

January, February, March 1984

F.W.B.C. 1984

CO-LABORER



CO-LABORER

First Quarter 1984

Volume 24 Number 1

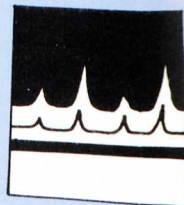
Programs

- 6 Ministry of Women by **Robert John Morgan**
Program for January
- 21 A Twentieth-Century Missionary by **Marjorie Shelley**
Program for February
- 27 Walk Worthy by **Geneva Poole**
Program for March



Articles

- 15 Meet a National By **Trula Cronk**
- 18 The Birth of a Church by **Pam Scroggins**
- 10 Guilty as Charged by **Janero Stokes**



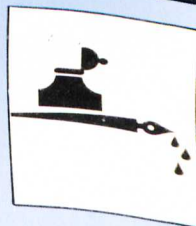
Special Features

- 3 Convention Pictorial
- 5 Directory of WNAC Officers
- 9 Poet's Corner
- 11 Creative Arts Contest
- 16 Missionary Prayer Calendar



Regular Features

- 2 Memo From Cleo
- 12 Call to Prayer by **Eunice Edwards**
- 20 Share-A-Book by **Genny Waddell**
- 24 Women In Action
- 30 Letters
- 32 Woman God Has Used by **Margaret Speers**



Editor-in-chief, **Cleo Pursell**
Editor, **Lorene Miley**

Circulation, **Evelyn Jones**
Cover Art: **Karen Polston**

CO-LABORER (USPS 119-560) is published quarterly by the Woman's National Auxiliary Convention (auxiliary to the National Association of Free Will Baptists). Subscriptions are \$3.00 per year (plus postage); 5 or more to one address, \$2.50 per year. Address all correspondence concerning subscriptions to: WNAC, P.O. Box 1088, Nashville, Tennessee 37202. Second class postage paid at Nashville, Tennessee 37202.



Editorial

Names and pictures of writers appear regularly in *Co-Laborer*, but have you ever wondered about our poets? In this issue, you'll find the first of a series introducing some of these outstanding contributors to our annual volumes of poetry.

This year we'll be featuring some auxiliaries in our home mission churches. As we share in their struggles and rejoice in their victories, we hope to become more effective co-laborers in prayer and support.

Anticipating the new, we cherish the old. Mrs. Eunice Edwards will continue to bless our hearts through her prayer meditations and Genny Waddell will stimulate us to be enriched by knowledge through her book reviews. And what would *Co-Laborer* be without "A Woman God Has Used?"

Many auxiliary women are crafts people. Robin Williams plans to illustrate some crafts to be made for the glory of God. At first this feature will only appear in the *Leader's Packet* (\$4.00 per year), but if the demand is great enough, we promise you it will be promoted to *Co-Laborer*.

We all have dreams, don't we? Wouldn't it be great if someday *Co-Laborer* could be expanded to a full-size, full-color woman's magazine read by every woman in the church? But we must never, and I mean never, swerve from our original purpose: to provide materials that will produce missions-minded women who are maturing through a consistent schedule of action, study and prayer.

May God bless our writers who help make this possible. Last year 250 entries came from 82 women in 19 states and one foreign country. But what about you? Would you ask God what He would have you share—program, article, play, art or poetry—through WNAC's annual creative arts contest?

Don't forget the March 1 deadline.

Lorene Miley

MEMO FROM CLE



Convention Medley

We all agree that the Columbus Hyatt Regency and the Ohio Center provided the most convenient facilities we have ever had for a convention.

Ohio women went all out to make our stay memorable. They provided beautiful flowers and unique favors for the fellowship dinner (those candy buckeyes were delicious). The executive committee luncheon they arranged was a pleasant interlude and they helped ease the financial burden by presenting WNAC with a \$3,000 check. We do appreciate their generosity and hard work.

Speakers Mike Cousineau, Ivory Coast, and Delilah Scott, West Virginia, stirred our hearts as did Dr. Dorothy Sample, Michigan, our dinner speaker. She addressed a capacity crowd of 700 persons. Seven missionaries responded to questions asked by June Rolan in a panel discussion.

Monday's seminar, "Creative Women," was attended by 251 women. Judy Puckett, Dianne Worthington, and Dr. Mary R. Wisehart spoke to wives, ministers' wives and career women.

Following the seminar, presidents and field workers met to discuss new plans, materials and techniques.

Financially we had a record-breaking year. Cash and non-cash gifts to missions and Christian education reached \$323,777. A Haitian student, Cayo Raymond, was given a thousand dollars from our National Student Fund to further his education.

The nominating committee worked diligently and a new slate of officers were elected. (See WNAC Directory, page 5.)

National Retreat

Prices have been released which cover two nights motel expense, five meals, and registration fee. (See retreat ad.) Start now to get a bus load and meet us at Ridgcrest in the heart of the beautiful Blue Ridge Mountains. The date is September 6-8, 1984.

CONVENTION PICTORIAL

Columbus, Ohio

July 18-19, 1983



Mike Cousineau preaches a missionary message.



Mrs. Pursell awards Anne Worthington for ten years of service as recording secretary.



President Genelle Scott



Joan Sizemore welcomes the convention.



Carolyn Riddick directs the congregation in singing.



Judy Puckett speaks at the leadership seminar.



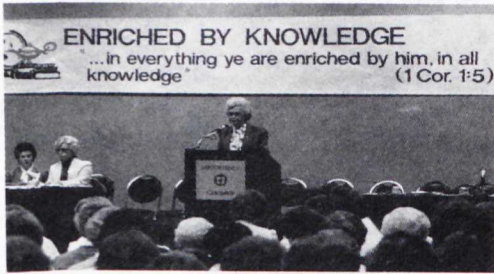
Dot Sample addresses the banquet guests.



Delilah Scott brings morning devotions.



Margie Patton receives an award in the creative arts contest.



Banner announces the theme for the year.



Delegates cram the smaller auditorium.



Fellowship dinner guests.



Lucille Steward presents a crosstitch quilt to missionary Molly Barker.



Auxiliary booth promotes the study theme.



Nominating committee in session.

WNAC DIRECTORY 1983-85



President
June Rolan
2913 E. Northdale
Fresno, CA 93726



Vice President
Mary Neal
138 N. 24th Street
New Castle, IN 47362



Recording Secretary
Peggy Outland
611 Glenpark Ct.
Nashville, TN 37217



Member at Large
Helen Sanders
106 St. Marys St.
Garner, NC 27529



Member at Large
Marguerite Kern
Box 141
Locust Grove, OK
74352



Member at Large
Barbara Fletcher
#19 Vestavia Hills
Northport, AL 35476



Executive Secretary-Treasurer
Cleo Pursell
P. O. Box 1088
Nashville, TN 37202



Field Worker
Mary Ruth Wisehart
78 Brookwood Terrace Pl.
Nashville, TN 37205

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT AND CIRCULATION			
FOR THE YEAR ENDING		FISCAL YEAR	
1. NAME OF SOCIETY	2. ADDRESS	3. CITY	4. STATE
5. PURPOSE OF SOCIETY	6. DATE OF INCORPORATION	7. TYPE OF SOCIETY	8. TYPE OF SOCIETY
9. NAME OF SOCIETY	10. ADDRESS	11. CITY	12. STATE
13. NAME OF SOCIETY	14. ADDRESS	15. CITY	16. STATE
17. NAME OF SOCIETY	18. ADDRESS	19. CITY	20. STATE
21. NAME OF SOCIETY	22. ADDRESS	23. CITY	24. STATE
25. NAME OF SOCIETY	26. ADDRESS	27. CITY	28. STATE
29. NAME OF SOCIETY	30. ADDRESS	31. CITY	32. STATE
33. NAME OF SOCIETY	34. ADDRESS	35. CITY	36. STATE
37. NAME OF SOCIETY	38. ADDRESS	39. CITY	40. STATE
41. NAME OF SOCIETY	42. ADDRESS	43. CITY	44. STATE
45. NAME OF SOCIETY	46. ADDRESS	47. CITY	48. STATE
49. NAME OF SOCIETY	50. ADDRESS	51. CITY	52. STATE
53. NAME OF SOCIETY	54. ADDRESS	55. CITY	56. STATE
57. NAME OF SOCIETY	58. ADDRESS	59. CITY	60. STATE
61. NAME OF SOCIETY	62. ADDRESS	63. CITY	64. STATE
65. NAME OF SOCIETY	66. ADDRESS	67. CITY	68. STATE
69. NAME OF SOCIETY	70. ADDRESS	71. CITY	72. STATE
73. NAME OF SOCIETY	74. ADDRESS	75. CITY	76. STATE
77. NAME OF SOCIETY	78. ADDRESS	79. CITY	80. STATE
81. NAME OF SOCIETY	82. ADDRESS	83. CITY	84. STATE
85. NAME OF SOCIETY	86. ADDRESS	87. CITY	88. STATE
89. NAME OF SOCIETY	90. ADDRESS	91. CITY	92. STATE
93. NAME OF SOCIETY	94. ADDRESS	95. CITY	96. STATE
97. NAME OF SOCIETY	98. ADDRESS	99. CITY	100. STATE

The Ministry

Aim: To pattern our ministry after those of the first Woman's Auxiliary.

