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THE HOME LEAGUE



PROGRAM AID

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TO THE LEADER: *The worship program titled "New Year - New Calendar" has been prepared by MRS. MAJOR RALPH METZ, Fort Wayne, Indiana. Choose five women to take part as outlined and another to prepare the special calendars.*

GENERAL SUGGESTIONS: Make up two very large calendars, one for 1970 and another for 1971. On the 1970 calendar mark the dates of interesting happenings of the Corps, Home League, personal items involving members and their families, such as weddings, births, graduations, and also some humorous incidents. On the 1971 calendar mark special events which are anticipated or planned. The Salvation Army International Children's Year should be noted each month. The leader will then turn the calendar for 1970 and 1971 and comment briefly on each event "Past and Future."

WORSHIP CENTER: The focal point can be two large calendars. Use candles, one of which is short and not burning and another which is a tall one burning to symbolize the new year.

CALL TO WORSHIP:

This is the day of light,
Let there be light today,
O Dayspring, rise upon our night
And chase its gloom away.

This is the day of peace:
Thy peace our spirits fill,
Bid Thou the blasts of discord
cease,

The waves of strife be still.

This is the day of prayer:
Let earth and heaven draw near;
Lift up our hearts to seek Thee
there,
Come down to meet us here.

DECORATIONS: Have the women bring towel calendars of any year and hang them around the room. Use also the small Salvation Army pocket calendars to be given to each one attending at the beginning of the meeting. Carry out the calendar theme in the programs.

POEM. The New Year
And as the old year slips away,
He kindly with him takes
The pages we have blurred and
marred
With failures and mistakes
The blighted hopes and needless
fears
Are gone beyond recall,
And ours, once more the fair, clean
page
The New Year brings to all.

-----Program Outline-----

Call to Worship
Scripture - Psalm 90
Song #894 (124)
Sentence Prayers
Poem - The New Year
Song #319 (746)
Past and Future
Vocal Solo - #318 (727)
"The Calendar"
Chorus #100
Unison - Home League Prayer

THE CALENDAR

BY MRS. MAJOR RALPH E. METZ

I AM SURE we have mixed feelings when glancing through last year's calendar, for the special dates marked on each page reveal a part of life that will never return. Do we truly realize the value of a calendar? It brings to mind birthdays, holidays, and special national and family events which otherwise would go unnoticed.

Five interesting facts can be observed from the pocket calendar you received before the meeting.

First, the calendar is very much like life itself in that you did nothing to get it. It was handed to you, and so God freely gave us life.

Second, it is yours without money or price, to do with as you please. Discard it, place it in a drawer, or use it for the intended purpose. The days of your life are yours also and though they be few or many, you will use them as you desire.

"It's up to You"

God gave you this day
to do just as you would,
You can throw it away
or do some good.

What have you done with
the day that you had?
You can make someone happy,
or make someone sad,

God gave it to you
to do just as you would,
You could do what is wicked,
or do what is good.

You can hand out a smile,
or just give a frown,
You can lift someone up,
or push someone down.

You can lighten some load,
or some progress impede,
You can look for a rose,
or gather a weed.

What did you do with
your beautiful day?
God gave it to you,
did you throw it away?

Third, the calendar is new, never used before and represents a new opportunity. Many times in life we have known failures and mistakes, but like this new calendar, when we accept Christ all things become new. We read in 2 Corinthians 5:17, "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold all things are become new."

Fourth, the calendar is for 1971 alone. There are no days left over from 1970, nor do they extend into 1972. The Psalmist prayed, "Teach us to number our days," and so it is God's desire for us to live at our very best each day of our lives.

Fifth, at the end of 1971 another year will follow. So it is with life. After our sojourn here on earth, eternal life will follow. How we live now determines what will be. Benjamin Franklin said: "One today is

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TO THE LEADER: *Program helps and ideas for "Reading is for Everyone" have been submitted by BRIGADIER ETHEL BERING, New York, New York. Appoint committees to be responsible for the displays and the book sale, and choose women for the panel.*

GENERAL SUGGESTIONS: Have a display of old books with a small prize to be given for the book with the oldest date of printing. Have a display table with unique and old book marks.

Secure from a local book store a display of books and use as an incentive for the women to buy or borrow.

You may want to have a book sale. Secure books which are donated and then sell them, with the proceeds going to the treasury.

The Home League might accept responsibility for setting up a reading program and small library. Even one shelf of good books could be the beginning of a great service.

Church Women United is an excellent source for a reading program. A representative for the literacy program could explain the "Each one, Teach one" method originated by Dr. Frank Laubach, an educational missionary, who has done a great deal to increase literacy all over the world.

A tour of a publishing house may be arranged, or secure a speaker from the Public Library to discuss books of interest to women.

Suggested by Mrs. Captain William Pacey, Niagara Falls, New York.



PANEL DISCUSSION: "Five books I should most like to own." Each speaker should explain and defend her choices.

GENERAL INFORMATION: The ability to read is one to be prized, as not all people in the world today enjoy this blessing. A world census shows that at least one half of the world's population is illiterate and that another fifteen percent can read and write only a little.

In this age of plenty, there are numerous books, magazines and newspapers available on all sorts of subjects: general information, news, current events, travel, sports and gardens to name just a few. Then there is the Book of books, the Holy Bible, and thousands of books written to assist the reader of this most important of all books.

Avoid those books and magazines that do not enrich the life of the individual. Encourage, rather, the reading of all that will bring pleasure, instruction and inspiration to mind and soul.

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- Program Outline**—————
- Song #514 (353)
 - Prayer
 - Introduction — The Ability to Read
 - Panel — Five Books
 - Special Speaker
 - Scripture — From the Promise Box
 - Vocal Solo — #852 (399)
 - "Building Through Reading"
 - Benediction

BUILDING THROUGH READING

By MRS. COLONEL BRAMWELL TRIPP*

EMERSON wrote, many years ago, "There must be creative reading as well as creative writing."

We read primarily for three reasons: for information, to build the mind with knowledge; for interest, the sheer joy and entertainment of another's ideas; for inspiration, the development of inner resources which build the spirit. At some points all three purposes cross and even merge.

God has given to men the capacity to think and we are the inheritors of the treasury of man's best thought. We may lack knowledge, but at hand is the material with which to end ignorance.

What and how do we read? Some may consider it a waste of time to read a newspaper or a magazine. True, we are pilgrims here with no continuing city, but we should know what is occurring as we pass through! A good newspaper and a quality magazine of opinion belong on the reading table of even the saints.

Someone has said that a study of history is a good cure for pessimism. Today's crisis is not the first one nor, perhaps, the worst. What we wistfully call the "good old days" weren't all good.

Biography gives an insight into the lives of men and nations in a more personal way. Through it we may walk with saints like Francis and statesmen like Jefferson. Self-pity evaporates when we read of Milton's blindness, Beethoven's deafness, or of Helen Keller, blind and deaf.

In my youth there were some who
*Excerpts from an address

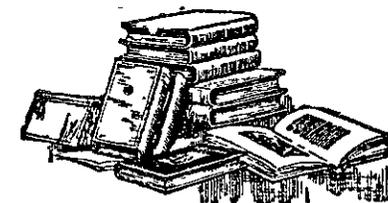
considered novels a waste of time, if not actually sinful. Good fiction is neither. It can deepen our experience of life by recalling some past emotion. It can certainly increase our knowledge of human nature. Quality fiction can make the past live for us as abstract facts can not. This is especially true of good fiction based on the Bible.

