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Watchword:

“Whatsoever thy hand findeth
to do, do it with thy might.”
Ecclesiastes 9:10a

Song:

“I’ll Go Where You Want Me
to Go.”

“Master, where shall I work today?”

(My love flowed warm and free.)

He pointed out a tiny plot,

And said: “Tend that for me.”

I answered quickly: “Oh, no, not there.

Not anyone would see,

No matter how well my task was done—

Not that little place for me.”

His voice, when He spoke, it was not
stern,

He answered me tenderly:

“Little one, search that heart of thine;

Are you working for them or Me?

Nazareth was a little place,

And so is Galilee.”

Author Unknown

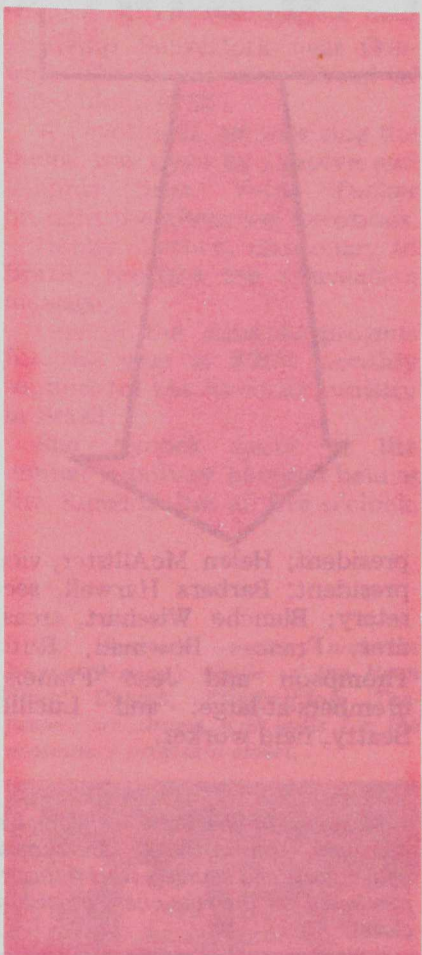


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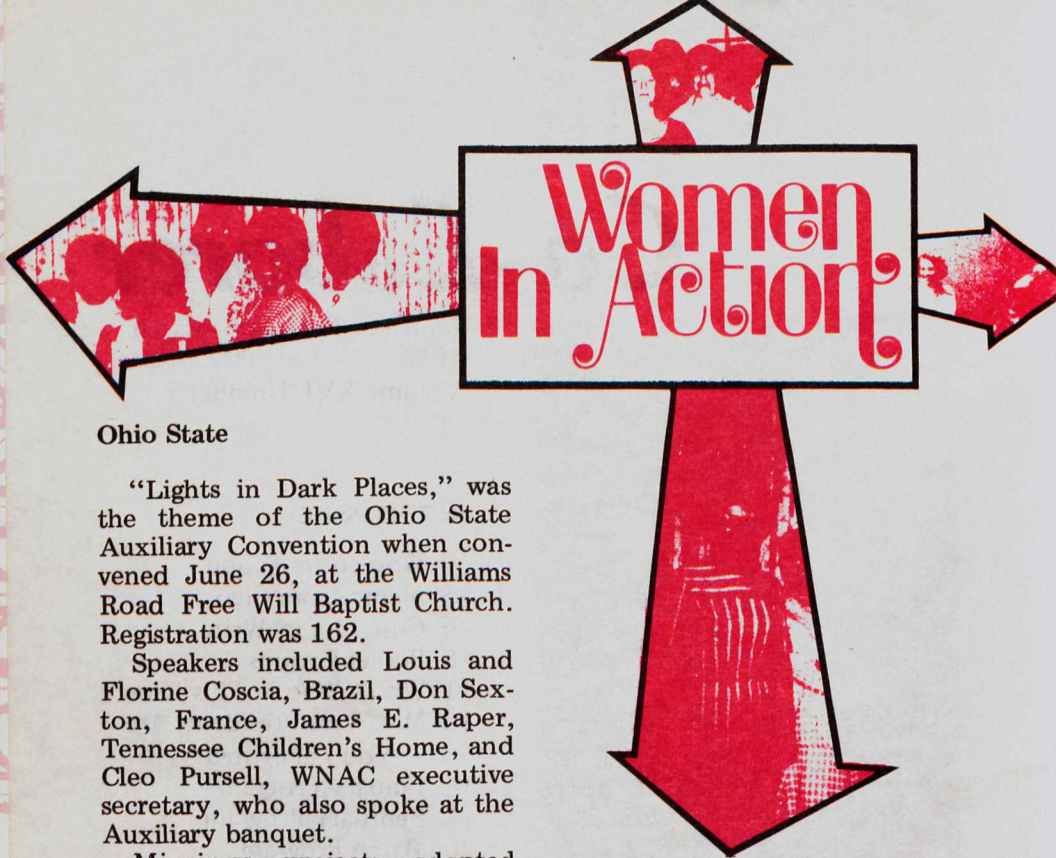
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Cleo W. Pursell, Editor

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Women In Action

Ohio State

"Lights in Dark Places," was the theme of the Ohio State Auxiliary Convention when convened June 26, at the Williams Road Free Will Baptist Church. Registration was 162.

Speakers included Louis and Florine Coscia, Brazil, Don Sexton, France, James E. Raper, Tennessee Children's Home, and Cleo Pursell, WNAC executive secretary, who also spoke at the Auxiliary banquet.

Missions projects adopted total \$3,500. Joan Sizemore succeeded Nora McCarty as president.

Missouri State

"Something Beautiful" (Isaiah 52:7) was the theme of the Missouri State Woman's Auxiliary Convention which was held August 19, at West Plains. Howard and Joan Filkins, Ivory Coast, were the missionary speakers.

Missions projects include \$1,000 to "Fill Filkins Workshop," and \$1,500 to the State Perpetual Loan Fund for mission churches.

New officers are Sandy Smith,

president; Helen McAllister, vice president; Barbara Harwell, secretary; Blanche Wisehart, treasurer; Frances Bowman, Ruth Thompson and Jean Francis, members-at-large; and Lucille Beatty, field worker.

Members of the Fairview Woman's Auxiliary, Marion, N. C., are shown with towels and stainless steel flatware purchased for the missionary provision closet.



Arkansas State

President Genelle Scott presided over the 21st annual session of the Arkansas State Woman's Auxiliary Convention August 12. The Meeting was held at Camp Beaverfork near Conway. The theme was "Bread of Life" (John 6:35).

A devotional, emphasizing the theme was given by Carolyn and Virginia Hays. Velda Tucker brought the afternoon devotions.

Bobby Aycock, missionary to Brazil, brought the convention message.

One of the missions projects for the year is \$200 monthly support for the Aycocks ministry in Brazil.

Sue Aycock spoke at the annual Auxiliary banquet held at the Ramada Inn at five o'clock.

The Woman's Auxiliary and the Young Woman's Circle of the Roan Street Church, Elizabethton, Tennessee, are shown with gifts for the missionary provision closet.



Members of the Auxiliary, First Free Will Baptist Church, Glasgow, Kentucky, presenting blenders and mixers for the missionary provision closet to WNAC executive secretary, Cleo Pursell. (From left to right) Mrs. Pursell, Mrs. Emberton, Greta Lee Johnson, Mrs. Cooper, Mrs. Satterly, Mrs. McDonald, Mrs. Johnson, president and pastor's wife, and Mrs. Staples.