Scripture: Luke 8:1-3

Hymn: "More Like The Master"

Introduction

Luke's Gospel has been called the "Gospel of Womanhood." Women are mentioned more in this third Gospel than any of the other three and widows are mentioned more in Luke than in all the other three Gospels combined.

Luke alone begins by telling of Elizabeth and Mary and of Anna in the temple. He alone tells of the widow of Nain. The woman bowed down by Satan. The forgiving harlot in Luke 7. The home life of Mary and Martha. The determined widow who gave the judge no rest. The woman who lost her coin in chapter 15. Luke alone tells us there were many widows in Israel in those days.

And time and again we see Jesus in Luke's Gospel reaching out to women. He emphasized and elevated the ministry of women who had a large role to play in the Kingdom of God. In the Bible there are two hundred women named and almost as many unnamed.

As Jesus traveled through Galilee he had with Him not only His band of male disciples, but a group of female disciples. They had been touched by the Master's hand, some had been healed of illnesses, some had been freed from demons, some had found new purpose in living. Three of these,

Mary Magdalene, Joanna and Suzanna, are mentioned specifically in our Luke passage.

What was this small group of women disciples doing as they followed Jesus around Galilee? This first Woman's Auxiliary seemed to be engaged in some helpful, necessary and blessed ministries. Let's examine five specific ministries which we see this particular group of Galilean ladies engaged in.

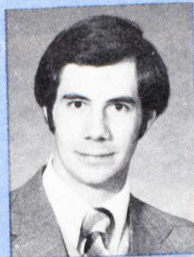
Giving (Luke 8:3)

This is the only verse in the whole Bible that tells us how Jesus financed His ministry. Now you know how much money it takes nowadays to live and you can imagine trying to keep a band of 12 unemployed men for three years. How did He do it? Who paid the bills? We know that Judas was the treasurer and we see Jesus sending the disciples from time to time into a particular town to buy food, but who paid the bills? Who underwrote the Lord's ministry? This New Testament verse tells us it was these women.

Throughout church history it has been the women who have financed much of the Lord's work. Last year alone, the Woman's Auxiliary of our denomination gave \$323,777 to the

Of Women

Robert John Morgan



Rob Morgan pastors Donelson FWB Church, Nashville, TN. He and wife Katrina have three little girls.

missionary work of our communion.

Consider the story of Nabal and Abigail. David asked for a contribution and Nabal said, "I will not give a single copper penny to that bunch." He had a stroke and died, but his open-hearted, generous wife was willing to give of her substance and she became the queen of Judea.

It's no accident that it was a woman who wrote the lines. "Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold."

The Lord gives to many women a special dispensation of grace for the support of the Lord's work to their substance. It says they ministered to Him of their substance. They were the ones who financed the Lord's ministry.

Mercy (Matt. 27:56; Mark 15:40)

The next time we see these ladies they're at the cross involved in another kind of ministry—the ministry of mercy.

As Nicodemus and Joseph of Arimathea moved the body of Christ from the cross, rolled Him up in the grave clothes, and buried Him in the sepulchre, Mary Magdalene and the other women were there. They assisted and observed where He was laid.

It was the women who stood by the cross, their hearts broken in a thousand pieces and watching their Lord's last gasping torturous movements. It was the women along with a couple of politicians who buried Him. They had His funeral, stood by His graveside and said the last rites over His body. The women.

Over and again in the Bible we see women like the Shunammite woman, Dorcas and Phoebe, women so filled with compassion, love, tenderness and mercy—binding up the bruised and helping the sick and comforting the broken-hearted and burying the dead and trusting the Lord all the while they're doing it.

William Booth, founder of the Salvation Army, (who reached the slums of England with food, clothes, medicine and the Gospel,) once said, "Most of my best men are women."

Worship (Matt. 28:9; Luke 23:55, 56; 24:1)

The next time we see these women is three days later at the tomb as they minister to their Lord in worship.

Women seem to have a great capacity to worship. It's amazing that the first person allowed to see the resurrected Christ on Easter morning was a woman—Mary Magdalene. She

was the last to leave the cross on Friday and the first to arrive at His tomb on Sunday.

All through the New Testament we find women worshipping Jesus. There is no account of any woman ever rejecting, refusing or neglecting Jesus Christ. Every woman we see in the Gospels was a worshipper.

In fact, the Gospel of Luke begins and ends with two worshipping Marys. Mary of Nazareth sings a song of praise and in Luke's last chapter, Mary Magdalene worships the risen Lord. And all along the way we see women like the forgiving harlot who washed the feet of Jesus with her tears and wiped them with her hair.

Women have a tremendous capacity in their tender hearts to worship the resurrected Christ.

Evangelism (Luke 24:10; Matt. 28:10)

Women became the first heralds of the resurrection.

Women make fantastic soul winners. It won't be surprising to get to heaven only to find more people there through the witness of women than through the witness and soul winning of men. Consider how many children have been won to Christ at their mother's knee. The world has no calculators to count them.

In the reprint of the history of the Free Will Baptist's women's movement, a story is told of a Hindu princess in the land of India. She took her inheritance and spent years engaged in self-torture and oblations trying to find peace with God. Finally she heard the Gospel and accepted it and spent the rest of her life engaged in evangelism and led multitudes in

India to Christ.

That's the way women are. They were the first witnesses of the resurrection and have been heralding His message since.

Prayer (Acts 1:14)

Through the prayer meeting of these women as they joined the other early disciples, the heavens were broken up and pentecost fell upon the church.

Only heaven above has enough room to record all the multitudes of answers to the multitudes of prayers that have been breathed upwards by godly women throughout history.

An old scrub woman prayed day after day for her son John. Her hair silvered, her cheeks furrowed, while her worn hands were busy over a washboard, she prayed for her son John. One day her prayer was answered. John Newton, the drunken sailor, was converted and became a tremendous minister of the Gospel. Many were saved under his ministry.

Who knows the impact upon Christianity that this world has received because of the ministries of these who came to Christ as a result of the prayers of a godly old woman in poverty as she labored over a washboard.

Conclusion

Churches today need a handful of liberated women—generally liberated women—liberated from the world, from the flesh and from the devil; women to be ministers of Jesus Christ in giving, in mercy, in worship, in evangelism and in prayer.

The POET'S CORNER



In 1980, I rededicated my life to God and joined Tom's Creek FWB Church, Paintsville, KY. One Sunday morning as I dressed for church, I tried to prepare myself for my first communion service. Satan had convinced me that I was so flawed I couldn't possibly partake of these ordinances.

I knelt on the floor and with shaking hand wrote on a notebook lying on the bed:

"Oh God! Am I worthy to
take of Your blood,
eat of Your body,
wash feet as You?"

I prayed.

I begged.

I wondered much.

At last the answer came:

"Oh, child, by deeds
you'll never be worthy;
your works are but filthy rags.

But take and eat,
drink and wash.

As you have examined yourself,
look not for perfection,
but seek through faith;

For as you do it to remember Me,
you fall within my saving grace;
your worth comes but through Me."
I'd almost thought the answer was my
own.

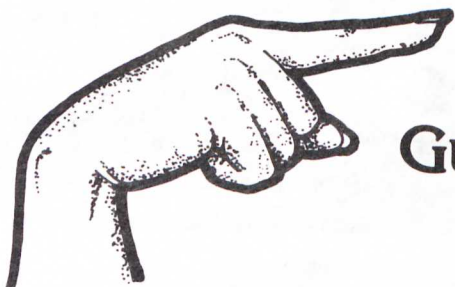
That was the first poem written under God's guidance. Often words rush through my head to form a verse. At other times, I get a line or two and it may be months later before the rest comes. But however it comes, I'm learning to wait on the Lord.

I have written approximately 50-60 poems. Most of them have been for family and friends, auxiliary functions, my pastor and his family, prayer retreats, and occasionally for individuals I feel led to write for. Sometimes I read a poem during our church services.

My life verse is Romans 8:28. I'm so glad my Lord is in control.



Bobby Jean Allen (Mrs. Sammie E.) is special education teacher at Paintsville Middle School and is secretary of her auxiliary.



Guilty As Charged

A meditation for the new year

She pointed an accusing finger directly at me. "You! You had no time as you studied your grocery list each week. I was there more than once but you never told me about your Savior. I was old and lonely; I would have listened."

A young woman joined in. "You hurried past me each Sunday. I was at church and needed to talk to someone. I was afraid. But you were so engrossed in tending your children that you didn't even see me."