Literature ought to fortify our souls. It ought to be a tower of strength. Poetry, especially, meets this requirement. It enables us to see beauty in the commonplace. In some poetry we read lines which speak clearly of our relationship to God and life. The great hymns and songs that are a part of our religious heritage have like power to draw us after God and goodness.

Literature should inspire and challenge, but there is need for special reading for the children of God. From the great classics of the church to books coming off the press today there is an abundance of such soul food.

Reading is so vast a subject that only time defines its limits. Books and authors we already know are but "way stations" on a long and exciting journey of the mind and spirit.

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TO THE LEADER: MRS. CAPTAIN KENNETH MERRIFIELD, *Hagerstown, Maryland*, has prepared a program in which all can take part, titled "Tables Extraordinary." Make plans for teams two weeks previous to this meeting so that all are prepared to participate.

INTRODUCTION: There is an old saying "Beauty in the Everyday," which reminds us that beauty is not something to be put on the shelf and brought out just for special occasions or company but should be part of our lives every day. So it is that the most simple foods when served properly and with touches of beauty become banquets extraordinary.

For this meeting we will share some of the resources we have for bringing "Beauty in the Everyday" for serving those three times a day, everyday meals.

GENERAL SUGGESTIONS: Divide the league into four groups with team captains for a "Tables Beautiful" contest. Set up a card table for each team and then after judging, if you desire, use the set tables for serving refreshments. You may wish to assign a theme or leave the field open for original ideas. Team members can pool their resources for the table setting. You will need neutral judges, or, take a popular vote by those attending and more than one prize can be awarded. Tables can be set either in advance or during the meeting. Items to be considered in judging:

1. Proper placing of silver, dishes, etc.

2. Attractiveness of table color. Contact the school Home Economics Department or Homemakers Club to secure a speaker or someone who will demonstrate the proper way to set a table and pointers on correct ways to serve meals, using what we have to make tables attractive. Ask each lady to tell ways in which she makes the table attractive and inviting.

RESOURCE MATERIAL:

Sterling Silversmiths Guild of America
551 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York 10017
will send a booklet entitled, "Sterling Silver . . . Queen of the Table" which gives interesting information on the craft of silversmithing.

New Trends in Table Settings (Hearthside Press \$7.95) by Lucy Staley. She tells how to arrange center pieces, how to make decorated candles, pretty throw-away containers, appliqued table cloths and many other things. There is also a chapter on making decorations for group functions.

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———— Program Outline ————

- Leader — Beauty in the Everyday
- Setting up of Tables
- Judging
- Quiz — Table Vocabulary
- Special demonstration
- Song #1012
- Prayer
- Scripture — John 6:35, 47-51
- "Tables Are For Fellowship"
- Song #462 (97) 1st Stanza
- Benediction

TABLES ARE FOR FELLOWSHIP

By MRS. CAPTAIN KENNETH MERRIFIELD



WHO AMONG homemakers is not interested in table settings? Ideas are endless, perhaps adapted from model settings in department stores or arising from possibilities suggested by season, place or particular festive event.

Imagine, then, the table described in Exodus 25, ordered by God to hold the showbread for the tabernacle. It was to be of wood overlaid with gold. The dishes, too, were to be of pure gold, as were "the spoons, the covers . . . and bowls" Read on about the candlesticks, the flowers and branches. At a later time the Queen of Sheba was to say as a guest at King Solomon's splendid table, "Behold, the half was not told me."

Each of us could study and enjoy in our own way, if assigned such a theme, "Tables of the Bible." Millions in distress have known comfort in the assurance of the twenty-third Psalm, "Thou preparest a table before me. . ." Remembrance of Christ's last supper with His disciples becomes more profound through visual reminders of that long, simple table at which they sat, bearing only the most necessary dishes. We think, too, of

the wedding table at Cana, the refreshments of Mary and Martha and Christ's meal with Zacchaeus.

Ideally, tables are set for fellowship. Even the person living alone who daily coordinates place mat, napkin, china and flatware gives her table special care and thought when it is to be shared with others.

The table set with love has a most important place in the art of fellowship. The bereaved are consoled, newly-arrived strangers welcomed around tables made attractive and departing friends sent warmly on their way. Children on their birthdays, the aged brought to visit, the bride and groom, the neighbor dropping in, all share in delight at the sight of a well-set table.

Such fellowship is crowned and blessed indeed when the table is set in the spirit of the old wall motto that once used to hang in many Christian dining rooms. "Christ is the Head of this house, the unseen Guest at every meal, the silent Listener at every conversation."

CHILDREN'S YEAR

"Every Child Matters"

PRAY! In every prayer include "Bless the children, especially . . ." (Name some individual child or children's group for whom you feel special concern.)

AIDS FOR PROGRAM PRESENTATION

TO THE LEADER: MRS. BRIGADIER LUTHER SMITH, Nashville, Tennessee, has prepared a service program to emphasize the importance of giving blood. Appoint one or two members to secure the resource material listed so that each one present will have copies.

SERVICE PROJECT: Make arrangements for as many of the league members as possible to give blood a week or so prior to this meeting. Have two or three tell of the experience.

GENERAL SUGGESTIONS: Ask the members to obtain current articles, pictures and cartoons dealing with blood to display in the Home League room for this particular meeting.

Invite a physician, nurse or hospital administrator to relate some situation in which blood has saved a life.

Secure from your local Red Cross Chapter a film on the subject.

RESOURCE MATERIAL: Your local Red Cross Chapter will be happy to supply pamphlets, posters and film.

SCRIPTURE: Type the following verses and give to five persons to read aloud during devotional time: 1 John 1:7, Revelation 1:5, Acts 20:28, Romans 5:9, Ephesians 1:7.

INTRODUCTION: Human blood is a miracle of nature and has become one

of the great healers of the modern world.

Jesus' blood is a miracle from God that cleanses us from all sin.

POEM: Thy Precious Blood
 Jesus, Thy Blood and righteousness
 My beauty are, my glorious dress;
 'Midst flaming worlds, in these
 arrayed,
 With joy shall I lift up my head.

Bold shall I stand in Thy great day,
 For who ought to my charge shall
 lay?
 Fully absolved through these I am
 From sin and fear, from guilt and
 shame.

The holy, meek unspotted Lamb,
 Who from the Father's bosom
 came,
 Who died for me, e'en me, to atone,
 Now for my Lord and God I own.

Lord I believe Thy precious Blood,
 Which, at the Mercy-Seat of God,
 For ever doth for sinners plead,
 For me, e'en for my soul, was shed.

Program Outline

- Film, Speaker or Discussion
- Report of Service Project
- Song #73 (84)
- Prayer
- Scripture — Five Members
- Poem — Thy Precious Blood
- Song #257 (82) 5th Stanza
 "About Blood Donors"
- Song #85 (101) Stanzas 1, 2, and 4
- Benediction



ABOUT BLOOD DONORS

A DIALOGUE

BY MRS. BRIGADIER LUTHER SMITH



meaningful and Christlike and preserving from all harmful sin and waste.