Members of the Calvary Woman's Auxiliary, Springdale, Arkansas, held a Mother-Daughter Banquet in May with 46 present. The group is shown with linens they gave to the missionary provision closet.



Cumberland District

The Cumberland District Auxiliary Convention convened August 16, at the Good Springs, Tennessee, church with a record attendance of 150. Avis Sublette, president, presided.

Wesley and Aileen Calvery, missionaries to Japan, brought devotions and special music. Dr. and Mrs. Laverne Miley, Ivory Coast, brought greetings and the convention message. The theme was "Continue Thou" (2 Timothy 3:13-14). A WNAC report was given by Cleo Pursell, executive secretary.

Chris Boyd was elected president; vice president, Sharon Parker; recording secretary, Sheila Garrett; Treasurer, Iva Mae Hunter; missions study chairman, Florence Parham; missions action chairman, Myrtle Reeds; missions prayer chairman, Sue Dayton; field worker, Sue Boyd.

Missionary Barbara Haas, Rennes, France, is checking to make sure everything is in readiness for the Mother-Daughter Banquet held in their church. Shown is the side room of the church where Sunday school, youth Bible study and banquets are held.



Sandra Bishop, missionary appointee to Japan, was guest at the Social Band District Woman's Auxiliary meeting at the First Free Will Baptist Church, Pocahontas, Arkansas. She was given a shower at the close of the meeting. Genelle Scott, Arkansas state president and WNAC vice president, brought the eleven o'clock message.

Illinois State Retreat

The Illinois Woman's Auxiliary Retreat was held September 22-23, at the Campgrounds in Benton. Joan Filkins, was the speaker. Mrs. Filkins and her husband serve as house parents for missionaries' children at the school in Bouake, Ivory Coast, West Africa.

New Church Auditorium, Rennes, France. The women are waiting for late arrivals for their banquet. The theme was "Pattern for Missions," and 41 were present. Elsie Hargis, Oklahoma, was the speaker at the candle light service.



MEMO from CLEO

Cleo Pursell, Executive Secretary



Missionary Provision Closet

It's hard to believe! The missionary provision closet was *overflowing* with gifts before the missionary retreat in August. It now resembles Old Mother Hubbard's cupboard in some areas.

We can use sheets of all sizes (single, double, king and queen), pillow cases, bedspreads (single and double), bath and hand towels, washcloths, kitchen towels, pressure cookers, Melmac, steam irons, stainless steel flatware, layettes, and the following pieces of Tupperware: tumblers, pitchers, pastry sheets, and the newer colored pieces.

Creative Writing Contest

We are delighted to discover so many talented women who are willing to share their talents by participating in WNAC's Creative Writing Contests. Please do enter a skit, an article, or a program suitable for publication in *Co-Laborer*. Remember the deadline for entries is March 1, 1976. Write for rules or see the inside back cover of the fourth quarter *Co-Laborer*.

The Forgotten Woman

"It has been a year or more since I have been to church. I kept hoping the church would work out some way for the old people to attend services but seemingly they do not want old people." Thus reads a letter received in the WNAC office from a 91 year old woman. She lives alone, has no family, and is crippled. She seldom has a visitor from the church (not even the pastor). This *forgotten woman* worked in her church for more than 20 years as music director and generously used her car to take people to church. "I think the Lord will punish people that are so thoughtless," she said. "They never come to see whether or not I need anything." A school teacher who lives nearby takes her to market once a week to get groceries.

What a challenge this letter offers. Missions action groups can do much to help in similar situations. Special transportation or car pools can be arranged to get persons to meetings. Regular telephone contact may need to be established to keep in touch with those who live alone and cannot easily get out of their homes. A group may need to be organized to help with routine household tasks. Regular visits need to be made to members who are shut-in. Church activities should be planned in such a way that individuals feel a sense of belonging and contributing.

"*Out of sight, out of mind,*" is a crushing truth for the *forgotten woman*.



Co-Laborers Write

Please send me the information concerning "Operation Partnership." Our Auxiliary has voted to contribute \$5.00 monthly to this project.

*Mrs. J. Johnson
Conroe, Texas*

We at Liberty Free Will Baptist Church are so thankful for being part of our Auxiliary, and being able to get acquainted with such wonderful sisters in Christ.

We just returned from our state meeting in Columbus and God really blessed. We all love our Co-Laborers and really have some wonderful meetings.

*Rebecca Hensley
Swanton, Ohio*

I am to go Tuesday night (July 21) to organize three or four locals and one district Auxiliary. I would like for you to send me anything you have that would be helpful. Also have the Home and Foreign Missions Departments to send me four packets each.

*Floretta Rhoades
Norman, Oklahoma*

Thank you for the ideas and suggestions for projects for our Woman's Auxiliary. We are planning to organize in the next few months.

*Vickie Hollis
Kankakee, Illinois*

We had our first Auxiliary meeting in May. There were five present. We are sure we will have more to join us later. The women were enthusiastic about the Auxiliary work and the fellowship was great. We plan to send our offering quarterly since it will be small for awhile... We appreciate the program helps and the good lessons in our Co-Laborer books.

*Mrs. Jerry Presley
Memphis, Tennessee*

The last Co-Laborer was fantastic. They seem to be getting better every quarter. Keep it up. The Lord has been blessing the ladies in our Auxiliary and it is spreading to the other women of our church. Our church is the Peace Free Will Baptist of Indianapolis.

*Marsha Martin
Beech Grove, Indiana*

The Lord is continuing to bless our Auxiliary with more and more of the women of the church becoming interested in

the work, therefore we are needing more *Co-Laborer* books. With the books I am ordering today our total number is 35.

*Annie J. Sessoms
Bethany Church
Norfolk, Virginia*

I have two of our churches ready to reinstate their Auxiliaries. Both have had very active Auxiliaries in the past . . . Send literature for the two churches. I am so excited about these new prospects for we only have four Auxiliaries in our district of 14 churches. I have one organization that will come into our district next meeting.

Please send me *Actionettes*. We have a crowd of teens. As of now we use them in our regular Auxiliary.

*Ruth Leonard, Field Worker
Batesville, Arkansas*

Carterville Free Will Baptist Church recently organized an Auxiliary. We are having very good interest. We appreciate the free literature for the first quarter. We would like to place a standing order for nine *Co-Laborer* magazines.

*Gloria Carlson
Webb City, Missouri*

God has blessed in such a way that you wouldn't believe. Our ladies are so excited and even with the bad flu around, we still run 28 to 32 each month.

The missions action group really does work hard at visiting the sick and shut-ins. The missions prayer group has seen so many prayers answered and are

really on the ball praying for our revival . . . Our missions study chairman had a great study on the *Home*.

*Jeanette Street
Levone, West Virginia*

We had a well attended Auxiliary meeting. The program help packet is just great!

*Sherry Trefry
St. Croix, Virgin Islands*

The Arizona State Auxiliary has taken as a project the raising of \$500 for the Bill Fulchers of Panama. This is to be used to purchase a stove and refrigerator.

This is quite a challenge for us as we only have three organized Auxiliaries in the state—but with the Lord's help we are determined.

*Johnny Jenkins
Phoenix, Arizona*

Our women say the lessons in *Co-Laborer* really fit their needs. We appreciate your work so much and pray the Lord's blessings upon you.

*Mrs. Glen Shelby
Lee's Chapel
Waynesboro, Mississippi*

We have started a Woman's Auxiliary and are enjoying it very much.

*Mrs. James Nason
Pontiac, Michigan*

We are very interested in sponsoring the *Actionettes* in our church . . . We at our Auxiliary stand behind you and appreciate your work.

