world's largest air museum.

Pre-convention activities begin Monday, July 14, at one o'clock in the Biltmore Towers Hotel. All state presidents and field workers are cordially invited to meet with the national executive committee for a time of sharing. In areas where there is no state auxiliary convention, district presidents are invited. Local presidents may represent in areas where they are no district conventions.

Nominating Committee

The nominating committee will meet on Monday morning, July 14, in the Biltmore Hotel. Check the June *Contact* for the time and the room. (Any possible changes will be posted in the hotel lobby.) Mrs. Lucille Beatty is chairman.

Fellowship Dinner

The Fellowship Dinner will be held Monday at 5 p.m. in the ballroom of the Dayton Exhibition Center.

Reverend Fred C. Renich will be speaking on "The Christian Family in Today's World." Reverend Renich, a former pastor, served as a missionary in China until evacuation due to communist takeover in 1949. He was on the staff of Missionary Internship, Inc., in Farming, Michigan for 16 years, serving 10 years as General Director. He is president and founder of Living Life Ministries.

Through Living Life Ministries, he conducts seminars on Christian living, holds family life conferences and inter-church conferences. He also serves as part-time instructor at Missionary Internship.

Convention

The Woman's Auxiliary Convention begins at 9 a.m. Tuesday in the Dayton Exhibition Center.

Devotions will be brought by Miss Molly Barker, missionary nurse to Uruguay since 1965. Molly served under the Home Mission Board from 1958-1960 in Nogales, Mexico.

The keynote speaker at 11 a.m. will be Carlisle Hanna, missionary to India for the past 23 years.



Living Life Seminar

Jill Renich will team with her husband Fred in conducting a seminar on **HARMONY IN THE HOME** at 1:30 Tuesday afternoon in the Dayton Exhibition Center.

As founder and president of *Winning Women, Women's Retreat*, radio speaker, author, wife and mother of four children, Jill is uniquely equipped to speak effectively on family issues. Her ministry to women has helped thousands around the world. Don't miss this!

Contest Awards

Awards for the winners of WNAC's third Creative Writing Contest will be made in the Tuesday morning session. There were 69 entries.

Attention State Secretaries and Treasurers

State secretaries and state treasurers should send in their annual reports and dues before the first of July if they wish them included in the report to the national convention.

Although WNAC's fiscal year ended May 31, this will not greatly affect state reports. Dues received before July 1st, will receive credit on the credential committee's report.

Send treasurers' reports and membership dues (\$1.00 per active member) to:

Mrs. Cleo Pursell
P.O. Box 1088
Nashville, Tennessee 37202

Send secretaries' reports to:

Mrs. Anne Worthington
1712 Dawson Road
Albany, Georgia 31705



WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

Monday

8 a.m.

WNAC Executive Committee
Breakfast and Meeting, Bilt-
more Towers Hotel

12 Noon

WNAC Executive Committee
Luncheon and Meeting, Bilt-
more Towers Hotel

1 p.m.

Meeting of State Presidents,
Field Workers and WNAC
Executive Committee, Bilt-
more Towers Hotel

1 p.m.

Registration
Dinner

5 p.m.

WNAC Fellowship
Reverend Fred C. Renich,
speaker, Dayton Exhibition
Center

Tuesday

9 a.m.

Woman's National Auxiliary
Convention, Dayton Exhibi-
tion Center, Carlisle Hanna,
Molly Barker, speakers

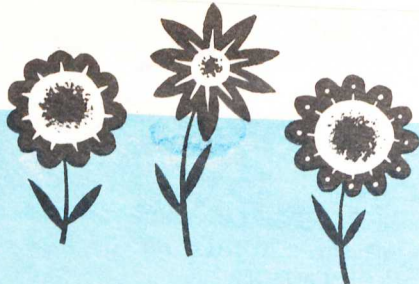
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HARMONY IN THE HOME,
Seminar Fred and Jill Renich

Will Your Auxiliary Be Represented?

Each local Auxiliary in good standing with its representing higher body (district or state) has the privilege of sending a delegate to this convention by paying a representation fee of \$3.00. She will pay the fee when she registers at the WNAC booth.

You still have time to elect a local delegate. Plan to have your Auxiliary represented in Dayton!