There are many uses for blood, such as to replace lost blood in order to continue life; to treat shock and burns.

The cleansing blood of Jesus, redeeming from sin, brings the individual into a closer living contact with God. It saves a soul from eternal loss and heals the scars of the sin-burned soul. Christ's blood works miracles, such as taking the town drunk and making him into a saint.

Every minute of every day someone needs blood. Since the volume of blood in a normal adult is about twelve pints, or one eleventh of the body weight, it would take the giving of a lot of people to fill the world's need.

The cubic centimeters of blood that Jesus spilled on Calvary, though comparatively few, were sufficient to cover the sins of all mankind. How much more it, too, is needed every minute of every day.

We who know the power of Christ's precious Blood must let the whole world know.

The angels sing a glorious song,
 But not a song like mine,
 For I am washed in Jesus' Blood,
 And singing all the time.

ONE OF THE greatest medical advances ever made was in 1818 when for the first time blood from one human being was used to save the life of another.

But two thousand years ago, Jesus gave His blood to save ALL mankind.

Blood cannot to this date be duplicated in its entirety as mother nature gives it. Experiments along this line are being carried out at the University of Cincinnati.

Man now and from the very beginning has been trying to find a new way to enter heaven. But, the Bible declares, There is no other way whereby man may enter into the kingdom than by the blood of Jesus.

Blood is a life-preserver. It is manufactured inside the body and is in close relationship to the heart, that great dynamo of the body that pumps this life-giving substance through the veins.

Just so the powerful blood of Jesus surges through one's life, making it

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TO THE LEADER: MRS. CAPTAIN J. C. BOWEN, *Casper, Wyoming*, has prepared the fellowship program titled "Style or Fashion" with special emphasis on a style that is always in fashion. Use as many of the women as possible in this program to create interest and enthusiasm. Appoint a committee of interested women to make the arrangements for this meeting.

GENERAL SUGGESTIONS: Use contrasts if possible, showing old and new fashion. The attraction of the meeting could be a style parade. Women who have old or period dresses can model them. Or have women who have made dresses parade in them. The wearing of bridal gowns is always interesting and exciting, especially if the brides who originally wore them are present. It might also be possible to model the old and new Salvation Army uniforms, or arrange for mothers who sew to show children's clothes or have children model them. Secure a speaker who is interested and has knowledge of fashion.

DECORATIONS: Use pictures of Victorian dresses. Secure dated fashion magazines or pattern books and arrange a display. On the invitation and programs use the Victorian lady silhouette. Concentrate on one of these themes in which your league would be most interested.

GROUP SINGING: Suggested songs are: *When you and I Were Young Maggie, Down By the Old Mill Stream, Take*

me Out to the Ball game, In the Good Old Summertime, I Want a Girl Just Like the Girl who married Dad, etc. These tunes or others suitable could be played as background music for the style parade.

READING: During the parade have someone read suitable verse to announce or explain the garment being shown.

The following is suitable for the showing of the old fashioned bridal gowns:

The Wedding Dress

Oh, what a beautiful sight to behold
As here down the aisle so brave and bold
Dressed in her style of Eighteen
Ninety
Our little bride comes so lovely and dainty.
Glistening white satin
And my, all the paddin',
A bustle, a rustle
Walking straight is a tussle.
The story is told how the bridegroom is set
To lift the lace net and kiss his sweet pet.

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- Group Singing
- Style Parade
- Song #289 (13)
- Scripture — Matthew 6:24-33
- Vocal Solo #575 (204)
- "Always in Style"
- Chorus #246 (Chorus Section)
- Benediction

ALWAYS IN STYLE

SOME CHANGELESS VALUES

YES, THAT was grandma!" some questioning child, going through the family album, will be told thirty years from now. Grandma will be in a mini-skirt, wearing large round spectacles and a flowing hairdo. Grandpa, beside her, will wear a poncho, long hair and a shaggy beard. What the child's immediate relations will be wearing then, who can tell?

It is one of the accepted facts of a woman's life that styles do change. True, there are cycles. "Keep it long enough and it will come in again," may be sound advice for the woman with enough closet space to heed it. Even Salvation Army uniforms change, as Army periodicals for the past century testify.

But in woman herself, through all ages, are innate qualities which never go out of style: her grace, dignity, courage, insight and compassion. Whether in an Indian sari, African dashiki, South Sea Islands sarong or simple Western sheath, what the wearer is, rather than what she wears, matters most to the world about her.

Sensible conformity to the day's style is always to be desired and should be. It is a part of woman's endless ingenuity to coordinate, and mix-match her ensembles, or add one simple, correct accessory. It is when style takes too much time, or gets out of hand, that it becomes master instead of servant.

In some quiet, contemplative time, make your own list of women through

the ages whose dress, of her own era, was right and fitting. Perhaps it would start with Mary, the mother of Jesus, in her madonna robe of perfect simplicity. Centuries later there might be Joan of Arc in her French peasant's garb and armor, Catherine Booth, mother of The Salvation Army, with Victorian ringlets and white lace ruching above her uniform collar; Florence Nightingale, long skirts sweeping the Crimean hospital wards lighted by her lamp. You would certainly include one of America's magnificent pioneer women, crossing the plains in cotton bonnet and gown. All these one sees dressed in the changing style of their time, yet giving to the world about them timeless strength of mind and character and gentleness of spirit.

Today, as ever, these womanly graces are in style, to be cultivated, used and prized wherever their influence is felt. A prayer by Charlotte Elliott is for all women to pray,

I want that adorning divine
Thou only, my God, canst bestow;
I want in those garments to shine
Which mark out Thy household below.



AIDS FOR PROGRAM PRESENTATION

TO THE LEADER: MRS. LT. COLONEL BIRGER JUSTVIG (R), Peoria, Illinois has gathered material for an education program for Brotherhood Week. It is titled, "No Room" and challenges us to hold fast to God with one hand and open the other toward our neighbor.

DECORATIONS AND SETTING: Select one of the suggestions listed which will be suitable for your meeting place and for which you can find the "props" to set the atmosphere for the subject.

1. Set the room so that a closed door is the focal point and on it tack a big sign which reads No Admittance to serve as a reminder of the need to open our hearts and minds. Or place a door and frame in the room with the sign on it.
2. Fill area with signs reading No Vacancies, Keep Out, No Admittance, etc. Some may be hung behind the worship table.
3. On the worship table place a small toy house, completely surrounded by a miniature picket fence. Place small signs, Keep Out, on the fence. Arrange pipe cleaner figures or small dolls so they seem to peer longingly through the fence.

GENERAL SUGGESTIONS: If possible secure slides or pictures of hunger in the world, orphans of the world, riots, etc. Secure someone who can bring an inspirational and informative talk. If possible secure someone from another church or women's group.

INTRODUCTION: As Christian women



we should take advantage of opportunities to become as well acquainted as possible with people of other races and nationalities. There are many different types of people in all races including our own, but rather than stress the differences, we should dwell on the many things we have in common. Learn to appreciate the music, literature, art and other cultural contributions which other groups have made to the enrichment and progress of mankind. Above all, remember that we are all, every one of us here on earth, made in the image and likeness of God and that God has no favorites among His children, but loves us equally.