*Diane Thomas
Grifton, N.C.*

PRAYER GROUPS

Earline Arthur

JANUARY

The Power
of a Touch

"For she said within herself, If I may touch his garment, I shall be whole" (Matthew 9:21).

Have you ever stopped to consider the power of a gentle touch? Too often in our hurry-scurry, lets-get-moving world we resort to loud noises and other attention-getting tactics to make our thoughts and wishes known.

My husband is the type of person who becomes very engrossed in some activities. When he is studying, watching a tel-

vised sporting event, or debating a controversial issue with a friend, I wonder if even a loud clap of thunder would get his attention. But I've learned a little secret that keeps me from shouting and calling him repeatedly—I can walk over to him and gently touch his arm. Almost as if by magic, he will stop in mid-sentence and turn his attention toward me.

Do we have to shout our Christianity to our friends and neighbors, or can we gently touch their lives through Christ living in us? I've often heard a little saying that I think would apply here: "What you *do* speaks to loudly that I can't hear what you're *saying*."

The Gospels of Matthew and Mark tell us of an incident involving a woman's special touch. This woman had suffered a physical malady for twelve years. She had, no doubt, seen different doctors and followed many prescribed treatments, none of which cured her disease. But she heard the Savior was passing nearby, and her faith in His power was so great that she knew if she could but *touch* the hem of His robe that she would be healed. So she pushed her way to the front of the crowd, and as Jesus passed by she reached out her hand and touched his robe. And there, among the throng, Christ heeded her touch and granted her healing. May our faith ever increase so that we may touch Christ and in turn touch many others with His love and compassion.

Prayer Requests

Pray for the Vergel Maness family as they begin a new church in Wilmington, Delaware.

Pray for the Bobby Aycock family as they get settled in their work in Barbacena, Brazil. They have just returned to the field from a year's furlough in the states.



FEBRUARY

Green and Growing

Have you noticed the recent surge in popularity of house plants? Everyone, it seems, enjoys things that are green and growing. But plants, like many Christians, can sometimes deceive us.

I have a geranium plant that seems quite healthy. It is watered and given plant food frequently. New leaves sprout, and as the old leaves die, I remove them. It gives every evidence of prospering, yet one thing is missing. The beauty of a geranium is in its blooms, and although my plant appears normal, it lacks the flowers which should be produced. Haven't you known Christians like that? They make the right moves, and they speak the right words, but the fruits of Christianity are missing. The love, joy, peace, patience, etc. that should mark us as different from those of the world, just don't surface as they should.

Some plants require much more care than others. My coleus

must be watered and sunned almost daily. My ivy can survive on just a frequent watering. And it seems like I just can't kill the philodendron! When I'm often busy and forget (or just don't have the time), I can confidently overlook the philodendron's watering for a few days and know that it will still be hardy and green when I can get to it.

I see many Christians with similar characteristics. Some new converts (and older ones, too) need almost constant counseling and encouragement. Others seem to have more self initiative and can seek out Biblical truths and *digest* those hard passages or lessons of faith with little help from others. Still others seem to be endowed with unusual insight into spiritual matters.

And just as each plant has distinctive features and complement each other, we as members of the body of Christ are unique and varied but must come together as one in Him.

Prayer Requests

Three new filmstrips have been released by the foreign missions department. Please pray that these filmstrips may be an effective tool in winning souls to Christ.

Pray for the *Cash for Cajun Project* adopted at the national association by the CTS department. This money will go to buy land for the new home mission church in Baton Rouge, Louisiana where Larry Russell and family are working.



MARCH

Problems Home Missionaries Face

Maurine Lee

For any person to do his best on the job, he (or she) must feel well and be as free from worry as possible. The home missionary is no exception.

Suppose the services were going to be held in your house each time. Have you ever thought of what all is involved? Cooking odors have to be eliminated, no hot Sunday dinner can be waiting in the oven, every bed must be made, children's playthings tucked away, and everything in order. With Sunday school classes all over the house, nothing can be overlooked. In many instances, missions have begun with services first in the missionary's home. This is far less than ideal for the emotional welfare of the missionary family.

The health of the family is another factor. Changes of climate can bring on allergies or other problems, which in turn produces sickness and doctor bills, which in turn strain the budget.

Loneliness is a hindrance that home missionaries face. The fact that he is a home missionary indicates that he is probably in an area where they are no nearby Free Will Baptist churches.

When a pastor goes to a new

church, he normally has a sizeable congregation to greet him. The home missionary has only one or two families at the most. In some instances there is no one. Even discouragements are easier to take if there are earthly friends with which to share them.

Family adjustment is important. The children must be considered for if they do not adjust, it will affect the parents. Even one parent can go through a terrible time of adjusting.

While no home missionary wants sympathy, they do need prayer. Your Woman's Auxiliary can do this.

Prayer Requests

Pray for the Karel Smith family as they begin services in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Also pray for the Clement Heath family. They moved to Albuquerque specifically to help get the new work started. Mr. Heath works in a butcher shop.

Carlisle Hanna will be spending two months the first of this year in India. He and his family will be returning to India in July for another term of service. Pray for Marie while Carlisle is away.

Pray for the income for the foreign missions department. Pray that people across our denomination will give so that the gospel will be extended around the world.

Many conferences have been planned during these months involving our missionaries on furlough. Pray for safety of travel.



Who's Who in this Issue

Carolyn Franks, Mantachie, Mississippi, has been a frequent winner in WNAC's creative writing contests. She teaches in the business department of the Itawamba Junior College. Miss Franks is the author of the January program, *"One Day at a Time."* This program will help you to begin the New Year right!

Catherine Henry, in the February program, presents a challenge to all women to "Bloom Where You are Planted." Miss Henry, a Missouri native, is Nursery-Preschool Editor with the Sunday School Department in Nashville, Tennessee. She graduated from Southwest Missouri State University and taught elementary school in Missouri before going to Fresno, California where she was an instructor at California Christian College for four years.

Louise Wampler, Perryman, Maryland, has also been an award winner in WNAC's writing contests. Her husband is a deacon and she has two children. Her March program, *"Spiritual Mountains,"* stems from real life experiences. Her marvelous faith has brought her and her family through many personal difficulties.

Mrs. Vice President
ARE YOU FARSIGHTED?



Answer: Yes! One of my important tasks is to always be on the *lookout* for new members for our Auxiliary. It's the responsibility of every vice president to help recruit all the unenlisted women in the church. After having secured them as members we must *hold* them in regular attendance. These two jobs require constant watchfulness.

Question: Can you see why some members do not attend regularly?

Answer: There are many causes for absence but unless hindered by illness, distress, or some other providential cause there is always some underlying cause for the continued absence of a member.

Question: What are some of the causes for sporadic attendance?

Answer: Here are seven *goodies!*

1. the members indifference
2. a lack of friendliness shown at the Auxiliary meeting
3. too much noise—a lack of reverence
4. poorly prepared and poorly presented programs
5. business session drags, becomes boring
6. lukewarm interest shown on the part of the other members
7. she has not been given an opportunity to serve according to her ability

Question: Many women work outside their homes today in addition to housework and the care of their families. They often feel they do not have time to

devote to Woman's Auxiliary activities. How would you enlist them?

Answer: They need to be challenged by being made aware of the scope and importance of this ministry. The Lord needs every person not effectively involved in missions. Every girl and woman needs the opportunities of service that the Woman's Auxiliary organizations have to offer. This is a matter of real concern and prayer.

Question: When is the best time to enlist members?