A teenager laughed in scorn. "You had no time even after telling us in Sunday school you were always available if we needed you. That was hypocritical. You weren't interested in what we were facing out in the world, at school, and with our friends. You were busy with your own little clique. It was easy to stand before us and tell what the Bible said—you didn't know what we faced every day."

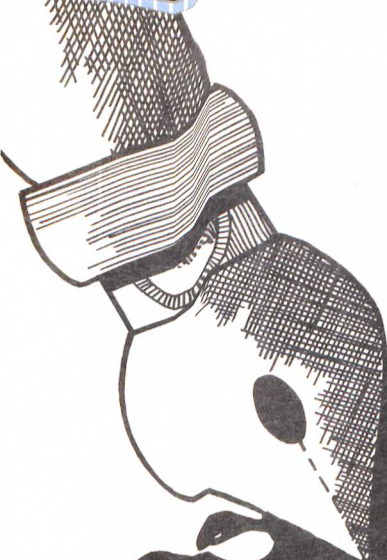
A middle-aged housewife stared at me. "Life was passing me by and I had no reason to live. But your headache was so bad you could never make it to my house on visitation. Yet later you passed by on your way to town."

Could there really be this many people in my little town who needed someone? How many have I let down? How many moments have I let slip by while I stayed safely in my own little world? Some only needed a smile, a kind word of encouragement. That wouldn't have taken much time. Others needed only a phone call letting them know someone cared. Some wanted a purpose for living.

Forgive me, Lord. I've been so involved in insignificant matters, some of which have no eternal value. I've been so caught up with the needs of my own little group that I haven't looked at anyone else. I've been running around in the rat race this world offers. I've used the time You've given me, Lord, so unwisely. All these invalid excuses are true. Forgive me, Lord. I haven't done the job You gave me. I put it off; there seemed to be plenty of time. But You tell me, "Look on the fields for they are white already to harvest."

Break my heart with the things that break Your heart, O Lord. Move me with compassion.

"The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few; Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers into his harvest" (Matt. 9:37, 38).



CREATIVE ARTS CONTEST

NOW is the time to send your entries in the following categories:

Art—drawings, photographs, sketches

Articles—One to three page first-person experiences

Plays/Skits—monologues, dramas, installations, puppet plays

Poetry—preferably not to exceed 25 lines

Programs—Four to six typewritten pages

Subjects may include:

Seasonal

Missions

Christian Living

Home and Family

Bible Study

Mail before the **MARCH 1** deadline to:

Creative Arts Contest
P.O. Box 1088
Nashville, TN 37202

Designed for
prayer groups,
auxiliaries, per-
sonal, inter-
cessory prayer

Eunice
Edwards

Call to Prayer



Prayer Requests

1. Miguel and Adelaida Vera, native Puerto Ricans, minister in the San Juan area. Pray that these necessary needs be supplied: land and building for a church, a van, piano and pianist, equipment and supplies.

2. Pray for the Foreign Missions staff: Earl Larsen, Rolla Smith, Gene Waddell and Don Robirds. Pray they will have divine wisdom in all their decisions.

3. The Russell Lowe family labor to establish a church in Boise, Idaho. Pray they will be able to gather a faithful nucleus in this predominately Mormon area.

4. Jamie Eagleton, associate missionary to Brazil, is in language study in Campinas. Pray for her as she combines student responsibilities with being a wife and mother.

January

Do you ever get the feeling that perhaps God doesn't understand your problems? Do you ever feel compelled to help Him with the needed solutions? Do you ever think that you need to

"explain" your circumstances to the God of the universe?

Last year the Navigators published some interesting statistics:

"The oceans of the world contain more than 340 quintillion gallons of water, yet God holds them in the hollow of His hand (Isa. 40:42).

The earth weighs 6 sextillion metric tons, yet to God, represents but dust on the scale (Isa. 40:12, 15).

The known universe stretches more than 300 billion light years (200 sextillion miles), yet to God, that great expanse represents but a "span" (hand's width) (Isa. 40:12).

That same universe contains at least 100 billion galaxies, each made up of about 100 billion stars—yet God knows them all by name (Isa. 40:26)."

If your answer was "yes," may I suggest you read the above statistics several times. It is simply absurd to assume that we can tell God anything that He does not already know about us.

The glorious truth is that despite His power, dominion, greatness, infallibility, etc., He invites us to tell Him our needs! His gracious invitation to "call upon Him" is but another example of His amazing grace.

Read all of Isaiah 40 for the strength and comfort you need to sustain you today—and be thankful!



1. Sherwood Lee directs the medical ministry at Doropo, Ivory Coast. Pray for his physical and spiritual strength until other nurses join him from the States.

2. The officials in Wausau, Wisconsin oppose home Bible studies. The Bob Breeden family face opposition in finding suitable rented facilities. Pray that a suitable location will be found for the beginning of a church in Wausau.

3. Pray that the missions budgets will be met for 1984.

4. The Ralph Hester family need prayer as they establish a church in Gulfport, Mississippi. Mrs. Hester has health problems and suffers from stomach ulcers.

February

Much is being said today about the needy of our nation. Complaints are common: "We need more money. We need more compassion. We need more understanding, etc., etc." Many of these complaints are, without doubt, justified; some are not.

However, our God has much to say about the needy. So how do we identify the justifiably needy from those who are simply greedy?

Isaiah 41 helps in the identification and also gives the answer to the need of every man. He says that if a man is really thirsty, hungry—needy—God

has already supplied all his needs in the person of His Son, Jesus Christ.

Man is inherently weak and needy. God is inherently great and good. He even cared and provided before we were aware of our needs (v. 10). There is no greater promise nor stronger haven for me and my needs.

And when my soul thirsteth for the living water, I can safely trust Him to lovingly supply and satisfy. He loved me so much that He gave His Son for my comfort, care and cleansing. My cleansing from "I want" must precede His comfort and care for my needs. Verse 18 says He will "open rivers in high places," and most of the time I stand with a teacup!

Isaiah encourages us to see and know and consider and understand that our Supplier is God (v. 20j). Whether our needs are spiritual, physical, emotional, financial, or whatever, He invites us to trust him to do for us what we cannot do for ourselves.

All His works praise Him. Shouldn't we?



1. Pray for Jesse Dunn and Mike Criswell as they open Oregon for Free Will Baptists. Salem is in a building program and the church in Eugene needs land and a building of its own.

2. Mario, national pastor in Uruguay, is being used in this needy country. Pray he will manifest the spirit of Christ in his ministry.

3. Pray for the Home Missions staff as they travel conducting evangelism conferences, rallies and revivals: Roy Thomas, Trymon Messer, John Gibbs and Connie Cariker.

4. Pray for the missionaries who are on deputation. Pray for the families as they are often separated at this time. Pray that they will be able to challenge the people in such a way that all financial needs will be met.

March

The scandal of the abuse of steroids by the Olympics athletics dominated the media. It was claimed that one athlete was stripped of three gold medals because he had won them under false pretenses, i.e., through the use of prohibited steroids.

It set me to thinking about those who claim to be Christian but who have never been born again. Awards, accolades, accomplishments earned by man in his own strength will not avail when he stands before God in the judgment. The only entrance into God's kingdom is through the Shepherd.

Jesus, the Great Shepherd gave his life for the sheep in order to be the door into the sheepfold. Our only way to God is through that door. In fact, Jesus said, 'All that ever came before me are thieves and robbers . . . I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved' (John 10:8, 9).

Friend, wouldn't it be a horrible experience to appear before God trusting in our own righteousness and to be told, "Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire" (Matt. 25:41).

Only those athletes who adhere to the rules set up by the Olympics committee can compete and honestly earn an award. Only those who have been born again and live according to God's rules will be in a position to receive His award in that day.



Today's Woman in India

by Trula Cronk

People in the western world have often read terms like polygamy, child bride, dowry, arranged marriage, satee, purdah, and illiteracy, which describe women in India. Consequently, an attempt to create an image of India's women may take more skill than I possess. While all the above terms can still be used, some more frequently than others, new terms are needed to show the rapid change in the position and outlook of Indian women today.

Someone has said that bearing burdens has made the Indian woman a queen. Certainly she often walks with a queenly grace. (Try holding a heavy basket on your head and walking with it and see what a lift it gives to your own posture.) To her well-developed carriage, drape the grace of the soft-flowing sari, add the golden wheat skin tones so often found in north India, and you get an image of great attractiveness.

Traditionally, Indian women have striven for a lofty ideal, personified in the legendary story of Sita, wife of Rama, who gave away all her wealth and privilege to follow her husband into exile in the jungle. There, queen though she was, she served her husband with absolute selflessness. Her behavior as the prisoner of the Demon King Ravan portrays her fidelity to her husband amid much temptation. Later her sacrificial motherhood is shown as she rears her twin sons without the help of their father, whose mind has been so poisoned by malicious gossip that he had sent them away from him.