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Help us to help each other, Lord,
 Each other's cross to bear;
 Let each his friendly aid afford,
 And feel his brother's care.

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- Song #832 (87)
- Prayer
- Introduction — Program Chairman
- Scripture — Acrostic
- Song — The Whole World in His Hands
- Questions to Consider
 "Out of the Rut"
- Song #829 (367) Stanzas 1 and 4
- Special speaker
- Song #604 (72)
- Benediction

OUT OF THE RUT

TO WALK IN NEW WAYS

THE GOSPEL is often communicated to assemblies. But all assemblies are of individuals, and unless the individual heeds, the assembling does him or her no good.

In these momentous times is God saying to me, "Get thee out unto a land (a new thought pattern, a new sense of values, a drastic reconstruction of likes and dislikes) that I will show thee?"

It could not have been very comfortable for Abram to obey the word of the Lord: "Get thee out of thy country . . . unto a land that I will show thee" (Genesis 12:1).

Relatives and "the souls that they had gotten in Haran" (Genesis 12:5) would naturally want to know where, why and how. Friends would touch their heads and say, "Pity about Abram . . . doesn't even know if there's medicare where he's going."

Children would ask about educational opportunities and safety-conscious folk would chuckle, "Not even a police force or a hamburger stand in this cloud-cuckoo land."

The pattern of God's approach to man has not altered. Change of any kind is usually unwelcome. It means

rethinking, replanning, facing truth, perhaps taking on a new national loyalty, trusting either luck, or fate, or God.

But the demand still comes as the Holy Spirit provides the generations with His kingdom builders. Sometimes His voice takes on an extraordinary guise. The storm as well as the still small voice can be His messenger.

Claims are being made today on behalf of American citizens — recognition, opportunity, equality, capital for investment, education, housing. They collide violently with some old, established thought patterns, deeply ingrained, fear-rooted prejudices. But God, who loveth all men without preference, is speaking to a great nation asking those who profess His Son's name to accept a change.

It requires reevaluation, reassessing of the meaning of the gospel, the very thing we ask the sinner to do when we declare he must forsake his evil ways. It asks for a deep, character-changing operation we call repentance, out of which comes the invitation to walk in new ways.

The War Cry



CHILDREN'S YEAR

"Every Child Matters"

THINK! Study the needs of children in your area. Read available reports and other literature. Discuss children's problems with women who share your concern.

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TO THE LEADER: MRS. MAJOR LESLIE SUNDELL, Milwaukee, Wisconsin has prepared an excellent service program titled, "Telephone Reassurance Service." Send for the material available to guide your league in this service project.

INTRODUCTION: Three million older people in the United States who live alone are in special jeopardy from falls, strokes, and sudden illnesses. For them, a telephone call at an arranged hour once a day may mean the difference between life and death, or between complete recuperation and permanent disablement.

A Telephone Reassurance Service is an organized volunteer program which calls elderly or incapacitated persons who live alone, or who are temporarily alone, to check on their well-being. If the client does not answer at the appointed time, an emergency life line goes into immediate action. As prearranged, a neighbor, nurse, or policeman makes a house call. If a medical crisis is discovered, the older person's doctor is called and his relatives notified.

GENERAL SUGGESTIONS: Have a display of various styles of telephones, Princess, push-button, etc. Make the programs in the shape of a telephone.

Secure from the Telephone Company one of the free films:

- The Town and the Telephone — 28 minutes color
- The Voice of your Business — 12½ minutes color
- Your Voice and the Telephone — 7 minutes color.

Or you may wish to have a demonstration from a Telephone Answering Service. A gerontologist or possibly a policeman will tell of the need in your community for the reassurance service.

RESOURCE MATERIAL:

The Michigan Commission on Aging
 Mr. Charles H. Chaskes, Executive Director
 1101 S. Washington Avenue
 Lansing, Michigan 48913

Secure from the above the book, *Guidelines For a Telephone Reassurance Service* at 25 cents per copy. This book by Virginia Rogers gives step by step development of the program.

GENERAL INFORMATION: Mrs. Grace Sample McClure, widowed, 76 and living alone, initiated a calling service for older people after a tragedy in the life of a dear friend. She received the first call ever made under a Telephone Reassurance Plan on August 15, 1957, and lived long enough to see the idea spread and

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- Film — Telephone Company
- Introduction of Project
- Demonstration and Explanation
- Song #533 (263)
- Prayer
- Scripture — John 12:44-50
- Special Musical item —
- Whispering Hope
- Song #442 (710)
- "Use Your Voice"
- Benediction

USE YOUR VOICE

By Mrs. MAJOR LESLIE SUNDELL

THE OLD quip that says the fastest method of communication is the telephone, the telegraph and tell a woman, prompts the question, "So what's wrong with that?"

The vocal power of women is a tremendous force and can be put to vital use. Our Home League program this week has pointed up an avenue of service where one woman's voice can be powerful enough to save the life of someone helpless and alone.

We carry with us through the years memories of a mother's voice in the home. How quickly its tone communicated assurance in the nighmarish dark; comfort and courage through childhood ailments; reprimand in naughtiness and forgiveness for repentance. Doubly blessed are memories from Christian homes. The voice that told of Christ's love was lifted in prayer at the family altar and spread good influence out into the neighborhood, corps and community.

In these troubled, turbulent times, women's voices ring out with urgency, communicating with conviction to help right wrongs and point the way to better lives and conditions. In churches, P.T.A.'s, civic and social groups, the individual and collective voices of women are heard and heeded.

Alertness to needs and an educated willingness to help are key factors in the value of women's voices in solving the world's problems. Use your voice where it will count, among puzzled and angry youth; with the

lonely aged and especially in the home in God-directed guidance.

The secret of worthwhile communication is to listen first to God's voice and then to tell, in words and deeds, what is heard. Wisdom, if truly sought, will come. ". . . If thou criest after knowledge, and liftest up thy voice for understanding . . . then shalt thou find the knowledge of God. For the Lord giveth wisdom" (Proverbs 2:3-6).

BUILDING . . . Jan. 9

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Building through reading! Whether we erect cabins or castles, chapels or cathedrals, imagination, aspiration and inspiration will help us build them better. And books, good books, will supply the stimulation needed.

Reading has been one of the greatest delights of my life. I quote again from Emerson: "Books are the best things, well used; abused (they are) the worst. What is the right use? They are for nothing but to inspire."

STYLE . . . Jan. 30

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But behold, Billy Nilly swoons to the floor,
 Down to the feet of the gal he adores.
 Now that's just a story that the kids did sing
 But isn't she a beauty as wedding bells ring!

AIDS FOR PROGRAM PRESENTATION

TO THE LEADER: MRS. CAPTAIN ELMER WHEELRIGHT, *San Francisco, California* has prepared the fellowship program for Shrovetide titled "Confession and Merrymaking." She suggests a pancake supper meeting with other members of the corps also included.

GENERAL INFORMATION: Shrovetide is the season just before Lent, usually the three days preceding Ash Wednesday. The name is derived from the word shrive, which means to hear confessions, referring to the custom of confessing sin in preparation for the beginning of Lent. It has been stated it was instituted originally to finish up food unsuitable for Lent.