Answer: Enlistment is a never-ending job. However, at the beginning of the Auxiliary year or in the month of January is an excellent time to have a New Year's Enlistment Campaign.

Question: How would one go about this?

Answer: First, conduct a survey. Search your Sunday school and church rolls for names and ages of prospective members. Prepare a list, complete with names and addresses and telephone numbers. Distribute this information to Auxiliary members who will promise to make a personal contact. This should be a time convenient for the prospect. This

may be done best by telephoning in advance.

During the visit, talk of the purposes and goals of the Woman's Auxiliary. Explain how the organization functions and give the names of the officers. Leave a copy of *Co-Laborer* and an enlistment leaflet which explains the purpose of the Auxiliary. Invite the prospect to the next meeting of the Auxiliary or to a special enlistment supper or tea. Arrange to pick her up. A

simple note may be a very effective means of reaching the person who is constantly on the go. Phone calls should be direct and to the point.

When once women are enlisted, encourage leaders to give them special attention until they become actively involved in what the Auxiliary is doing. The new member needs to feel a part of the group, to understand the organization's purpose and program.

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January Program
Carolyn Franks

One Day at a Time

Purpose: *To show that we can have a good day, one day at a time, regardless of the circumstances.*

Song: "I Know Who Holds Tomorrow"

Scripture: Mark 2:1-12

See Program Help Packet

THE SLOGAN said, "Today is the first day of the rest of your life." How did you spend your day today? Pause for a moment with me to reflect over the things you did or did not do today. Well? Can you say that you helped at least one person of the many that you passed? Could God say, "You have earned another tomorrow by the work you did for me today"? Was your day wasted or used in selfish discontent?

Every morning when we awake, we begin a brand new

day—a day that has never been used before and a day that *can-not* be used again. Yesterday is past and tomorrow may never come. Solomon warns, "Boast not thyself of tomorrow; for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth" (Proverbs 27:1). Today is the day God gave us to use for Him. It may be filled with happiness or it may be filled with sorrow and disappointment, but we can say with the Psalmist, "This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it" (Psalms 118:24) because "we know that *all things* work together for good to them that love God, to them who are called according to his purpose" (Romans 8:28).

Occasionally we hear someone say, "Have a good day." In order to do this we need to possess the characteristics displayed by the four who brought the one sick of palsy to Jesus (Mark 2:1-12).

They Loved In verse 3 we **Their** read, "And they **Fellowman** came unto him, bringing one sick of palsy, which was borne of four." We are not told the relationship of the four to the one who is sick. They may have been relatives or just neighbors. One thing is clear though, they were greatly concerned for their fellowman. It is important to notice that their concern was active rather than passive. They didn't say, "Poor fellow, someone needs to carry him to Jesus, but I just don't have time today" or "I don't think I should get

involved; there are others who can help him." So often, like the ostrich who sticks its head in the sand, we pretend that there is no opportunity to be of service or to witness; or we look the other way and pass by on the other side of the road; or we wait until tomorrow when the opportunity no longer exists. Not these fellows! They CAME . . . BRINGING. They acted today. This active compassion is the kind that produces results—good intentions alone never get the job done. The smile, the encouraging word, the helping hand, the extra mile, the forgiving spirit, the good news of salvation—these are the things which say, "I care about you." How many people know that you cared today?

They Had the Ability to Work with Others Here we see four people getting the job done because they were working together in harmony. If we are to accomplish our mission as a group, we must work together in one accord, yet each one must do her part (use the talents God has given us). Just as each part of our physical body works together in harmony in order for our bodies to function properly, so we must be united. It took the united effort of the four to carry the sick man upon his bed to Jesus. If one of them had failed to do his part, the results would not have been the same. We need the fellowship and encouragement of each other. The coals of a fire burn brightly when they are together, but when one is

removed and left by itself, it soon goes out. A house divided cannot stand.

They were Dedicated This was not an easy task these four had undertaken. In verse 2 we read, "And straightway many were gathered together, inasmuch that there was no room to receive them, no not so much as about the door . . ." Yet these men did not give up in despair. "If at first you don't succeed, try again" seemed to have been their motto. How easily discouraged we often are! But not these men—they had determined to bring this one to Jesus whatever the sacrifice on their part. What we need is some of their dedication. "And when they could not come nigh for the press, they uncovered the roof where he was; and when they had broken it up, they let down the bed wherein the sick of palsy lay" (verse 4). How dedicated are we to the service of our Lord? When the time of our departure is at hand, can we say as Paul, "I have finished my course, I have kept the faith" (2 Timothy 4:7). Can Jesus say of us, "Well done thou good and faithful servant" (Matthew 25:21)?

They had an Active Faith "And when Jesus saw their faith . . ." (verse 5). They believed that Jesus could perform the miracle needed by the sick of palsy. They showed this faith by bringing the sick one to Jesus

even to the extent of removing the roof in order to accomplish this task. It would not have been enough for them to have said, "we believe" and then to have continued on their way. They demonstrated their faith by their actions. James says "Faith without works is dead" (James 2:20b). The story is told of a tight rope walker who was going to walk a tight rope across Niagara Falls. The crowd gathered and breathlessly watched as he accomplished this feat. He amazed the crowd even more by pushing a wheel barrow across. Then he asked if they believed he could push the wheel barrow across the Falls with a man sitting in it. "Yes! Yes!" they cheered. But when he asked for a volunteer, NO ONE VOLUNTEERED! We need the kind of faith that gets in the wheel barrow—not the kind that stands back and shouts "I believe, but" It was active faith that caused Abraham to offer his son, Moses to step in the Red Sea, the four to remove the roof to bring the sick of palsy to Jesus. Jesus said, "Follow me" (John 21:19b). "I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee" (Hebrews 13:5). How is your faith—active or passive? Jesus saw their faith. Can yours be seen?

They placed their faith in the right person Most important of all, we must know Jesus, the changer of lives and the Savior of mankind. Jesus changed many lives—both

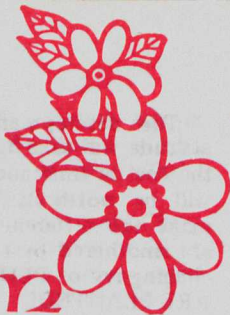
physically and spiritually. Myra Brooks Welch expresses this very beautifully in the poem, "The Touch of the Master's Hand."

What a change Jesus wrought in the life of the one sick of palsy. He still has the same power to change lives (Matthew 28:18) and to give the abundant life (John 10:10). "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature; old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new" (II Corinthians 5:17).

One Day at a Time The old farmer was harvesting his potatoes. The little grandson who was "helping" grandpa pick up the potatoes to store them in the cellar tried putting several at a time in his hands and arms, but every time they would fall one by one to the ground. Tenderly the old man put one potato in the tiny hand and said, "Carry them one at a time, my son. Put this one in the basket, then pick up another one." This is the way we should approach life—one day at a time with our faith securely anchored in Jesus. When we try to carry next week, next month, next year, or even tomorrow in our tiny arms, we find that the load is too much.

The Lord is my shepherd—moment by moment, step by step, day by day—need I ask for more! "...for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day" (2 Timothy 1:12b).

February Program
Catherine Henry



Bloom where you are planted

Purpose: *To discover that usefulness in God's service does not depend upon favorable circumstances.*

Song: "Give of Your Best to the Master."

Scripture: *Philippians 4:11*

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SHAKESPEARE said, "All the world's a stage." May we borrow his metaphor and say, "All the world's a garden."

Life in a Bud Vase

The bud vase is usually only large enough for one flower. Perhaps the single life could be compared to "life in a bud vase."