Later King Rama asks her to go through an ordeal by fire to prove her

faithfulness. The idea was that if she could walk through fire without being burned everyone would be convinced of her fidelity. At this last insult the faithful Sita prays to Mother Earth who opens up and takes her to herself to spare her further suffering.

Though Indian women want to be like Sita—submissive, loyal, forbearing, long suffering, gentle and kind—like the rest of us, they find these arts of living harder to practice than to idealize. Bound by practices imposed upon them by a rigid caste society, they have appeared to be victims of fate, but events of the last 50 years have given them the will and strength to break through many of the old customs.

In most cases the Indian woman is still not free to choose her own life mate, though now she does have the right to reject the choice which the parents have made for her. Rare is a woman in India who has freedom to make a religious choice on her own. From the lowly village home where she is still illiterate to the city home of the wealthy where she may even have a foreign education, the Indian woman is still bound to the faith of her birth.

The revolution is still going on. Indian women will continue to struggle for the right to break with old and worn out traditions and to embrace the new and the untried. What about us? Will we keep reminding ourselves that the women in India must be brought into a knowledge of the Lord Jesus as their own personal Lord and Savior and the responsibility rests upon our own doorstep?

(Condensed from Co-Laborer, July, Aug., Sept., 1969)

January

- 1—Florine Coscia (Brazil)
- 5—Donna Daniel (IC)
- ** 7—Ron Wallace (GA)
- 8—Jamie Eagleton (Brazil)
- 11—Walter Ellison (Uruguay)
- 13—Karen Cowart (Brazil)
- 18—Jimmy Aldridge (IC)
- 23—Priscilla Inscoe (Panama)
- 24—Jerry Pinkerton (IC)
- 26—Cathy Crawford (France)
- 29—Janice Banks (Japan)

April

- * 1—Mike Lake (IN)
- * 8—Bob Breeden (WS)
- ** 8—Ron Scott (WV)
- ** 8—Steve Stidham (OH)
- 9—Marie Hanna (India)
- 9—Ramona Miley (France)
- 11—Ledgel Ferguson (IC)
- ** 11—Wayne Williams (KY)
- 13—Charolette Tallent (France)
- ** 15—Vernon Long (TN)
- * 18—Miguel Vera (Puerto Rico)
- * 21—Joyce Dunn (OR)
- * 23—Virginia VanKluyve (VI)
- 27—Marvis Eagleton (Brazil)
- ** 27—Vina Walden (AL)
- * 27—Mike Criswell (OR)
- 28—Neil Gilliland (IC)
- ** 30—Debbie Jude (CA)

May

- ** 2—J.D. Norris (FL)
- * 6—Bill Fulcher (TX)
- * 6—James O'Dell (MN)
- ** 10—Ada Long (TN)
- 11—Elaine Allen (IC)
- * 12—Betty Shockey (KY)
- 13—Amy Robinson (Uruguay)
- * 14—Brenda Lewis (CO)
- 16—Dale Bishop (Japan)
- ** 16—Elaine Parker (TX)
- 25—Lynn Midgett (Spain)
- ** 26—Phyllis Adams (KY)
- * 29—Jerry Barron (Mexico)
- 30—Alice Smith (IC)

February

- 2—Jim Cowart (Brazil)
- 5—Judy Bailey (Japan)
- * 5—Bill Reagan (Quebec)
- 7—Pam West (IC)
- 10—Sandra Payne (IC)
- ** 10—John Hollis (IL)
- ** 13—Billie Sexton (TN)
- ** 13—Laura Ellis (TN)
- 17—Barbara Gibbs (France)
- 21—Judy Lytle (Panama)
- ** 23—Delilah Scott (WV)
- * 25—Mike Harrell (AZ)
- ** 26—Curtis Linton (OK)
- * 28—Henry VanKluyve (VI)

June

- 2—Jean Deeds (Brazil)
- 4—John Metcalf (Brazil)
- 6—Stan Bunch (Panama)
- ** 8—Kathi Archer (OK)
- 12—Jim Moser (Brazil)
- ** 12—Janet Stidham (OH)
- ** 13—Mabel Willey (FL)
- 14—Steve Lytle (Panama)
- 14—Jerry Webb (France)
- 20—Paul Robinson (Uruguay)
- * 22—Zalene Breeden (WS)
- ** 23—Mickey Kirkland (AL)
- 24—Jim McLain (Japan)
- ** 27—Bob Jude (CA)
- ** 27—James Walden (AL)
- ** 28—Ron Parker (TX)
- ** 29—Terra Smith (WV)
- 29—Steve Riggs (France)

March

- 2—Evelyn Hersey (Japan)
- ** 3—Janice Wallace (GA)
- 7—Patty McCullough (France)
- ** 10—David Reece (VA)
- 13—Vada Lee (IC)
- 14—Allan Crowson (France)
- * 14—Peggy Adkisson (NM)
- 17—Patrick Dickens (IC)
- 19—Anita Sparks (Spain)
- 20—Trina Owen (Spain)
- 22—Janice Webb (France)
- 26—Susan Moser (Brazil)
- 27—Olena McLain (Japan)
- ** 28—Verna Williams (KY)
- * 29—Lois Reagan (Quebec)
- ** 29—William Smith (WV)

July

- 1—Ken Eagleton (Brazil)
- ** 2—Hughes Ellis (TN)
- ** 3—Mark Vandivort (AZ)
- * 3—Bill Adkisson (NM)
- ** 6—Vickie Hollis (IL)
- * 7—Wanda McClary (NB)
- ** Don Sexton (TN)
- ** 19—Norris Hawkins (SC)
- * 20—Paul Thompson (AZ)
- 20—Robert Bryan (IC)
- 20—Fred Hersey (Japan)
- ** 25—Beverly Norris (FL)
- 26—Sharon Ferguson (IC)
- ** 26—Cathy Kirkland (AL)
- 27—Lynette Morgan (IC)
- 27—Eddie Payne (IC)
- 27—Ron Callaway (Spain)

MISSIONARY

Missionaries supported by both F
birthdates. Detach this sheet and keep it

* National Home Missionary or Church
** Joint Project Worker, Associate, or D

August

- * 1—Alyne Maness (NJ)
- 1—Deleen Cousineau (IC)
- 2—Judy Bryan (IC)
- * 2—Marilyn Thompson (AZ)
- ** 3—Rodney Outlaw (AL)
- 3—Carlisle Hanna (India)
- 3—Jerry Banks (Japan)
- 5—Dennis Owen (Spain)
- 6—Darrel Nichols (IC)
- 7—Vicki Sturgill (Brazil)
- ** 7—Laura Cannon (VA)
- * 12—Pat Nason (NH)
- ** 13—Karen Linton (OK)
- ** 17—Ralph Hester (MS)
- 17—Janie Aldridge (IC)
- 17—Kay Metcalf (Brazil)
- 17—Jim Sturgill (Brazil)
- 18—Judy Smith (Japan)
- ** 21—Gary Elder (KS)
- ** 22—Jackie Elder (Brazil)
- 26—Larry Inscoe (Panama)
- 27—Sandra Bishop (Japan)
- 27—Susan Dickens (IC)
- 29—Linda Callaway (Spain)

September

- ** 1—Grace Williams (MO)
- ** 2—Steve Cannon (VA)
- 2—Ken Bailey (Japan)
- 3—Terry Eagleton (Brazil)
- 7—Susan Turnbough (Spain)
- ** 7—Sylvia Hawkins (SC)
- ** 7—Mirial Gainer (Japan)
- 8—Jeff Turnbough (Spain)
- * 8—Jerry McClary (NB)
- 9—Nancy Hughes (Brazil)
- 16—Sherwood Lee (IC)
- * 16—Julie Barron (Mexico)
- * 16—Steve Trail (LA)
- * 16—Bob Shockey (KY)
- * 17—Gail Criswell (OR)
- * 19—Joyce Harrell (AZ)
- * 23—Bob Lewis (CO)
- * 25—Kathy Wright (NB)
- ** 26—David Archer (OK)
- 27—LaRue Crowson (France)
- 28—Brenda Bunch (Panama)
- * 29—Jesse Dunn (OR)
- 29—Pat Franks (Brazil)
- 30—Norman Richards (IC)

October

- 3—Dawn Sweeney (IC)
- * 3—Adelaida Vera (PR)
- 5—Dave Franks (Brazil)
- 6—Carol Pinkerton (IC)
- * 7—Ginger Lake (IN)
- 8—Clint Morgan (IC)
- 13—John Murray (France)
- 13—Jerry Gibbs (France)
- ** 16—Gladys Turnbough (FL)
- ** 16—Jim Williams (MO)
- 17—Geneva Poole (Brazil)
- * 18—Bob Thomas (CO)
- 18—Becky Riggs (France)
- 23—Mike Cousineau (IC)
- 23—Lila Nichols (IC)
- 23—Robert West (IC)
- ** 23—Louise Vandivort (AZ)
- * 23—Judy Trail (LA)
- 25—Sheila Gilliland (IC)
- 28—Lynn Miley (France)
- ** 29—Brenda Outlaw (AL)
- 31—Earnie Deeds (Brazil)