The British had early celebrations of the day before Ash Wednesday. In England it is called Shrove Tuesday and has been celebrated since 1445 by a pancake race. Contestants run from village to church while flapping pancakes in a frying pan. Pancakes were chosen for use on this day because they were traditionally eaten on the days that sins were confessed.

The ingredients in pancakes were thought to have special spiritual meaning. Eating pancakes symbolized the shrugging away of sins. Flour was considered the staff of life. Salt gave wholesomeness. Eggs provided the lenten spirit and milk represented innocence.

INVITATIONS:

At Home League meeting there will be some special Shrovetide

jollity. Pancakes, fancy, plain, and good will be our extraordinary food. Come one - Come all

Date:
Time:
Place:

GENERAL SUGGESTIONS: Plan for a pancake supper. Encourage the women to bring their own recipes for special pancakes. If possible and practical allow them to bring their own ingredients, equipment such as mixing bowls, spatulas, electric frying pans, etc. and make a competition out of the pancake baking.

Appoint a committee (some of the visitors) to taste the pancakes and present small prizes.

Have an exchange of pancake recipes.

GAME: Unscramble the Words

- Hotvedivse (Shrovetide)
- Stensonenal (Lenten Season)
- Snepakac (Pancakes)
- Marinkergym (Merrymaking)
- Vinaclar (Carnival)
- Scinossefon (Confessions)
- Taripparone (Preparation)

Program Outline

- Pancake Supper
- Recipe Exchange
- Game
- Song #332 (716)
- Prayer
- Scripture - John 15:9-14
- Choruses - Chorus Section #247, #269, #270
- Musical item #312 (497) "Confession and Merrymaking"
- Benediction

CONFESSION AND MERRYMAKING

BY MRS. CAPTAIN ELMER WHEELRIGHT

IT is possible that some of us have never even heard of "Shrovetide" or, as it is more commonly known, "Shrove Tuesday."

It is an unusual Holy day in that it is a strange combination of merrymaking and confession. It is the final fling before the somber Lenten period and is climaxed by confession of sins in preparation for Lent.

If we equate joy and fellowship with merrymaking, we have, in the Bible, John's wish to share his experience in Jesus Christ that we may have fellowship with each other. He wants our joy to be full.

My personal testimony is that fun was transient, and happiness a seemingly elusive goal in my life until the day I confessed my sins before Jesus Christ. We must reverse the Shrovetide process so that first must come genuine confession of sin and then the joy and fellowship John would share.

To seek the merrymaking afforded in a materialistic society is as futile as the prospectors who spent years searching for gold only to find "fool's gold." It looked like gold, it glittered and shone but was completely worthless.

It is when we confess our sins and walk, guided, in the divine light that our search for pure spiritual gold is rewarded. In fellowship with one another through Christ our lives are clothed in joy.

Shrovetide merrymaking has a special quality and meaning for the redeemed. It is they who have answered affirmatively God's call to listen . . . come . . . then know what real life is.

In the abundant life promised Christ's followers are joy, fellowship, happiness and fun. Our sins confessed and forgiven, who, better than we, can share in this holy day's spiritual merrymaking?



CHILDREN'S YEAR
"Every Child Matters"

ACT! Assume responsibility. Consult your corps officer on local children's needs. You may qualify as a cub scout den mother, cradle roll visitor, vacation Bible school helper, or in an equally important capacity.

NEW LIFE WAITS

for

Participants

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

March 5, 1971

AIDS FOR PROGRAM PRESENTATION

TO THE LEADER: MRS. BRIGADIER C. OLIN EDWARDS (R), *Daly City, California* has prepared the worship program to prepare for World Day of Prayer, titled "New Life Waits — Claim It." Prepare enough copies of the responsive reading so each one in attendance may participate.

WORSHIP CENTER: Arrange at the front of the group, on a small table which has been covered with a cloth, a cross and artificial grape clusters and vines to represent the fruit of new life. To complete the setting add an open Bible. You may secure from Wright Studio, 5264 Brookville Rd., Indianapolis, Indiana 46219, a paper cross 13½" tall (G3-c. 75¢ each). You may also secure paper vine and grape clusters (G3-vb. 3 for \$1.00).

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Teach me to live! 'Tis easier far to die,
Gently and silently to pass away,
On earth's long night to close the heavy eye,
And waken in the glorious realms of day.

Teach me that harder lesson — how to live

To serve Thee in the darkest paths of life.

Arm me for conflict, now fresh vigor give,

And make me more than conqueror in the strife.

GENERAL SUGGESTIONS: Have someone read the words of song #188 in the S. A. Song Book as piano is played softly in the background.



RESPONSIVE READING: PREPARATION
LEADER: *We come together and affirm God's presence gratefully and in love.*

ALL: We bring to God now our whole selves—our hopes, our failures, our joys, our disappointments, our proud achievements, our secret fears; what we have been and what we hope to become.

LEADER: *We come into His presence eagerly and expectantly Let us pay loving attention to our Father, knowing that as we listen He will teach us His ways and purposes for our lives.*

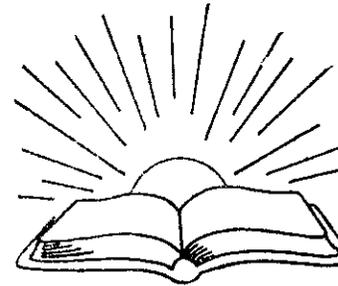
ALL: God has made us. He knows us better than we know ourselves. And yet He loves us. He alone can make us whole. We know new life waits. Help us to claim it.

—————Program Outline—————

- Song #226 (240)
- Prayer
- Song #1005
- Scripture —
- Vocal Solo — It Took A Miracle
- Reading — There is Life (#188)
- Responsive Reading — Preparation
"New Life Waits — Claim It"
- Song #1004
- Benediction — Psalm 19: 14

NEW LIFE WAITS — CLAIM IT

BY MRS. BRIGADIER C. OLIN EDWARDS (R)



THE CENTRAL difficulty in the world today is that we are trying to adjust to one another without any adjustment to God. The puzzle of life will make sense as you get this part straight. Several young people were asked what they wanted to be when they grew up. Some wanted to be doctors, lawyers, ministers or teachers. One little fellow listening to it all, spoke up and said, "When I grow up I want to be alive." How right he was! Many have grown up and are not alive — they are not alive to God.

A radiant person alive to God and man has within him a kind of life conclusion. His first business is to live in union with God.

To live in union with God is to align yourself with His purposes for your life. How can this be? It is a miracle of love and grace. To be able to live in union with Him, in spite of what we have been and are, is pure grace and an unmerited favor. This is exactly what Jesus came to give! Jesus said: "I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly" (John 10:10). A Christ-centered life

is one that is fully surrendered to the Lord Jesus Christ.

The entrance to this new life comes by believing in the words of Jesus when He said in John 5:24, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my words, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life."

In fact, if you would know more about this wonderful new life read the Gospel of John. John the Apostle, who lived close to Jesus, expressed so well what Jesus said about the new life. Jesus came to impart new life to all who would believe His words and believe in His Heavenly Father. The imperishable words of John 3:16 tell why Jesus came to give this new life, for God so loved us, He gave His Son to die on the cross in our place, that we might have life and have it more abundantly.