Our society is based upon the Biblical concept of marriage and family life—one man for one woman. Therefore, anyone not conforming to that concept faces certain unique problems. These problems often become so great that the individual concludes that life isn't worthwhile after all and she (or he) simply gives up and becomes bitter because of the blow life dealt her. Or in botanical terminology—she wilts!

The single woman does have to face problems which are unique to her situation. Perhaps the greatest problem

of all is the feeling of inadequacy and self pity. Along with this problem are the feelings of jealousy and anger which the single may experience when she sees other women with husbands, homes, and families.

A second problem is simply the inconvenience of living alone. The single woman must become self-sufficient. If the car won't start, if the sink is stopped up, if the electricity goes off, there is no strong hero to come to her rescue.

A third problem involves the advice and "help" of well-meaning friends. How many times have you heard it, "You really should meet Freddie, dear. He is such a nice boy."

At this point, the world looks dismal. What's a poor single woman to do? Very simply—bloom where she's planted! If she exists in a bud vase, then bloom in a bud vase! The Christian single who has fully surrendered her life to God, can accept the role she has been given as God's perfect will for her at the present moment.

Bloom in a bud vase? Yes! The single has a greater opportunity for service than any other person. She (or he) is free to go anywhere God may lead. She may give herself completely to some task of Christian service. The single has time for God and time for herself. She should bloom in physical appearance as well as in spiritual attitude. Single, don't be a shrinking violet or a weeping willow. **BLOOM WHERE YOU ARE PLANTED!**

Just a Tree for the Clinging Ivy

Life in a bud vase may have its problems, but the transplant from the single life to the busy life of wife and mother is not necessarily an escape to "happy ever after." Few people were really aware of the hidden frustrations of the American housewife until the Women's Liberation movement en-

couraged women to speak out.

Are the frustrations valid? What about the Christian wife and mother? Does she too feel stifled by her family? Is she too just a tree for the clinging ivy? "There's never enough time. I never have a minute to myself." "Sometimes I feel like all I'm good for is to keep the laundry done and the meals on the table."

Frustrations? Problems? What's a woman to do? Bloom where she is planted! A tree for the ivy? That connotes a sturdy foundation upon which others may depend. In the forest, a huge oak may be covered with various types of vines. The tree supports the smaller vegetation. As long as the tree lifts branches and leaves up to the sun, it continues to grow. When growth ceases, it is soon overcome by the smaller plants and is smothered.

Perhaps that is the problem with all the frustrated housewives peddling their tales of woe across America. They have been suffocated because they did not look upward to the Son, the only true source of fulfillment. The Christian woman may face the same problems, but she faces them with a different attitude. She accepts the role of wife and mother as the greatest and most important "career" she could pursue. The demands of home and family are tasks of love for the woman who has determined to bloom where she is planted. She gains a satisfaction from a meal well prepared, a home which is clean and attractive even from a mountain of laundry which has been washed, dried, and put away.

Proverbs 31:25-28 describes the virtuous woman: Strength, honor, wisdom, kindness, diligence—worthy characteristics. She may never see her name in lights. She may never be pressed for autographs, or applauded for a performance, but her children shall call her blessed and her husband shall praise her. Just a wall for the clinging ivy? Not hardly!

The development of a blooming attitude will take hard work. Whatever the cost in time and energy, the effort will be worth it. Your attitude will make the difference in whether you are smothered by the demands of the clinging ivy or BLOOM WHERE YOU ARE PLANTED!

The Last Rose of Summer

The roses bloomed side by side throughout the summer—a summer of youth, joy, and happiness. Now one has faded and fallen, leaving just one rose alone. The last rose of summer—the widow faces a lonely season before she joins her mate. The adjustments she must make are great and many—the adjustment to living alone, the new responsibility for finances, the responsibility for repairs to the car and house. Many women must begin working; many must sell their homes and relocate in other areas. Unfortunately, the adjustment is too difficult for many women and they live empty bitter lives of despair. Other women accept the situation, make the necessary adjustments, and live full, rich lives—they bloom where they are planted!

The last rose of summer is a thing of beauty. It lingers after its companions are gone, lending a touch of warmth and color to its surroundings. The widow who blooms where she is planted touches lives of those around her with warmth and beauty. Happiness is mostly a matter of determination. A woman left alone can become bitter, lonely and discouraged or she can accept her situation and BLOOM WHERE SHE IS PLANTED!

One Flower in a Weed Patch

Singles, wives and mothers,

widows—we placidly bloom among others of our kind. We attend church, enjoy the fellowship of other Christians—flowers among flowers.

A young woman is the only Christian on her job, in an office of 10 or 15 people—one flower in a weed patch.

Another woman is the only member of her large family who is saved—one flower in a weed patch.

A missionary moves to a foreign country to a new field where there is no Christian witness—one flower in a weed patch.

Those who are surrounded by the unsaved have problems others of us may never consider. (1) There is the burden for the souls of those around you. (2) There is a lack of fellowship and communication with others. (3) In the case of missionaries, there are the added problems of living in a foreign culture. (4) As the only flower in a weed patch, you are different. You are the outsider. Your life is observed and your mistakes are magnified.

While walking across the farm of a friend, a man came across a cleared area which obviously was once the site of a house. The house was gone; only a few rocks remained to show where it had been. An old pump rusted in a clump of blackberry bushes. A bit of color caught his eye. In an area near the house site there was what had once been a flower garden. It was filled with weeds, but in the midst of the weeds, one rose bush grew and on it was a beautiful red rose, fully blown. No one was near to enjoy and praise its beauty. It had no other roses nearby. It was simply one flower in a weed patch, yet it bloomed as beautifully as if it were in a royal garden.

The young woman in the office, the one who has an unsaved family, the missionary on a foreign field, or the one who serves at home—all these are much like the lovely rose which bloomed among the weeds. Their beauty is not appreciated by the people around them. However, the

lesson learned from the rose may apply here. The rose continued to bloom as if millions were watching, and finally, one man noted its beauty. Remaining faithful, blooming where you are planted, may result in few rewards and many discouragements. However, just as the rose was finally noticed and finally had an influence on the life of one individual, the Christian who remains faithful, even under difficult circumstances, will surely see the results of her faithfulness as she influences those around her.

A Story

Once upon a time an African violet lived on the ledge of Mrs. Smith's kitchen window. She bloomed and grew, lending her beauty to Mrs. Smith's kitchen. One day the little violet happened to glance out the window. There she saw a beautiful tall pine tree at the edge of Mrs. Smith's lawn.

"Oh, how wonderful to be a pine tree," the little violet exclaimed. "To be so tall and stately! To be outdoors in the clean fresh air and bask in the sunlight all day long. How marvelous!"

Then the little violet began to long to be a pine tree. She thought of nothing else day and night. Soon her leaves began to dry and curl; her blossoms fell off. She wilted and died.

Foolish violet! Her beauty was best displayed on the window ledge. She should have been content to bloom where she was planted!

Paul writes in Philippians 4:11, "...I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content." Life in a bud vase, just a tree for the clinging ivy, the last rose of summer, one flower in a weed patch—all are different situations (or "states" as Paul would say). How foolish we are to long to be someone else or somewhere else. How much better to BLOOM WHERE YOU ARE PLANTED!