November

- * 4—Glenda Fulcher (TX)
- * 7—Sharon O'Dell (MN)
- * 10—Gracie Lowe (ID)
- ** 10—Sandy Adams (KY)
- ** 13—Marian Reece (VA)
- 14—Patsy Vanhook (France)
- 14—Marcie Ellison (Uruguay)
- ** 16—Dolores Hester (MS)
- * 21—Russell Lowe (ID)
- * 22—Jim Nason (NH)
- 27—Bessie Richards (IC)
- 28—Bobby Poole (Brazil)
- 28—Mark Daniel (IC)
- ** 28—Albert Rollins (FL)
- ** 30—Harold Teague (TX)

December

- 3—Pansy Murray (France)
- * 6—Vergel Maness (NJ)
- * 7—Russell Wright (NB)
- ** 10—Irene Rollins (FL)
- * 10—Katy Minor (RI)
- ** 13—Norma Teague (TX)
- 14—Lonnie Sparks (Spain)
- * 14—Rosa Lee Thomas (CO)
- 18—Tom Hughes (Brazil)
- 19—Molly Barker (Uruguay)
- 22—Tom McCullough (France)
- * 22—Pete Minor (RI)
- 24—Louis Coscia (Brazil)
- ** 29—Elmer Turnbough (FL)
- 30—Arilla Wode (IC)

PRAYER CALENDAR

Foreign and Home Missions Departments are listed by their

location in your Bible as a reminder to pray.

Extension Pioneer

Deputational Missionary

The Birth



All in favor of building a church on this property, raise you hand.

When home missionaries Bob and Rosa Lee Thomas came to our church in Francis, Oklahoma to raise support to begin a church in Fort Collins, Colorado, little did I know that four months later we would be moving there to help them.

That morning of May 3, 1981, we invited the Thomases to our home for dinner. By the time they left, we shared their burden to establish a soul-winning church in that growing city of 75,000.

"But you're not a preacher," I told my husband, Tim, when he first mentioned how the Lord was leading him to this missions assignment. The more we talked, the more I realized that a missionary is anyone anywhere who shares Christ and the plan of salvation.

In order to confirm God's leading, we took our vacation time to travel to Fort Collins, see the city, talk with the Thomases, and explore job possibilities. Although we returned home with

no promise of a job, we felt the move to be God's will. Then Tim learned that his company would transfer him to Laramie, Wyoming, a town 70 miles from Fort Collins. This wasn't the ideal situation, but it provided the means to participate in that first service on September 13.

In this home mission arrangement, church is "set up" three times weekly in three different locations. An elementary school gymnasium is rented for two hours on Sunday morning. Everyone, even visitors, pitches in to arrange (and dismantle) tables, chairs, pulpit, hymnals, etc.

Just like the early church in Acts, we also meet in homes. The basement of the Thomas home becomes a chapel on Sunday evening. The Woman's Auxiliary, organized over a year, meets the third Sunday preceding the evening service. We rent a school classroom for the Wednesday evening prayer service, but during



Okay, ladies, lend a hand. Everybody helps set up this church.

Of A Church

Pam Scroggins



Brother Thomas encourages his flock to trust God as they build.

summer and vacations, we again worship in homes. We drive three hours for a one hour Bible Study/Prayer Meeting.

All this moving and driving was hard on our children at first—Brian, 8, and Kimberly, 4—but they have adapted very well.

In this area we face traditionalism with the Catholic, Mormon and Lutheran religions. Of the 3000 people contacted in Fort Collins, only two had ever heard of Free Will Baptists. Though many people attend church, few hear the plan of salvation.

Approximately 400 doors have to be knocked in order to make 100 contacts. Even so, accomplishments have been made in these two years. Seventeen have received Christ as Savior and thirteen baptized. We are purchasing five acres of land costing \$75,000 and ground breaking services are scheduled August 19. The Woman's Auxiliary raised \$800 to almost pay for the building permit.

Laramie wasn't the place we chose to live—we would prefer a job in Fort Collins—but God has poured out His blessings as we serve Him in this way.

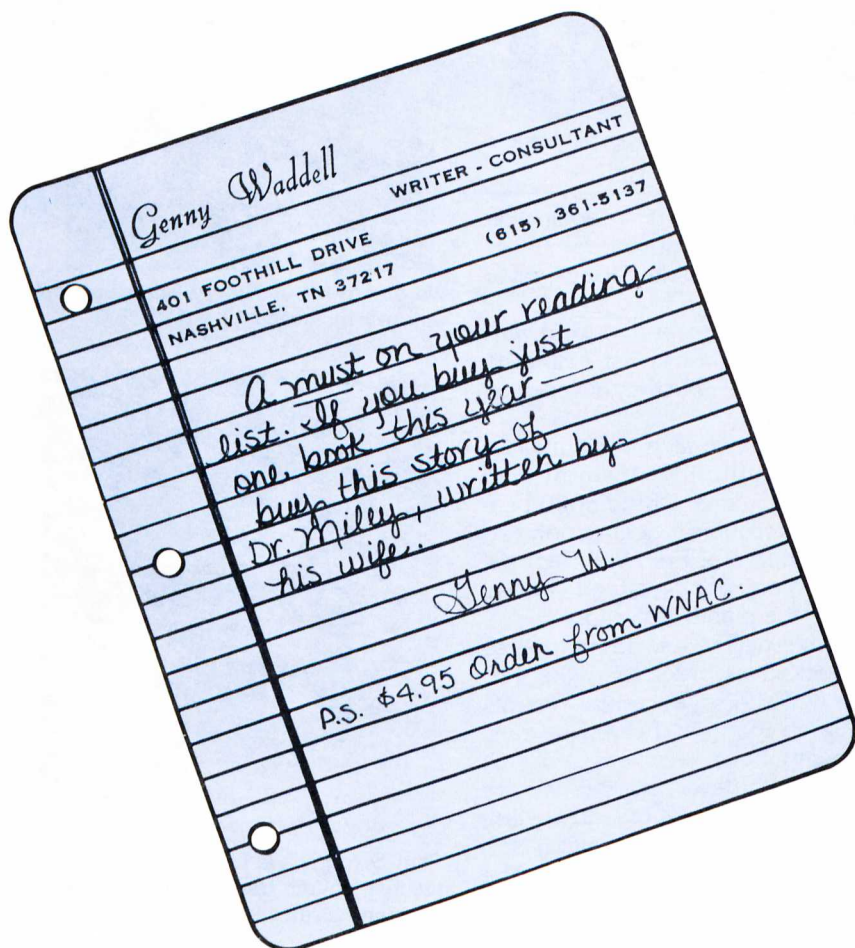
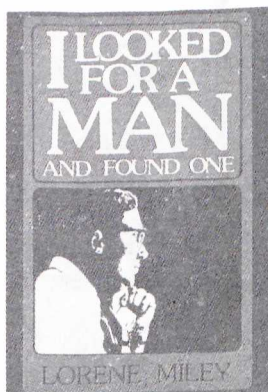


We dream for the future when that first word will be erased.

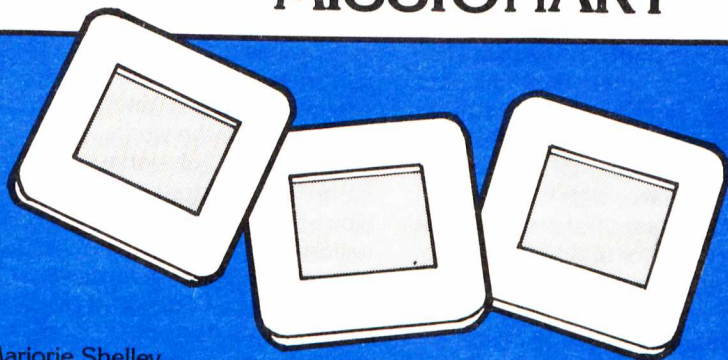


Pam Scroggins is junior Sunday school teacher, church treasurer, auxiliary president, and district auxiliary treasurer.

SHARE —A— BOOK



THE EFFECTIVE TWENTIETH CENTURY MISSIONARY



Marjorie Shelley

Aim: To better understand the missionaries and their motivation.

Scripture: I Cor. 9:19-23

Song: "I'll Go Where You Want Me To Go."

Hmmm click. "This is our hut."

Hmmm click. "This is our boat."

Hmmm click. "This is our guide."

On and on (and on and on) it goes. The missionary's slide show. One of those all-time favorites, rating right up there with a trip to the dentist.

Finally, mercifully, the slides end. Everyone sings two verses of "I'll Go Where You Want Me to Go." The pastor asks all the young people to raise their hands if they're ready to dedicate themselves to "full-time Christian work." Then a benediction. And then we escape . . . er . . . to our separate ways."