RESERVATION FORM WNAC FELLOWSHIP DINNER

All banquets have been reserved for a certain number of people. To avoid disappointment, you are urged to order tickets early. No tickets will be mailed out or reserved without payment. Refunds are available through July 1, 1975. Please enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope with your request for tickets.

The dinner is open to both men and women and tickets are \$5.00 each (includes tax and gratuity).

We encourage our Auxiliaries to help make it possible for all our missionaries home on furlough to attend the dinner. You may do so by purchasing one or more tickets for missionaries. While you are filling in the reservation form for yourself, just include the name of a missionary. WNAC will see that the missionary receives the ticket.

Clip and mail to WNAC, P.O. Box 1088, Nashville, Tennessee 37202

Date _____

I would like to reserve _____ ticket(s) for the WNAC Fellowship Dinner, Monday, July 14, 1975 at 5 p.m. at the Dayton Exhibition Center.

Enclosed is \$_____ (\$5.00 each). I wish to purchase tickets for the missionaries indicated below:

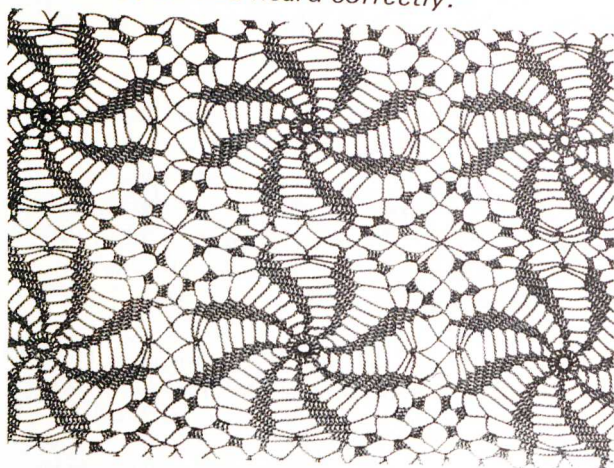
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City _____ State _____

Zip Code _____

"Everyone in the Auxiliary is going to learn how to crochet." We were not sure we had heard our president right, but when she repeated it, we had heard correctly."



CROCHET Hooks, KNITTING NEEDLES AND THE AUXILIARY

by Mrs. Gilbert King

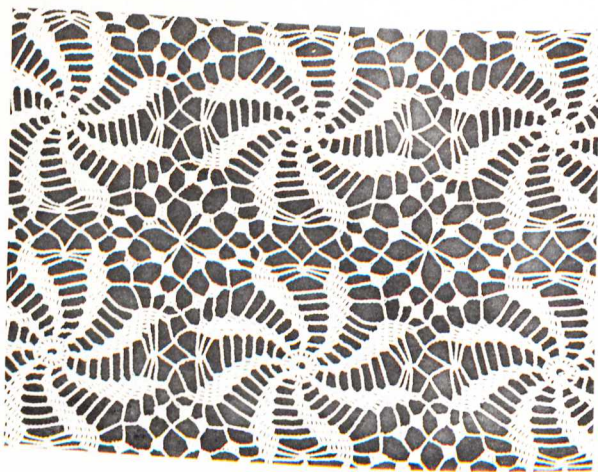
Our regular monthly meeting in November had just been dismissed and before we had started chattering like magpies she had sprung this on us. I looked at my sister Auxiliary members and wondered if our president had taken leave of her senses. We all laughed madly.

After our laughter had subsided she very calmly began taking things from a large shopping bag she had brought with her. First she brought out crochet hooks for each of us, then yarn in all colors. It looked so easy watching her, but we seemed to have several thumbs on each hand and none of them could be brought under control. The tangles and jumps in our yarn must have made her shudder but she put on a brave fixed smile and plunged ahead showing

us and telling us repeatedly. She probably wanted to laugh hysterically at the knots and misplaced stitches we had going in every direction. She made us unravel and begin again over and over again until even our thread began to take on a sick and bedraggled appearance from all the abuse it took that afternoon.

We did learn to crochet and that afternoon was the initial step toward eventually making lap robes for the ambulatory patients in the nursing home in Wauconda. We made twenty three of them and they were delivered in January.