SPIRITUAL MOUNTAINS

Purpose: *To show that Christians have spiritual mountains that can be conquered through trust in Jesus Christ.*

Song: "God Will Take Care of You"

Scripture: *Matthew 17:20*

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ALMOST EVERY summer for the past several years the author's family has spent a few days in the beautiful mountains of the Skyline Drive of Virginia. You first enter the drive at the top of a mountain and from there you keep ascending up, up, up. Even when you think you have reached the top, you can lift your eyes higher still. Gradually you get the feeling that there is no end to their height and that they must be insurmountable.

One summer they tackled such a climb—one that looked insurmountable. Upward and upward they slowly climbed. Breathing become a problem because of the height and unaccustomed exertion, but eventually they reached the top. The view was breathtaking and brought tears

to the eyes when they witnessed the awesome sight of our Father's great handiwork.

This very experience came to the author's mind many months later when she read "Verily I say unto you, if ye have faith, and doubt not, ye shall not only do this which is done to the fig tree, but also if ye shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed and be thou cast into the sea; it shall be done" (Matthew 21:21).

Jesus wasn't talking about the mountains of the Blue Ridge or the Great Smokies. He wasn't even talking about the mountains of Jerusalem. He was talking about another type of mountain. We need not despair when these mountains come to our lives because He tells us how to handle them.

Mountains of Doubt

We read in John 20 of a mountain in the life of one of the disciples. Thomas, although one of the twelve chosen ones, had such a mountain of doubt that it blinded his eyes and caused another mountain to

spring up. This was a mountain of unbelief. Just like Thomas, when you and I try to struggle up the mountains alone, we only face more and more mountains.

We read in Mark 9:23 of another man who encountered this mountain of doubt and unbelief. He asked Jesus for healing for his son and Jesus replied, "*I will if you believe.*" The man gave an unusual reply—"*I believe, help thou my unbelief.*" The latter part of that statement is so human. Thank God, He does help our unbelief if we only ask. Could it be that we receive not because we ask not? And we ask not because we are unwilling to admit our unbelief?

Many have experienced extreme heartache in their families because of serious illnesses. So many times they have struggled and struggled, like a fish caught in a net, trying to work it all out for themselves. Then finally, totally exhausted, they turned it over to the Lord. Then the Mountain of Doubt began to disappear. How frail we are—and how willing our Savior is to remove that mountain in the very beginning, if we only ask Him!

Mountains of Fear

This is such an awful mountain in the life of a Christian. It is bad enough alone, but it causes little hills to spring up all around it. Peter developed a Mountain of Fear when he took his eyes off Jesus. This mountain in turn

developed little hills of doubt and Peter almost lost his life.

Here again all he had to do was to ask for help and he received it. Have you ever been so afraid that you said to yourself, "What's the use, I might as well quit." Then in that moment of panic when you realized that you had no where else to turn, and cried out, "Lord help me," He dissolved that great Mountain of Fear. He reached down His nail-scarred hand and picked you up again and started you on that narrow road toward Heaven. Too often we let the lost world around us see these mountains in our lives when they could be moved—if we only ask!

Mountains of Sickness

In Acts 3 the poor crippled man at the gate called Beautiful had a Mountain of Sickness. Most of us have faced this mountain in one way or another. Either for ourselves or our loved ones. The way we conquer this mountain is so very important.

Some Christians when faced with sickness whimper like little children and cry, "Why me, Lord—it's not fair." When we should be saying, "Thank you Lord for trusting me enough that You think I can glorify You through these heartaches and trials." He will go with us all the way through Mountains of Sickness—if we only ask.

Beginning with the year 1970, there have been 30 or more members of the author's

immediate family who have been hospitalized with serious illness. So very many times the devil has tempted her to say, "What's the use." But it seems that every time cares and troubles of this life get the darkest, the sunshine of her soul begins to shine brighter and brighter, and the nearness of the Lord becomes so real that at times she feels as though she could stretch forth her hand and physically touch the Lord. If we only ask!

Mountains of Loneliness

Have you ever been in the midst of a pushing throng of people and felt all alone? When this Mountain of Loneliness looms so enormous, sit down and read the book of Job. He tells us just how high a Mountain of Loneliness can be. Think of every mountain of trouble that a man could have and you will find it in the life of Job. But don't stop there. Go on and read and study about what Job did to overcome these mountains.

Not many of us have lost everything we had in this world nor raised our eyes to heaven and said, "Naked came I out of my mother's womb, and naked shall I return thither: the Lord gave and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord."

Mountains of Temptation

Jesus Himself faced the

Mountain of Temptation. He showed us by His example how it could be conquered. "Say unto this mountain, be thou removed and cast into the sea . . . and it shall be done."

There was a mountain spoken of in Luke 8:27 that was so big it seemed impossible to move it. A Mountain of Devils! But Jesus move it. He moved a Mountain of Torment from this poor man's life. And what He's done for others, He will do for you.

The Mountain Of Death

The mountain in the lives of Mary and Martha was the final big mountain we all face in one way or another, sooner or later. Either for ourselves or our loved ones. The Mountain of Death.

When we face this one it seems all the others come crashing down around us at the same time. Doubt, fear, loneliness, temptation! But even this one can be moved. It was for Martha and Mary and it can be for you. For a Christian, death is swallowed up in victory. "O death where is thy sting, O grave where is thy victory?"

What kind of Mountain is in your life? Fear? Sickness? Evil? Gossip? An Unforgiving Spirit? Worry? Death?

May we determine to face our spiritual mountains with Jesus as our guide because He said: "If ye have faith and doubt not . . . ye shall say unto this mountain, be thou removed and be cast into the sea . . . and *it shall be done.*"

THE COCOON

Brenda Evans

ONE WARM autumn day I discovered a soft cocoon clinging to a small limb in my backyard. The world around it was busy—a gray squirrel stuffed acorns in each jaw and scampered up a tall oak. Overhead, geese honked on their way south. Golden leaves rolled along the ground end-over-end.

A whitish caterpillar inched its way up the limb and stopped near the cocoon. Inside the *Cecropia* pupa nested snugly in a silken bed, unaware a caterpillar was struggling to prepare its cocoon. It did not notice the busy squirrel, or geese, or the breeze. That pupa had its cocoon all snug and “comfy” and that was all that mattered.

The feeling swept over me that I was like the pupa. I had spun a silky cocoon around myself. The soft nest included only family and a few friends—a snug little world that never reached beyond myself to glimpse the heart needs of others. Oh, I spoke of loving and caring; it is important, I thought. But all the while I was busily spinning my cocoon.

Just this morning a troubled friend called—she needed a listening ear. “Oh,

I’m sorry, Jane, I’m busy right now,” I apologized. Sunday morning a stranger sat alone on the back pew while I gayly chatted with my little circle of friends a few feet away. Down the street a lonely widow spends day upon day in her tiny house. No one visits. She is alone. My cocoon is too small to include her or the others.

Jesus urged his followers to love and care about others, furthermore, He demonstrated what He taught. He had no cocoon for Himself. He sat to rest and talk with a Samaritan woman. He ate with hated tax collectors, listened to whining disciples, even took time to bless and encourage little children.

A breeze shook the limb, but the cocoon hung on. In the spring a huge brown and orange *Cecropia* moth would stretch and struggle and finally break free of the cocoon’s silken threads. It would flutter to test its wings and flit away in the bright sunshine.

I knew I wanted to be that moth. “Lord, help me break free of this cocoon I’ve spun around myself. Open my eyes to see, my ears to hear, and heart to care for those who need Thee.”

Suddenly it was springtime. I flitted away to the phone and dialed my friend. “Jane, may I come over?”



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Who Needs USED Christmas Cards?