Sad, isn't it?

Especially when that's the only impression most people get of what a

missionary's life is all about. It comes across as an ordeal. Something to be endured.

Who is, then, the effective twentieth century missionary? How can you tell a good one from a bad one?

A Flexible Person

"Be a missionary? I couldn't stand the bugs and snakes!" Who can? Most women missionaries—single or married—would say the same thing.

While it is true a missionary must physically and mentally adjust to strange insects, heat, malaria, dysentery, dust, water shortages, no electricity, these minor irritations often seem just that—minor.

But the missionary must be most adaptable in the realm of interpersonal relationships. As he travels from church to church in his homeland he is showered with gifts, love, friendship, and encouragement. He arrives on

the field to learn he is no hero to the nationals. In fact, one of the first questions may be: "Why are you here?" What a comedown!

Some young missionaries are hurt because they never receive thanks for what they do. Some who work among Muslims have tried to show the love of Christ caring for sick people, helping the women, repairing motorbikes for the men—utterly giving of themselves—only to hear, "Oh, he was just trying to gain favor with his God."

Whether it is as fraternal workers with the church or under the church, the twentieth century missionary now takes orders.

"Oh, I wouldn't have any problem there," some may say.

Really? And what if the standards of the church are lowered, sin is tolerated and condoned, evangelism drops off, money becomes a major issue. The missionary who makes it is the one who patiently prays, teaches, counsel, and tactfully serves.

An Emotionally Stable Person

There are separations and loneliness. Can he cope with these? The emotional leaving of family and friends is one of the hardest things which must be endured. Perhaps this is only the beginning of hardships, yet none of the sufferings can make one give up if he is sure he is in the hand of God.

Are single women the only missionaries who suffer loneliness? No, missionary wives—and yes, even the men—must make this emotional adjustment.

How would the problem arise? In many ways.

A young mother never gets the chance to learn the language well. Her

husband, very busy with evangelism tours, or working in the radio studio or production office, does not see what is happening as she grows more lonely and more depressed.

A single woman, frightened and lonely, has never really faced the issue of remaining single all her life. She becomes depressed, misses her family and friends, and slowly shuts out the rest of the world.

The young missionary man feels completely frustrated while standing alone in the face of an independent national church which has lost its zeal, or permits adultery in its ranks, or fails to give for the Lord's work.

A young widow returns home to an empty house, misses her children far away in school, and aches for someone with whom to share her feelings.

Though loneliness is not unique to the mission field, it does become more acute there. There is no warm church family in which to lose oneself. Christmas and Easter, which seem uniquely family occasions, become more painful. Recreation and distractions must be created. The missionary advisor to the local church has no other pastors to consult. He is always "the foreigner."

Will anything help to strengthen the missionary emotionally? Yes. Face facts before leaving home. Remember to see the humorous side of most things. Bounce back from the roughest blows. And remember that you can do anything through the help of Christ, as the Apostle Paul, that greatest of missionaries said (Phil. 4:12, 13).

One Who Is Free Of Anxieties

At least one missionary wife could not adjust to living in a foreign country.

Fear of infections, microbes and disease drove her to fanatically seek measures against them. She and her husband were gradually forced to resign.

Fear of entrusting one's children to houseparents hundreds of miles away has gnawed at the hearts of some parents.

Anxieties over the future can drain the enthusiasm for foreign service. Will I have a retirement fund built up? If this country closes to missionaries, will I be able to learn another language? Perhaps such fears and anxieties are normal. But, should they be normal for Christian workers?

Missions have changed as societies have changed. Modes and methods change. But, the Christ who calls is unchangeable. The twentieth century missionary must set his mind and heart to face circumstances realizing that Christ will help him to meet each situation.

Can He Be Spiritually Prepared?

An African proverb says: "Two chiefs cannot row in the same canoe." That seems the answer to any queries about the twentieth century missionary. If Christ is chief in the canoe, a person can row overseas or anywhere else with confidence. If self becomes chief and takes first place, doubts, anxieties, loneliness, all mushroom.

Before boarding the plane for overseas duty, a young person should settle it with the Lord: "Lord, here I am. Whatever I am and have are Yours. I can't make it by myself. I'm putting everything in Your hands. I want Christ to have full control."

That is really what Romans 12:1 and 2 is all about . . . presenting your

body a living sacrifice, holy acceptable unto God. Once on the field today's missionary, like thousands who served before him, may forget this dedication. Moreover, he must constantly guard against a dried-up devotional life. Let down the guard, slip a few times, and early storm warnings appear: an angry word, impatience, emotional crises, lack of insight, failure to show Christian love.

At this low point loneliness is amplified, anxieties increase, and questions swirl in his thoughts: "Am I really supposed to be here?"

"Have I misinterpreted God's leading?"

"Maybe I should go back? I'll never be a success as a missionary."

Amazingly enough, when we get back to God's Word and on speaking terms with Him, He handles the problems well. The missionary must still work in spite of disinterested or even hostile people. He makes mistakes and he may often ask forgiveness. Yet, through disappointments, he finds real satisfaction in allowing Christ to do the job (Ga. 2:20).

Conclusion

One realizes the twentieth century missionary has new problems, new pressures, and new means of meeting them. But, when all the analysis is done, he doesn't have any pat answers either. Yet, he can go on working that he might by all means bring some to a measure of maturity in Christ even as he himself learns of Him.

From *I'd Love To Tell the World*
Accent Publications, Inc., Denver CO
© 1977. Used by permission.

Women in Action



Mother-Daughter Banquets

Central FWB Church, a mission in Alabaster, AL, packed their fellowship hall for a mother-daughter banquet. Vina Walden is the pastor's wife.

A Motherhood tree with various fruits of love stood as a reminder of the mother's role at the Cove City (AR) mother-daughter banquet. Iva Brady was honored as oldest mother and one having the most children.

Black River ladies hosted the South Carolina district mother-daughter banquet with 164 in attendance. Karen Cowart, missionary to Brazil, was featured speaker.

District Happenings

Foothills district (NC) contributed to the Provision Closet, Nursing Home and the Children's Home under the leadership of Rosetta Buchanan, president.

A project of the Palmetto district (SC) showered the state children's home with food and clothing. Geraldine Ransome serves as president.

"If you brought your pick and shovel thinking our auxiliaries are dead, just throw them away" was the advice give by president Velda Tucker at the Polk Bayou district's (AR) first prayer retreat. Eighty-nine co-laborers proved that the auxiliary is still on the move as they sought wisdom for their work.

Debbie Scott was elected as president of the Saline district convention (AR) which met at Mt. Pleasant.

The 63rd annual Cumberland district (TN) met at Oaklawn FWB Church. Mary Ruth Wisehart was re-elected as president and Kay Hampton field worker. Jerry and Janice Banks, missionaries to Japan, were guest speakers.

Barbara Taylor was elected to succeed Bonita Hill as president of the Antioch district (AR) convention.

Here and There

Wanda Kellett spoke on "Spokeswomen for God" at a special enlistment supper of the Stobtown auxiliary, Ardmore, OK. Twenty-two women attended this growth endeavor.



June Rolan speaks at a friendship tea hosted by the First Visalia (CA) auxiliary.



Missionary Geneva Poole poses with her group of women in Brazil.



Easter bunnies are made by the Bixby First (OK) ladies and delivered to shut-ins.



Ivan and Mary Lopes, Brazil, introduce their new son, Jason, at the First Mission district convention (OK) at Drumright.



Volena Wilson, former missionary to India, visits the Foothills District in North Carolina.

REFREATS

State	Location	Theme	Speaker	Outstanding Feature
Alabama	Yampertown	"Studying God's Word"	Mable Willey	
Arkansas	Camp Beaverfork	"Mirror, Mirror"	Pat Thomas	Candlelight Service
California	Emerald Camp			
Georgia	Camp Mt. Bethel	"Give Yourself Away"	Rudene Kennedy	Poster Contest
Kansas	King Solomon Camp	"Women God Sees"	Deleen Cousineau	
Kentucky	Jenny Willey State Park		Eunice Edwards Rudene Kennedy	Sharing Time
Illinois	Camp Hope	"The Holy Spirit"	Eunice Edwards Maurine Lee	Feet washing Service
Indiana	First Church, Wabash	"Priorities"	Lorene Miley	
Michigan			Patty McCullough	
Missouri	Niangua Youth Camp	"Patterns for Living"	Ruth Altis	Recipe Exchange
Oklahoma	Camelot Hotel		Joanne King	Mother-Daughter Look Alike Contest
Ohio	Big Prairie	"Crowning Qualities of Womanhood"	Jan Banks	Missionary Shower
North Carolina	Radisson Plaza	"The Victorious Woman"	Janice Banks	Seminars
Tennessee	Henry Horton State Park	"Day of Small Things"	Cleo Pursell	

WALK WORTHY



Aim: To show that every woman has a responsibility to walk worthy of the name she bears.