The Christian life to which we are called is a life in Christ, redeemed from sin by His sacrifice on the cross. This glorious new life in Christ is available to all today.

New life awaits you, claim it! God will fulfill His promise in His Word far beyond your expectations. His grace and love will meet your every need.

Jesus came to reveal the Father's love for His creation. God gave His only Son who freely laid down His life, that we through Him might be redeemed.

AIDS FOR PROGRAM PRESENTATION

TO THE LEADER: MRS. CHESTER LANSING, *San Francisco Citadel, California, has prepared the education program, "Home is Where the Hurt Is." Call the local chapter of the National Safety Council well in advance to secure a speaker or assistance for the program.*

GENERAL INFORMATION: Safety is big business. Millions of dollars are spent each year on accident prevention programs. There are many who give safety instruction. Fire and traffic departments, boards of health, etc. will offer speakers or films on the subject.

DECORATIONS: Obtain posters from industries, safety councils and insurance companies. Exhibit some "common safety goofs" in one area of the room.

RESOURCE MATERIAL:
National Safety Council
425 N. Michigan Avenue
Chicago, Ill. 60611

will provide pamphlets and a late issue of an informative newsletter, *Chartered For Safety*. The newsletter is devoted to the activities and interests of women and women's organizations in the cause of accident prevention. A copy of *Accident Facts*, (condensed edition) will give startling facts about accidents in the United States. Ask for quiz, "Are You Safety Conscious?" in sufficient number for each member attending.

Write to
The Travelers Insurance Co.
Women's Information Bureau

Hartford, Connecticut
for the free kit, "Home is Where the Hurt is." It contains prepared talk guides, pamphlets, check list, and posters.

INTRODUCTION: Last year, over four and one-half million people had accidents at home. Not the kind you just patch up with a band-aid so you can keep on doing your usual chores. I am talking about disabling accidents, the kind that are serious enough to make you stop your normal activities for a day or more. Through our program today each one of us will learn a little bit more about how accidents happen and why they happen.

SKIT IDEAS: Tumble Trouble. Arrange displays from following ideas and have someone call attention to each one.

Kitchen Killers: torn, curled linoleum, slippery floors, heavy objects on high shelves.

Living Room Risks: trailing extension cords, furniture poorly placed, worn or frayed rugs, slippery scatter rugs.

Bedroom and Bath Bonebreakers:
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—————Program Outline—————

- Safety Quiz — (National Safety Council)
- Helpful Hints
- Skits — Tumble Trouble
- Song #278 (392)
- Prayer
- Scripture — Romans 13:1-8
- Chorus — Safe Am I
"Calamity Jane"
- Song #266 (711)
- Benediction

CALAMITY JANE

BY MRS. CHESTER LANSING

NO ONE likes to be tagged a "Calamity Jane"! If you remember having been called that after several mishaps, then no doubt there followed (or should have) some self-examination. "Why did that have to happen to me?"

Not all our personal calamities are entirely traceable to ourselves, but very often some are. In the many realms of accident causes and prevention, in the home and out, close analysis can usually pinpoint the cause and that accident could have been prevented!

In the realm of our personal relationships, how often we have been "Calamity Janes." Our impulsive, thoughtless words or actions have often bruised others and have been real catastrophes for ourselves and those involved. Later, in retrospect, we have not been easy on ourselves.

Let us consider some of the attributes necessary in human relations to aid accident prevention: wisdom, good judgment, compassion, temperance, self-control, forethought, respect for others, and freedom from stubbornness. These bring to mind many lessons heard, taught and learned during our lives.

Perhaps patience is the most important attribute of all in human relationship. In Romans 5: 3, 4 we read, "Tribulation worketh patience; and patience, experience; and experience, hope."

Will we never learn? "Oh, if I had been more patient, not so impulsive

to speak, in such a big hurry, so careless, so thoughtless." How often we have prayed, "Oh Lord, help me to be more patient."

Our "Calamity Jane" experiences in life's relationships have caused us much regret. Let us seek God's guidance and His leading to help us in preventing personal relationship accidents.

TABLES . . . Jan. 16

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QUIZ: Table Vocabulary — just for fun. The word "table" will be found in each correct answer:

1. An officer of the peace (*constable*).
2. Worthy of esteem; highly regarded (*respectable*).
3. Affording ease. Free from distress (*comfortable*).
4. Delightful; very pleasing (*delectable*).
5. A spoon holding one half fluid ounce (*tablespoon*).
6. A picture. A striking scene (*tableau*).
7. A cloth cover for a table (*tablecloth*).
8. A plateau (*tableland*).
9. A number of sheets of paper bound together (*tablet*).
10. Readily carried or moved (*portable*).
11. Worthy of note (*notable*).
12. Firmly fixed; steady (*stable*).

AIDS FOR PROGRAM PRESENTATION

TO THE LEADER: MRS. LT. COLONEL BIRGER JUSTVIC (R) has prepared a worship program titled "Light the Lamp" in which all may have a part. Prepare enough copies of the unison prayer so that each one present may participate.

GENERAL SUGGESTIONS: If possible secure an old fashioned oil lamp and make the invitations in the shape of the lamp. Add to the scene by placing an old fashioned rocking chair next to the worship center.

WORSHIP CENTER: Place on a small table which has been covered by a suitable cloth, a kerosene lamp which can be lighted at the proper time. Next to the lamp place a small house plant such as an African violet or any item which belongs to days gone by.

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Make your life beautiful
 Begin with just the simplest thing:
 A word to speak, a song to sing,
 A prayer to say, a note to write,
 A room to clean, a lamp to light
 To lead some pilgrim through the night.

UNISON PRAYER: Thou Christ, who art our Light and Salvation, lighten our hearts and minds. Give us fresh vision that will send us forth today to be lighted lamps in a dark world.

POEM:

A lighted lamp of friendly folk
 In a window far away,
 Lends welcome to a cheerless soul
 Who is weary of the day.

I, too, may be a lighted lamp,
 My beams may cross the night
 To aid some weary wanderer
 On paths which have no light.

————— **Program Outline** —————

- Call to Worship
- Song #264 (190)
- Sentence Prayers for Guidance
- Scripture — Matthew 5:14-16
 John 8:12
 1 John 1:5-7
- Song #347 (566)
- Poem — The Lighted Lamp
- Vocal Solo
 "Trim Your Lamp"
- Invitation to Commitment
- Unison Prayer
- Song #585 (393)
- Benediction

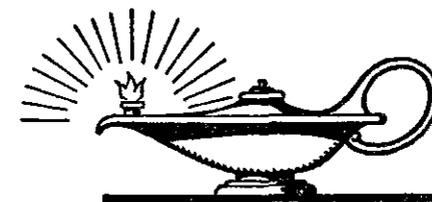
HOME — HURT . . . Mar. 6
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slippery tub or shower stall, blocked path from bed to door
 Hall Falls and Stair Spills: poor lighting, obstruction on stairs, unanchored rugs, frayed stair treads. Dangers Abroad: careless use of garden tools, ruts in lawns or garden.