Dear Sisters,

I convey to you my greetings in the most precious name of our Lord Jesus. Old used Christmas cards are coming from your ends of FWB Churches from ladies of your Auxiliaries.

You all take much pain to send these cards by parcel post, book post, registered post, remembering our Sunday school children. We hereby convey to you all our love, regards, and respects. There are Freewill Baptist churches functioning in Kotagira, Gopalapuram, Mettupalayam and Coimbatore. In Kotagira church there are 100 children, 30 in Gopalapuram, 25 in Mettupalayam and in Coimbatore 20 children attending Sunday schools every week.

In this manner, we are doing Lord's ministry among children. Pray that these kids would learn of Christ.

It is quite reasonable to write letters to thank individually but the postal rates would be more. To that extent, there is no money in churches. All churches are extremely poor and their members. As such, I have requested my letter be published in your magazines.

Finally I pray you all to please raise your prayers for strengthening this ministry.

*Yours in Him,
Pastor D. Dorairaj*

For several years members of Woman's Auxiliaries have been sending used Christmas cards to South India. If your group would like to adopt this as a project here are some things you should know.

To save postage only the picture portion is sent. Since few people in India can read the Scripture verses printed in English, the missionaries print verses in Tamil and distribute to the children. The cards are sent as PRINTED MATTER, USED CHRISTMAS CARDS. (Please mark plainly on your box.) The missionaries do not have to pay customs charges on packages marked correctly. Wrap securely with heavy paper and cord but do not seal. The postage for this class mail is low and the limit weight is 4 lbs. 9 ozs. If you are sending only a few cards (one or two pounds) put them in a manilla envelope, tie with cord both ways, but DO NOT SEAL. Send them to: Pastor D. Dorairaj

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KNOW YOUR NATIONAL LEADERS

Three new members were elected to the WNAC Executive Committee in July. One member changed positions and one resigned.

Genelle Scott, a former member-at-large, became vice president. Brenda Spruill, WNAC field worker resigned after serving four years.

The three new members-at-large are: June Rolan (Mrs. Lonnie), Fresno, California, Nancy Trimble (Mrs. Robert), Detroit, Michigan, and Brenda Evans (Mrs. William), Kansas City, Missouri.

The other members of the executive committee are Clara Picirilli, president, Anne Worthington, recording secretary, and Cleo Pursell, executive secretary.

June Rolan



Nancy Trimble



Brenda Evans



KNOW YOUR SECRETARY-BOOKKEEPER

Evelyn Jones is WNAC's bookkeeper, office secretary, and circulation manager for *Co-Laborer* magazine. She has had approximately 18 years experience in general office and bookkeeping work. She worked for the Holland Furnace Company and Charles A. Strelinger Company for 11 years and has been employed by the Free Will Baptist National Offices for almost 7 years. Evelyn served in the Sunday School and Foreign Missions Departments prior to her employment by WNAC in April, 1975.

Evelyn graduated from Free Will Baptist Bible College in 1949. She is the wife of Steve Jones who is employed by the Cheatham County Board of Education. They have one daughter, Sharon, age 14.

A pictorial report of the 40th annual session
of the Woman's National Auxiliary Convention
Dayton, Ohio, July 14-15, 1975.

BLOOM WHERE YOU ARE PLANTED
was the convention theme.

CONVENTION REFLECTIONS



Almost 800 persons attended the WNAC Fellowship Dinner.



Jill and Fred Renich conducted a Tuesday afternoon seminar on "Harmony in the Home."

Lorene Miley, wife of Dr. Laverne Miley, missionary to the Ivory Coast, West Africa, brought devotions at the Convention.





Rev. Renich spoke at the Fellowship Dinner using the subject "The Christian Home in Today's World."



Bobby Aycock, missionary to Brazil, delivered the keynote message at the Dayton Convention Center on Tuesday.



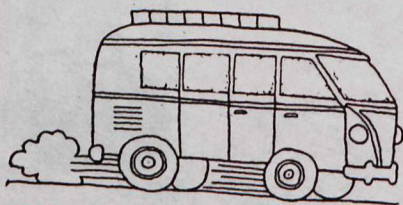
President Clara Picirilli presided over the 40th annual session of the Woman's National Auxiliary Convention.



Six of the 12 winners in WNAC's creative writing contest. Left to right: Rhetta Butler, Slocumb, Alabama; Barbara Daniel, Troy, Michigan; Betty Reeves, Farmington, Missouri; Patricia Mullins, Strasburg, Virginia; Brenda Evans, Kansas City, Missouri; Dorothy Pressnell, Springfield, Ohio.

State presidents and field workers met with the WNAC executive committee for a time of fellowship and sharing.





Mission On Wheels

by Agnes Hurst

JUST HOW did I get started with this! I don't even like to drive. And I have children of my own to dress, feed and get to church, not to mention the lesson for my Sunday School Class and Sunday dinner. My thanks to God I did find the rewarding experience of serving through the bus ministry.

This form of evangelism is not a new interest in churches today. There are many churches in our area who support buses to pick up boys and girls as well as adults for church services who otherwise would not have a way to come to church. Our church, West Greene Free Will Baptist Church, Mosheim, Tennessee, purchased an old school bus last fall.

My husband drove the bus so I was driving to church in our car with our two small boys. Soon I found myself picking up one or two on my way to church. As the bus route grew, once in a while a home would be out of the way where the large bus couldn't get to so I would pick up an extra one or two. I still wasn't going very far out of my way.

Before I realized what happened, I wanted to provide a way

for more and more to church. The Lord really blessed and we began looking for a van because we had out grown the car.

This is truly a most rewarding work. My route includes about 8 families, 20 miles and an average of 12 riders every Sunday morning. I also pick them up for Sunday night and Wednesday night services. They vary from the young children, wives who do not drive, or even elderly who have no way to church.

Each is very special. I thrilled to see them desire to learn more about Jesus and His love, and see them treasure the papers they brought home to remind them of their classes. Before long I watched the first make her way to the altar and give her heart and life to God. Sunday after Sunday would go by and more were giving their hearts to God, the young, the mother of two small babies. My heart overflowed with the love of God and How He worked in lives. God has gloriously saved six precious souls and two of these followed in baptism.

They are extremely sincere about what God has done for them, and they want to know more about serving God. They ask questions about death, heaven, how to pray and many other things I take for granted. I have to be more prepared in what I know about the Bible and how to use it in daily life. They help me grow a little each trip and I hope I help them a little also.

God blessed me with a Christian husband and two fine boys,

Barry, age 6 and Brian, age 3. They love the bus route and consider themselves co-captains. It is much easier to serve God when a husband and family support what you are doing and encourage you when you feel a little discouraged. Those who ride with me do not have this support behind them. They come from broken homes, homes with step-parents, unsaved parents and families, families who drink. They are discouraged on every turn. They try their best to serve God. They need our prayers.

They don't understand why I want to spend my time and money to see them in church.

God knows. It is little to do to see them grow as Christians and face the many struggles with times as they are now. "Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth" (Ecclesiastes 12:1). "Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it" (Proverbs 22:6).

I don't mind getting up early, the constant rush, the muddy bumpy roads, the noise; it isn't always easy. What do I do for them? Not very much. What do they give me? Love, friendship, trust, appreciation, devotion, and more than can be put down in words on paper.