Scripture: Ephesians 4:1-3 and 11-16

Hymn: "Am I A Soldier Of The Cross?"

Introduction

Have you ever thought about your name? Have you noticed how personality can change the color of a name? Knowing a kind, lovely lady gives her name a certain beauty. On the other hand, a disgruntled, unkind person's name carries a certain ugliness.

Paul beseeches the Ephesian Christians to walk worthy of their vocation; that is, walk worthy of that name borne and to see that daily conduct corresponds to the profession of Christ as Savior.

The name we bear is Christian and our vocation is to walk in Christ. This program deals with our walk as a wife, mother, witness, woman, and an auxiliary member. Are we walking worthy of our vocation?

As A Wife—Submissive (Ephesians 5:22; Col. 3:18; 1 Pet. 3:1)

These three Scriptures leave no room for insubjection because they are commands of the Lord; therefore, if we are not in subjection to our husbands, then we are not submissive to Christ.

Often the Christian woman has serious reservations about the area mentioned in 1 Cor. 7:4-5. If this Scripture is not obeyed, it can be a stumbling block to the unsaved as well as the saved husband. Ask God to help and let Him work it out.

Submission is not the world's philosophy. Obedience to the Word of God gives freedom (John 8:32). Let's practice this!

As a Mother—Sensitive (Eph. 6:4; Prov. 22:6)

It's easy to get our eyes on our own needs—clothes, dinner, appointments, guests, etc. Are we too busy for our children? Do we brush them off as if what we are doing is a thousand times more important?

Let's be sensitive to our children's needs. They need our word of comfort, word of encouragement, word of discipline, word of affection, and word of love. Timing is also important. What we say must be said at the right time.

Mothers, let's make Christ so much a part of our life that it will be as easy to speak to our child of spiritual matters as it is to talk about a ballgame or whatever his interest. Win him to the Lord. Don't let someone else rob you of that blessing.

Let's be sensitive to the right discipline. A child likes to know where he stands with his parents, what he can and cannot do. Firmness is a must, but never punish out of anger.

Obedience to parents and obedience to God go hand in hand. It's difficult for a child who is disobedient to parents to learn to be obedient to God. As a child learns obedience to parents, it will be easier for him to obey God.

Walking worthy as a mother brings rewarding results!

As A Witness—Serious (2 Tim. 2:2)

Ye shall be witnesses (Acts 1:8)

Go home to thy friends and tell them (Mark 5:19)

Ye are witnesses (Luke 24:48)

So send I you (John 20:21)

Go . . . teach (Matthew. 28:19)

We are ambassadors (2 Cor. 5:20)

These words are taken from familiar passages, many of which we have memorized. Are we practicing them?

In Portuguese, Colossians 4:6 says, "Make the most of your opportunities to tell others the Good News. Be wise in your contacts with them." Do we look for opportunities to tell of Jesus?

If a woman complains of being tired, tell her of the One who said, "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." Then give the salvation message.

If a friend is lonely, tell of the ever present Friend and what He would like to do for her. If she is unloved, tell of the One who loved her enough to die in her place making possible her salvation.

Opportunities are all around us. Let's keep our eyes and ears open and our hearts in tune with God; soon we will see opportunities that before we let slip by unnoticed. Be serious about walking worthy by witnessing.

As A Woman—Silent (I Tim. 2:11, 12; II Thess. 3:2)

Both of these verses express an attitude of tranquility. It should be clear that they do not speak of the same subject being treated in I Corinthians 14:34 where Paul deals with the problem of women abusing their spiritual gifts. Here he teaches that both men and women, if they step outside their God-given places, destroy, instead of build up, the church. Thus women were "not permitted to speak."

Paul teaches in I Timothy that the subject of submission takes priority. The woman should voluntarily put herself under the leadership of the man, a position of divine appointment (I Cor. 11:13).

This, however, does not mean a woman cannot nor should be active in the Lord's service. Indeed she should! Woman has a tendency to become emotionally involved, speak out when she should be silent, often creating confusion.

By God's help we can all obtain the attitude of quietude and tranquility that should characterize the woman who walks worthy.

As An Auxiliary—Satisfied

With accomplishments there comes satisfaction. Let's look at some auxiliary goals and their fulfillment.

The goal of involvement. Life is short so we must use our time wisely. We should be involved in things which count for eternity. Are we satisfied with our involvement in fulfilling our place in the Great Commission? (**Read Matthew 28:19-20**).

The goal of giving. We and all we have belong to God. We are only His stewards. Have we done our best in giving of ourselves, our children and our means so the Gospel can go forth? (**Read 2 Cor. 5:15**)

The goal of study. John tells us we are overcomers of the wicked one as the Word of God abides in us (1 John 2:14). How much are we putting into our individual and group Bible studies? (**Read 2 Tim. 2:15; 3:16, 17**)

The goal of prayer. This vital part of the Christian—which is often sadly neglected—should be cultivated. Perhaps you could arrange a weekly period to pray about church needs and activities (**Read Ephesians 6:18, 19**).

Are we satisfied with the accomplishments in our involvement, our giving, our Bible study and our prayer time?

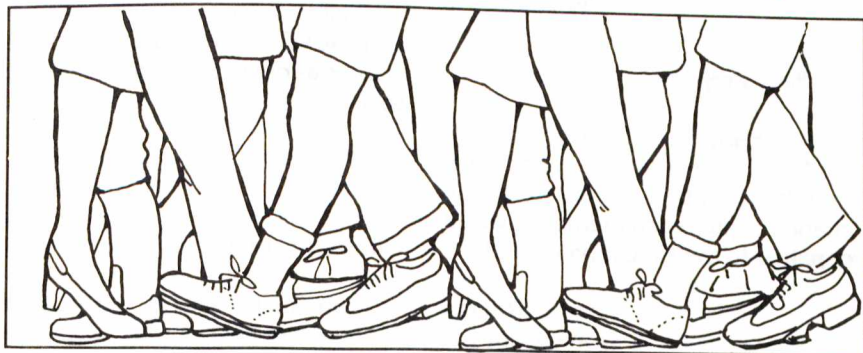
Conclusion

Let's ponder the ideas set forth in this program. We are beseeched to "walk worthy of the vocation where-with we are called." Are we failing in any area—as a wife by not being submissive, as a mother by not being sensitive, as a witness by not taking it seriously, as a woman by not being silent thus causing confusion, as an auxiliary member by not being satisfied in accomplishing goals? If so, we are failing to walk worthy.

Prayer of Consecration



Geneva Pool and husband Bobby are in their fifth term of service in Brazil. Their two sons, Robert and John, are students at the Free Will Baptist Bible College.



Co-Laborers Write



Call to Prayer

God has impressed me to ask each auxiliary to meet one night each month for an all night prayer meeting. Our missionaries need for us to lift them up in prayer. Our churches need to be revived. Prayer will make us better Christians and witnesses.

If we want to see sinners saved, we must bear some spiritual birth pains. Add fasting to your prayers and it never fails.

We have to learn to pray. We begin to praise God and are anointed to pray, or just kneel down, raise your hands and as you start praying, you will feel God's presence. I think we older women need to teach the younger women how to pray.

Deloris Moore
Sylacauga, AL

Auxiliary Projects

The Hammock Springs auxiliary held a birthday party honoring each member's birthday. Instead of exchanging gifts, each member made a donation to the Co-Laborer Fund.

Katie T. Rogers
Donaldson, GA

While reading your editorial, a thought came to mind... perhaps we could purchase a book on home, family life, devotional life, etc., and send to a central location to share with the different missionary wives.

Annette Housley
Ahoskie, NC

I have been asked to give a report on Agnes Frazier. I keep all auxiliary books, but cannot find anything I need about her personal life and what she did in auxiliary. Could you give me a brief outline of her work?

Ollie Sulcer
Sesser, IL

Could you please send me the address where to send used postage stamps as our club has some ready to send.

Myrtle Bond
Anderson, MO

Our Contest Winners

I am finally writing with just as much excitement now as I had three

months ago when I received your letter telling me of the good news about the poetry winning and publication. And to think, I almost didn't send in "Little Hands."

Laura Danielson Wade
Morehead City, NC

I'm grateful for the appearance of some of my poems in Tapestry. The book is very attractive—arrangement, art work, etc.

Mary P. Lewis
Canton, NC

Bible Correspondence Course

I'm ordering my first course on Bible Background. I noticed on the order form that you were interested to see if the people who ordered the course were employed outside the home . . . I find that I schedule my time better since I have gone back to work than I did while I was at home all day. It takes a special effort for Bible Study.