At our February meeting our president held up a quilt she had made and matter of factly gave us the dimensions of it. She informed us that we



"I wonder how many wrong ways there are to knit? Oh well, they tell me that stab wounds from knitting needles are hardly ever fatal."

would be making 50 of them plus the same number of sheets for the day care center of the Fox Valley Christian School in McHenry. She never seemed to notice that we had paled considerably. "This woman is really sick," I thought. "I wonder if she knows she's probably the only one here who has ever made a quilt?" After deciding against mad flight, I asked my neighbor on the right, "Has anyone ever been expelled from an Auxiliary?" She told me that I was probably safe since I was the pastor's wife but she wasn't so sure about the rest of them.

We were to bring a finished quilt large enough to cover a pre-school child to a special meeting the next week so she could see it and advise us. I was too ashamed of my quilt to take it and I hoped to see some there that were as strangely puckered as mine. There were only three brought to that meeting but as the quilts were described, I rejoiced inwardly because each one sounded as bad or worse than mine. One of the ladies present remarked that the Lord knew what He was doing when He lumped a bunch of

women like us into one church. "Just think how we would damage several churches if we were scattered out to work among sane women," she said.

Our president told us what we were doing wrong and offered personal assistance, so back home we trudged to make another quilt.

Surprisingly enough they improved and some of the women brought very pretty quilts with artistic designs and patterns. Both the quilts and sheets were finished in time for the state inspection of the school.

The other day I heard our president make a remark about knitting house slippers. It would not surprise me too much if one day at a meeting we saw her take out of her shopping bag knitting needles and yarn, and say with a twinkle in her eyes, "Ladies, could I have your attention please?"

I wonder how many wrong ways there are to knit? Oh well, they tell me that stab wounds from knitting needles are hardly ever fatal.

Mrs. King is the pastor's wife of the Roberts Road Free Will Baptist Church, Island Lake, Illinois.

Ye Are The Light



"Ye are the Light of the World"
The Master said one day.
"Keep your light burning brightly
To show all men the Way."

"Don't hide it under a bushel
But be as a light on a hill.
And share your light with others
And do your Master's will."

"It will not be always easy
To lead men from the dark
I'll give you grace sufficient
If you but do your part."

"But Lord, you know I am timid,
I don't know what to say,"
"Dear child, I'm always with you
Just help them find the Way."

"Show them you have the Faith,
And regardless what comes your way,
You'll have the added strength you need
But you must take time to pray."

I said, "But Lord, don't you know
I have much daily work to do
—A family and a job besides
It seems I never can get through."

"My child you know I care for you
Let your light shine where you are
At home, at work or anywhere
Let it shine near and far."

"The more you let it shine,
The brighter it will glow
The more joy you'll daily have
As His blessings to you flow."

"Lord, help me be a steady light
So those I meet may see
The beauty of the Savior's love
In true reflection, Lord, through me."

—L. Keckler

*Women's Christian Service
Council Churches of God*



I Love You, Grandmother!

by Cora Christian

IT WAS Wednesday evening before Thanksgiving. I had rushed all afternoon. During the morning I had not felt well—sore throat, running nose, and aches. Other things had not gone to suit me. Guess I was feeling sorry for myself, not really being conscious of this fact. My husband had arrived home from work and we had rushed through supper. The table had been cleared and I had grabbed my *Co-Laborer*. Tonight we were presenting the pre-Thanksgiving prayer program at our church. I had a part in the program and I had been so busy I had not given much thought to it and had just glanced through it a couple of times. Now at the last minute I was trying to do the impossible—attempting to study a topic in two or three minutes and talk about it to our people.

The telephone rang. I was vaguely aware that my husband answered and spoke several times and in the far out reaches of my mind I heard him say, "Well they don't want to talk." Then he called and told me I was wanted on the telephone. Reluctantly I laid down

the *Co-Laborer* to answer. I picked up the receiver and said, "Hello."

A small soft voice said, "I love you, Grandmother."

How sweet. I was so touched. I do not have a vocabulary to describe just how precious were those words. Words from a child who would be four the twelfth day of December. A beautiful little girl with the bluest eyes, long blond hair and fair complexion. A child without any reservations whatsoever who could show a love so great, reaching out over the telephone wires for several miles and who does not know or realize the tumult of the world, the over-anxiousness of adults or the cares of life "that doth so easily beset" the adult.

A child transmitting a love so great and as effective as my Saviour's love. How my heart warmed. My throat choked and tears came into my eyes.