HELPFUL HINTS: Ask each one to come prepared to tell of a useful safety tip. Here is one with which to begin. To keep from slipping on porch or basement steps or ladder rungs, paint them with a varnish. While the varnish is still wet, sprinkle the steps with sand. When dry the steps will be slip-proof and an accident may be averted. Or use strips of sandpaper glued to the rungs of a ladder.

TRIM YOUR LAMP

THOUGHTS ON A PARABLE



ALL ARE familiar with the parable of the wise and foolish virgins and the cry of the latter: "Our lamps are gone out!" But perhaps only one or two of us are old enough to recognize their plight out of actual experience.

The kerosene lamp, now the prize of the antique collector, once was a vital part of the American home. Families rose and went to bed in its light. They ate, studied, read their Bibles and said their prayers by its glow.

The care of the lamp was a daily household chore. First the good housekeeper cleaned its chimney, rubbing away the smoke which, left untended, would dim the lamplight. Sometimes a piece of crumpled newspaper was used to polish the glass.

Every day to be sure of a steady, even flame, the wick had to be trimmed. And when all these routine checks were done, there was still one more. More kerosene must be added and it was woe to the housekeeper who forgot to fill her lamp so that it sputtered and gave out while the children were doing their homework and father reading his paper. Would such a woman think then of the foolish virgins' cry to the wise: "Give us of your oil; for our lamps are gone out?"

One important step remained when the kerosene was added: a match was lit and touched to the wick and the lamp ready for its gracious purpose. There is a spiritual lesson for us

in remembering the old-time kerosene lamp. Each of us would wish to serve as Christ's vessel of light, to brighten, to our fullest capacity, the dark areas of our immediate world. Have we let Him trim away old prejudices, habits, grudges and selfish motives so that new ideas, love and understanding can shine through us?

How is our wick of interest in our fellows? Does it cause our concern to sputter and flicker instead of glowing constant and warm? Do we in our daily devotions ask that we be filled and refilled with the pure oil of the Holy Spirit?

Then, with communion established, our hearts ready for God's guidance, we may receive the divine spark igniting us for such shining, effective service as will brighten the way for all around and near us.

Committing ourselves to be God's lighted lamps in our homes, our community, our world, may we pray truly from our hearts this prayer:

God touch my ears that I may hear
 Above earth's din Thy voice ring clear;
 God, touch my eyes that I may see

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AIDS FOR PROGRAM PRESENTATION

TO THE LEADER: MRS. MAJOR LOREN BOONE, *Goldsboro, North Carolina* has prepared the family night fellowship titled "An Irish Gathering." Appoint committees to take responsibility for decorations, refreshments, and entertainment.

INVITATIONS:

With smiles that are gay
And laughter that's hearty,
Now, come, if you may,
To our St. Patrick's party.
Date:
Time:
Place:

GENERAL SUGGESTIONS: Divide into "family" groups: the Maloney's, Murphy's, Kelly's, Dooley's, etc. Have a greeter meet everyone at the door and pin on each a shamrock cut from green construction paper on which the "family" name is printed. There should be seven or eight to each "family" according to number in attendance. "Family" groups should sit together at tables which are indicated by the name, and also should be teams for the games. Have, if possible, the same number of children and adults in each "family." Begin by having a grand march around the room to piano accompaniment of *The Wearing of the Green*.

DECORATIONS: Make the room attractive using a green and white color scheme, large paper shamrocks, green candles in holders made from Irish potatoes. Centerpieces can be tall green pasteboard hats, filled with either spring flowers or potatoes.

REFRESHMENT SUGGESTIONS: Any of the following is suitable: green frosting on the cake, pistachio ice cream, green mints, small sandwiches garnished with parsley, olives, pickles.

GROUP SINGING: Suggested songs, *I'll Take You Home Again, Kathleen, My Wild Irish Rose, When Irish Eyes are Smiling, That's an Irish Lullaby.*

GAMES: Use the "families" as teams and give small green ribbon bows and paper shamrocks as prizes which the "family" collects all through the evening. The "family" which has the largest number at the end of the evening is given prizes, such as a box of candy to share, or individual small prizes. "Families" cheer for their entrant.

Pluck and Praties: Set up a row of eight empty pop bottles on each of which has been pasted a paper shamrock. Contestants, in turn, roll three potatoes down the room by hitting them with a shillelagh which can be a croquet mallet or baseball bat. A green bow is awarded for every bottle knocked over.

Bubble contests: A wreath or hoop is
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Program Outline

Grand March
Games
Group Singing
Short Story — The Three Bones
Song #99 (Y.P. Song Book)
Prayer
Scripture — Acts 16:25-34
"St. Patrick, A Zealous Witness"
Benediction

ST. PATRICK, A ZEALOUS WITNESS

BY MRS. MAJOR LOREN BOONE

EACH YEAR ON March 17 we celebrate St. Patrick's Day. Many wonderful stories and legends about St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland, have been handed down through the years.

Perhaps the best known of these legends narrates how he chased all the snakes out of Ireland. Although merely legend, any Irishman will tell you there's not a single snake to be found in Ireland!

Patrick is, next to Nicholas, the most familiar of the post-biblical saints; but his actual life rivals that of Nicholas for obscurity. We can say with some assurance that he was (a) not a native Irishman; (b) not born on March 17; (c) not in any way a snake-charmer or a snake-eliminator; and (d) not buried under the granite slab which bears his name and lies in the shadow of Downpatrick Cathedral.

It is thought that he was born in Wales early in the fifth century. The date of March 17 was set years after his death on little historical evidence. The story of his kidnapping by Irish marauders and his years as a shepherd in Connaught is on safer ground, but at that point he showed his opinion of Ireland by leaving it as soon as possible after his release. Following some travel and a stay at his home in Wales, he seems to have reached his great decision. He entered an abbey in France to seek ordination and to prepare himself specifically

for service in Ireland.

His first Irish mission was to combat heresy among the small group of Christians there; but his activities soon went far beyond that. Starting a church in a barn at Saul in County Down (the location is still pointed out to visitors) he set out to convert the whole island. When he retired as Bishop of Armagh some twenty years later he had just about succeeded. He found a pagan land and made it a part of Christian Europe. As long as men think of Ireland he will live in their hearts.

In Ireland at that time, people worshipped idols. But when St. Patrick returned from Europe as a priest, he began teaching about God. Although captured twelve times by Irish enemies of his faith, he always managed to escape and continued teaching.

St. Patrick was much like the early apostles who felt compelled to speak for Christ. They said, "We cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard" (Acts 4:20). The need for zealous Christian witness is urgent today.

We have not served Thee as we ought;

Alas! The duties left undone,
The work with little fervor wrought,
The battles lost, or scarcely won!
Lord, give the zeal, and give the might,

For Thee to toil, for Thee to fight.

AIDS FOR PROGRAM PRESENTATION

TO THE LEADER: MRS. BRIGADIER WILBERT RUDD, *San Francisco, California* has prepared the service program titled, "Hospitality — A Christian Grace." Select two women who will give the positive and negative aspects of hospitality.

SERVICE PROJECT: Minister through hospitality to any of the following: newcomers to the area, students from other countries; college students away from home, servicemen; missionaries, etc. Ask several women to tell of experiences in this area.

INTRODUCTION: 1. The art of hospitality is making all your efforts seem effortless, and each guest the most important in the room. Hospitality is the act or quality of receiving and entertaining strangers or guests in a friendly and generous way.