Mrs. Mike Stephenson
Russellville, AR

WNAC Convention

I think back on the wonderful WNAC convention in Columbus . . . I like the smaller area for our service. It seemed like we were closer together, even for the business. The "I" 's were louder. It was good to hear the feelings of our missionary wives. When we were missionaries for Alabama, I remember one Sunday after Sunday school our superintendent said, "I don't know what Mrs. Ledlow is cooking, but she is starving me." You

see, we had services in our home for a year and eight months. Sometimes I would put something on to cook while we were having a service, but I soon learned that would not work. You learn a lot in mission work.

Odessa Ledlow
Sylacauga, AL

Provision Closet

We want to thank all the ladies who have worked so hard on the Provision Closet. It is a real ministry to missionaries. I discovered upon my arrival for furlough a need for many household items. Thanks to the closet, I got nearly everything I needed, right down to an ice pick and potato peeler.

Deleen Cousineau
Ivory Coast

Help!

We were searching for interesting and spiritual programs for our twice a year district get-togethers. Last year we presented "Pious Personalities" with an exchange sack lunch. Another time we had a missionary speaker and a mystery dinner.

Virginia Hoover
Liberal, MO

After our Indiana offerings were totaled, we had \$1,014.00 for the Jerry and Janice Banks account. Janice was a blessing at our meeting.

Mary Neal
New Castle, IN



A Woman God Has Used

Dennis and Marguerite Kern were married two years when they became charter members of the First FWB Church of Locust Grove, Oklahoma. That was 30 years ago. During this time she has served as Sunday school teacher, superintendent of children's and teen's departments, youth and sanctuary choir director—and even janitor.

At age 15, Marguerite came to know the Lord and has served Him faithfully and tirelessly for these 37 years. She superintends the teens department and outworks and outplays most of the young people under her supervision.

Marguerite has held almost every office in the local auxiliary and many in the district and state. Last July she was elected as member-at-large of the Woman's National Auxiliary Convention. She is a popular retreat and convention speaker.

The Kerns and Howard Gwartney compose a trio which often ministers at funerals and other occasions. For a time they appeared on their own radio program.

Child Evangelism Fellowship used Marguerite for many years as their teacher of teachers. For 17 years she has taught her weekly Good News Club.

In spite of a busy schedule, Marguerite tends to her own family which includes an ailing mother. All four of the Kern's children are married and active in Christian service. To her delight, they have given her ten grandchildren.

Marguerite gives herself away to her neighbors, shopping or meeting their other needs. She visits the women in the community, inviting them to church, soul-winning, and discipling new believers. She is hostess to a countless number of missionaries and evangelists.

Recently Marguerite requested prayer that she would have more patience and not get ahead of the Lord in the work He wants her to do. We need more women like Marguerite Kern.

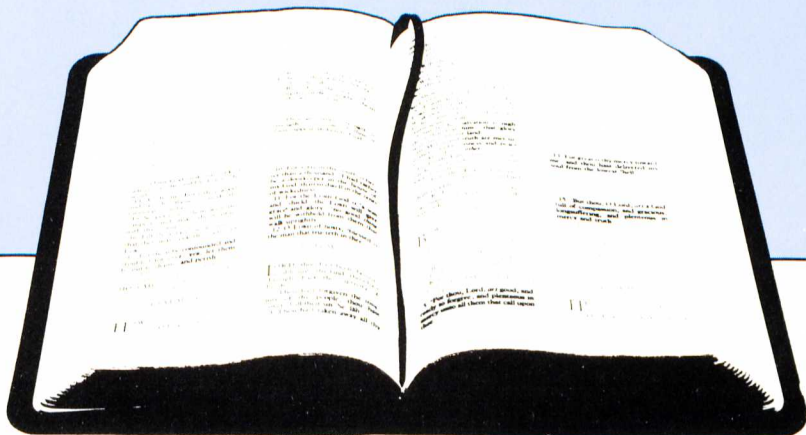
WE LOVE THE BIBLE

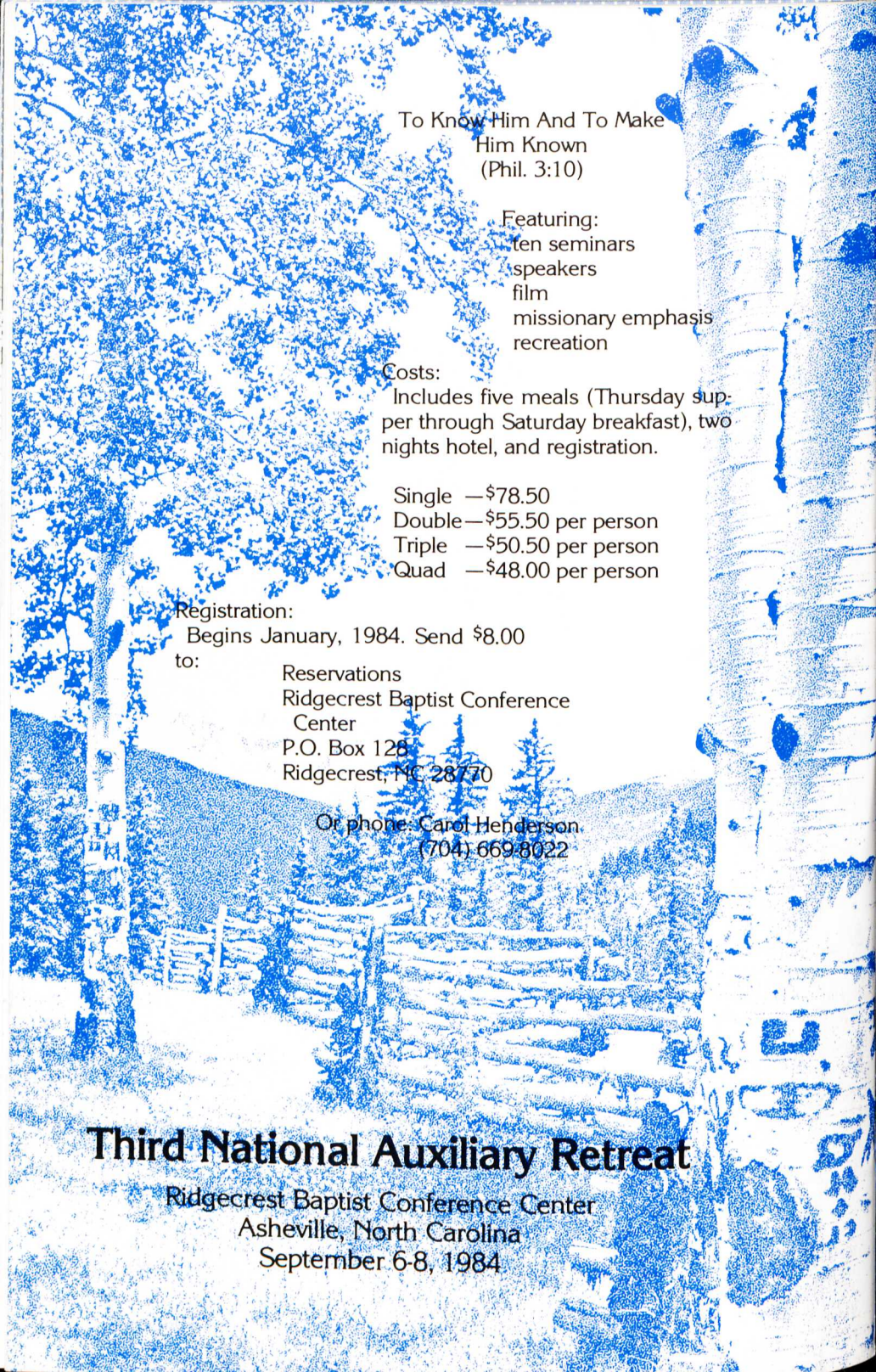
(Tune: The Church's One Foundation)

Who would not love the Bible,
So beautiful and wise?
It's teachings lead us upward
And point us to the skies.
Its stories all so mighty,
Of men so brave to see;
The beautiful dear Bible,
It shall our teacher be.

But most we love the Bible,
For there we learn of One
Who came to earth from heaven
God's well-beloved Son,
And how He bowed to sorrow,
That we His face might see,
The Bible, O the Bible,
It shall our teacher be.

Then we will hold the Bible,
The glorious book of God,
We'll ne'er forsake the Bible
Thro' all life's future road;
The watchword in life's battle,
The chart on life's dark sea,
The beautiful, dear Bible,
It shall our teacher be.





To Know Him And To Make
Him Known
(Phil. 3:10)

Featuring:
ten seminars
speakers
film
missionary emphasis
recreation

Costs:

Includes five meals (Thursday supper through Saturday breakfast), two nights hotel, and registration.

Single —\$78.50
Double—\$55.50 per person
Triple —\$50.50 per person
Quad —\$48.00 per person

Registration:

Begins January, 1984. Send \$8.00

to:

Reservations
Ridgecrest Baptist Conference
Center
P.O. Box 128
Ridgecrest, NC 28770

Or phone: Carol Henderson
(704) 669-8022

Third National Auxiliary Retreat

Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center
Asheville, North Carolina
September 6-8, 1984