"Except ye become as a little child . . ." So many precious promises and words of Scripture came flooding into my thoughts.

Her very next words were "Where is Tonya?" Tonya is an 18 month little girl, another granddaughter, a niece of

the caller, whom I have kept much of the time since her birth because she was a sickly baby and at this time has a six day old baby brother and I have been keeping her while mother and baby get adjusted to home.

Before I could answer this question the child said, "I love Tonya." And she does. She knows nothing but LOVE. A true, unadulterated love, a trusting love, a giving love, an unrestricted love.

Through tears and choked voice I told my granddaughter that I loved her and we talked shortly and the conversation ended.

It was time to go to the service. My head was in the clouds. My heart was filled and flowing over. My aches and pains were forgotten. I was filled with love. Love given to me by a beautiful loving child. This child had been an instrument of God.

How much I had to be thankful for! What more could I ask? God truly supplies all needs—the greatest need of all people and of myself—LOVE!

We had a wonderful pre-Thanksgiving service. Everyone and everything was beautiful. There were personal testimonies throughout the evening. I had to tell with tear filled eyes and a choked voice about this experience and how my very soul had been lifted from the valley onto the mountain top and I had to praise and thank God for all His wonderful love and tender care for which I among all people was least deserving. I was made to realize, through the love of a child just how God had taken care of my every need, and when He said, "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest," He would do just that. "I love you, Grandmother." *And, a little child shall lead them.*

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A HIDDEN REASON FOR SHARING

by Jo Hastings

AT OUR LAST Auxiliary meeting, one of our ladies who has older children, was sorrowfully sharing some of her problems with us. She was very concerned about adjusting to her older children being on their own, and her not being so much a part of their lives anymore. As Christ said, "For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife." She was needing help facing this truth. And as I listened, I could remember many times when mothers of older children shared their troubles and trials with me. Then suddenly God seemed to shed some precious light on me, and I realized that in their unknowing way they were helping me as a mother of younger children. God was surely sending me this way to observe and listen. Maybe I could even avoid some of the problems by listening to other mothers, and storing

up this God-given information for the time when I too might face such problems. All of the things others share with me must come directly from God. God surely was sending me information for the future. All of my observations and understanding of others' problems must be stored in my memory for future use.

And then I realized how grateful I am for the chance to hear others share their problems, and for others who will share their problems. Only in a close Christian fellowship like our Auxiliary could anyone feel free to share, whether it be tears or happiness. Our Auxiliary is like a family in that the love of Christ brings us under common bonds, and there is a feeling of trust. We "bear one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ." This feeling that exists must be what Christ meant when He said "Where two or three are gathered together in my name I am there."

God gave me a great gift when He gave me the gift of listening. Only by listening with a sincere, loving ear can I learn and store up this information. God also gave me a great gift when He gave me sincere, Christian mothers who will share their problems with me. They may not even realize they are a blessing to me when they begin to talk of their problems.

I am sure this is God's plan, and the experiences of others shared in love must not be let to pass by without learning from them. If they passed this motherhood-way gaining so much wisdom through experience, and then passed on without sharing or trying to help mothers like myself, what a waste that would be.

God is teaching and helping through others' problems even when

they aren't aware of it. Any experience a Christian has can benefit someone else, if shared. Christians are never free of trials, and are molded for better things to come through troubles. The troubles of others can give us insight for avoiding just such problems. I remember when a problem comes my way, and I feel the desperate need to talk to someone. This feeling might be God's way of making me share even though I dislike burdening others with my problems. We all need help from God, and sometimes His help is through another Christian friend who will take time to listen. Or we might even be unknowingly helping him by letting him observe our life. God works from all directions and can work through anyone if we will give in to our feelings, whether they be tears or laughter. Real genuine feeling is never out of place especially in a group knit together in love like a Free Will Baptist Woman's Auxiliary.

I have surely been blessed by our Auxiliary, and it has been a tool for my learning. Not only have I learned of our own missionaries, but I have been encouraged by the lives of other wives and mothers. Mothers of young children like myself need the help of experienced mothers to get us through our days of service. Our Lord told us that the older women were to teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children, to be discreet, chaste, keepers at home. The Auxiliary provides a proper atmosphere for just such training. Maybe through this God-given insight I have felt and shared, other young women might more appreciate the problems of others, and see God working to help us bear the awesome burden of motherhood.

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