IN MEMORIAM - Elsie Gilliam

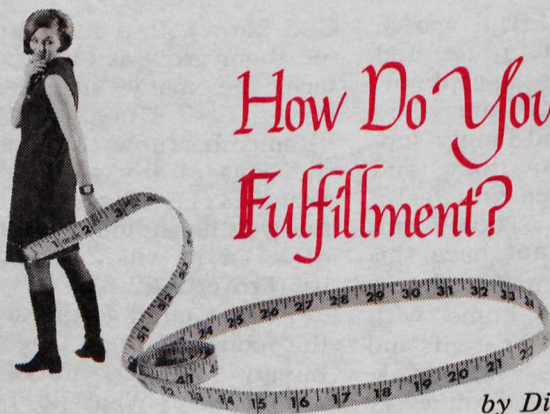
"Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$225 in the honor and memory of our beloved sister Juanita Cummings who died May 10, 1975. It was her wish that in lieu of floral offerings, money would be sent for our missionaries.

"Juanita spent the last 15 years of her life as president of our Auxiliary (Huntington Park, California), and working to help missionaries. She really loved helping them even though she had been in ill health for some time. She seldom missed a service at our church and was always ready to help in any kind of missions project. She once said, when we were rolling bandages for Dr. Miley, that 'the least we could do was to try and do them right like Dr. Miley wanted them as he does so much for the Lord.'

"Her husband, Glen, always shared her feelings toward missionaries and this made her very happy. They visited the Free Will Baptist College at Nashville, Tennessee, and came home telling us how wonderful they thought it was.

"Juanita died as she lived—peacefully. I saw her right after she passed on and she looked younger and happy. One could tell she was with the Lord.

God healed Juanita different times and I think it was because He needed someone like her to work in his vineyard. I hope everyone of our Auxiliary ladies will take a lesson from Juanita's life and carry on our Auxiliary work and continue to support our missionaries. Christ will then say to us as He did to Juanita—'Well done my faithful servant.' "



How Do You Measure Fulfillment?

by Dianne Worthington

THE PAST two years have immersed Christian women with articles questioning if they know who or what they are, if they are *total*, or *fulfilled* or a collection of other soul-searching adjectives. Often these articles lead women to search for something that is not there; thus leaving them more frustrated.

What is fulfillment? As I read books and articles, most of them give you reasons for "finding yourself" or ten ways how you can do it, but none ever define what it is like to have the finished product. I get the impression that being fulfilled is having your ego satisfied in some way by something that you do. Since many women are evidently not satisfied, they must be doing the wrong things, therefore we must find some new things to do.

Ecclesiastes 1:9 says, "*There is no new thing under the sun.*" Daily responsibilities and God's commands are not new or exciting, and they rarely appear to be "fulfilling." It has always been more satisfying to the flesh to seek self-goals, self-aims, self-

accomplishments, and self comfort. The Spirit is satisfied or fulfilled by giving up self-goals, self-accomplishments, and self-comforts in order to be conformed to the image of Christ or to do God's will by keeping all His commands. Philippians 2:5-8 says, "*Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus*" who . . .

*gave up his place equal with God
emptied himself
became a servant
humbled himself
became obedient unto death,
even the death of the cross.*

Do we have the mind of Christ? What do we want to fulfill our flesh or our spirit?

Any violation of God given commands to women and their place in society can never bring spiritual fulfillment. God had a wonderful plan when he created a woman, and He wanted her to be happy and those around her to be happy. She was not a mistake, and He did not leave her without intelligent instruction on how to find this happiness.

Titus lists just a few of the

everyday responsibilities that lead to fulfillment.

Loving your husband and children. Certainly shown in the care of them, their interests, and time spent with them helping to make them happier and better people.

Being a keeper at home, which must mean that it will look like it is kept by someone who cares.

Doing benevolent work. Having interest in and time for, the needs of those around you.

Showing hospitality. Being a testimony by faithful church attendance and service, plus all the qualities of Christ likeness in our attitudes and subjection.

These things are by no means

new or exciting, and too easily put aside. The author of Ecclesiastes concludes that many may seek to fulfill the flesh in a variety of ways, but there is only one answer to true spiritual fulfillment: *"Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commands; for this is the whole duty of man."* You measure your fulfillment by your response to the standards of God's commands.

Daily responsibilities assumed gives daily fulfillment.

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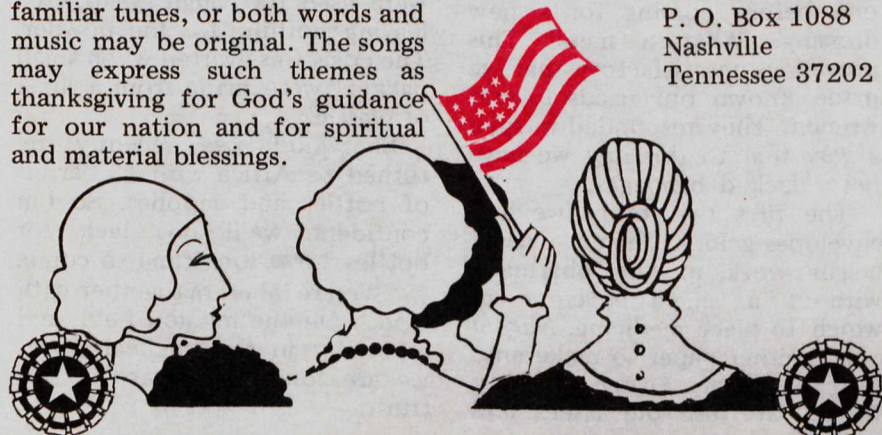


As a part of WNAC's involvement in the U.S. Bicentennial observance, we invite you to send us a song not later than March 1, 1976.

Original words may be sung to familiar tunes, or both words and music may be original. The songs may express such themes as thanksgiving for God's guidance for our nation and for spiritual and material blessings.

The best entries will be included in the Share-a-Song booklet which will be distributed during the 1976 convention in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Send entries to

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of BOTTLES AND BANDAGES AND THINGS LIKE THAT

by Lorene Miley

THE MEDICAL station in Ivory Coast, West Africa is able to function in the absence of many items deemed necessary in stateside hospitals and clinics. For example, our laboratory and pharmaceutical needs have been pared to the bare minimum.

We haven't, however, found a way to get along without three items which the women have provided so abundantly; namely, bottles, bandages and envelopes.

Crises have arisen in all three departments. Because a large ministry of the clinic is its trauma patients, as well as the large volume of tropical sores, a large number of bandages are used. There was a time during our first term when our supply of bandages was so low that we issued two to each patient. They were to wash and dry the soiled one before coming for a new dressing. What a mess! This proved so unsatisfactory that we made known our needs to our women. They responded in such a way that to this day we have never lacked bandages.

The first two terms we had envelopes galore. Then one day I began work at the pharmacy without a single envelope in which to place medicine. *Nary a one.* Neither paper to make any. But magazines came to my rescue. We use old issues and

papers to line the waste can in the bandage room. I discovered the sturdy paper of the *Contact* and *Gem* make excellent envelopes. (Forgive us, dear editors, for cutting up your magazines, but they serve a good purpose to the very end.) So I quickly made a daily supply and before the day ended got off an SOS to our women in the States.

The supply was just barely trickling in when we left. But I'm convinced that the arrival of these two pound small packages, consistently and regularly, will guarantee that an envelope crisis will never arrive.

The bottle crisis comes and goes. One month it seems we're swamped and the next one there's none to be found anywhere. The small bottles saved from injections are washed and utilized, but even these are inadequate. These are usually saved for sulfa powder which is bought in large quantities and re-packaged in small amounts to be sold for treating sores at home. The regular bottle supply was depleted, so these small ones were used for cough syrup, etc., leaving nothing for the powder. The crisis was averted when small packets were made from a sheet of plastic.

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