2. To invite guests to your home, or to make your life fuller, Hebrews 13:2 says, "Be not forgetful to entertain strangers; for thereby some have entertained angels unawares." You may find no angels among your strangers, but surely you will open your life to new dimensions with new friendships.

3. Dr. Albert Schweitzer, missionary, physician and author is quoted as having said, "You must give some time to your fellowman. Even if it is a little thing, do something for those who have need of a man's help, something for which you get no pay but the privilege of doing it. For remember, you don't live in a world all your own."



GENERAL SUGGESTIONS: Give the three paragraphs to three women to read at the beginning of the meeting. Programs or invitations which are sent out could be made in the shape of a cup and saucer. Ask each Home League member to invite someone who has never attended the league before and in so doing show the hospitality of your league.

Explore the hospitality or entertaining traditions of other lands. Use women in your league or community of other nationalities.

Plan brief oral presentations on the pro's and con's of hospitality. Select those who can present the comments and allow ample time for preparation.

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Program Outline

- Introduction — Three Members
- Presentation of Visitors
- Song #293 (278)
- Prayer
- Report of Service Project
- Traditions — Other Countries
- Chorus #158
- Idea Exchange — Pro and Con
- Scripture — 2 Kings 4:8-10
- Romans 12:10-13
- "Hospitality — A Womanly Grace"
- Song #327 (592)
- Benediction

HOSPITALITY — A WOMANLY GRACE

BY MRS. BRIGADIER WILBERT RUDD

THERE is an Old Testament story that illustrates well the essence of hospitality. It begins in the eighth verse of the fourth chapter of the second book of Kings, with these words: "And it fell on a day, that Elisha passed to Shunem, where was a great woman; and she constrained him to eat bread. And so it was, that as oft as he passed by, he turned in thither to eat bread."

This was a gesture many of us undoubtedly have made. This prominent woman invited a visitor to stay for lunch. Not a word is said about what she served or whether she had baked that day. We do not know if her home was all spic and span and ready for company, or if she had time to consult her husband. She simply invited Elisha to share a meal.

Whatever the woman of Shunem served, it must have pleased her guest, for often after that when he was in the area he would stop by. Elisha must have been a welcome guest to the couple for one day the lady of the house talked to her husband about further service they might give this man of God.

To any who shrink from offering hospitality because of having too simple a house, arrangements for this Old Testament guest should come with encouragement. The Shunamite couple's hospitality was as simple as could be found anywhere. There were just the essentials for comfort; no more. Elisha was offered a bed for rest, a chair and table for

friendship and a lamp for light to study. Add to that a warm welcome, an open door and food. No man could ask for more.

This woman who ministered to God's servant was blessed in a special way. She gave and she received.

Blessings, though unsought, do come our way when we give freely, however small and humble our possessions. God's word exhorts us to be "given to hospitality." It is one of our most gracious gifts to share and bestow.



LAMP . . . Mar. 13

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The task Thou'd have me do for Thee;
 God, touch my lips that I may say
 Words that reveal the narrow way.
 God, touch my hands that I may do
 Deeds that inspire men to be true;
 God, touch my feet that I may go
 To do Thine errands here below.
 God, touch my life that I might be
 A flame that ever glows for Thee.
 Amen

NO ROOM . . . Feb. 6
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QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER:

1. Do we recognize the importance of brotherhood in today's world?
2. Do we accept responsibility for positive action to increase understanding?

SCRIPTURE: ACROSTIC

- B** ". . . But be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity" (1 Timothy 4:12).
- R** "Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep. Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honor preferring one another" (Romans 12:15 and 10).
- O** "Owe no man any thing, but to love one another: for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law" (Romans 13: 8).
- T** ". . . Though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing" (1 Corinthians 13: 3).
- H** ". . . He that is greatest among you shall be your servant. And whosoever shall exalt himself shall be abased; and he that shall humble himself shall be exalted" (Matthew 23:11-12).
- E** ". . . Every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand . . . Whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock" (Matthew 7:26 and 24).
- R** "Rejoice not when thine enemy falleth, and let not thine heart be glad when he stumbleth: Lest the

Lord see it, and it displease him, and he turn away his wrath from him" (Proverbs 24:17-18).

- H** ". . . He that hateth his brother is in darkness, and walketh in darkness, and knoweth not whither he goeth" (1 John 2: 11).
"And this commandment have we from him, that he who loveth God love his brother also" (1 John 4: 21).
- O** "O God, thou art my God; early will I seek thee: my soul thirsteth for thee, my flesh longeth for thee in a dry and thirsty land, where no water is" (Psalm 63: 1).
- O** "O Lord, open thou my lips; and my mouth shall shew forth thy praise" (Psalm 51: 15).
- D** "Depart from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it. The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous, and his ears are open unto their cry" (Psalm 34: 14, 15).

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worth two tomorrows; what I am to be, I am now becoming."

A woman placed on the wall of her house a calendar which showed only one day at a time. Above it she had written these words: "I believe that having done my best today makes it easier for me to do better tomorrow." Daily she sought to do her best. This woman had a ritual she would follow each evening. Carefully she would tear that day's page off the calendar, and pray, "Lord, You gave me this day. If I have misused part of it, I ask your forgiveness. Help me to learn from my mistakes and be stronger tomorrow. Thank You for the gift of this day which now I give back to You. Amen."

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Let us study to show ourselves "approved unto God, . . . workmen that need not to be ashamed. . ." (2. Timothy 2:15).

RECOMMENDED BOOK CLUBS:

Christian Herald's Family Bookshelf
P. O. Box 435
Murray Hill Station
New York, New York 10016

Word Book Club
P. O. Box 1790
Waco, Texas 76703

Reader's Digest Book Division
Pleasantville, New York 10570

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hung in a convenient place. Each person who blows bubbles through the wreath receives a green bow. The person blowing the largest bubble is the winner. Or, all persons blowing bubbles to predetermined size receive a green bow

Irish Towns: First "family" to answer correctly receives bow.

- (a) What Irish town grows on a tree?
It is very useful at the pharmacy.
(Cork)
- (b) My first it rings,
My second means speed,
My whole it brings,
An Irish town, indeed. (Belfast)
- (c) My first is England's greatest,
My second rhymes with fairy,
My whole is famed in music,

You've guessed it. (Londonderry)

- (d) Three murderers in a row
You'll guess them now, we know.
(Killkenny, Killarney, Kildare)
- (e) Two cities breathe of royalty,
They are easy, I'm sure you see.
(Queenstown and Kingstown)
- (f) Multiply what you have by two,
There ain't much use of troublin',
You've guessed that one, I know
that you are shouting loudly.
(Dublin)

Charades: Use the name of Irish towns or Irish words. Each family that participates receives bows. Each person who guesses the word or town receives a bow.

STORY: THE THREE BONES

An Irish father was seeing his son off on the steamship to a new land where the lad was going with the intention of seeking his fortune in a new way of life.

"Now, Michael, my boy," said the elderly man, as they parted, "remember the three bones, and ye'll always get along all right."

A stranger standing nearby overheard the remark, and when the ship had gone, he inquired of the old gentleman what three bones he had referred to in his parting advice to his son.

"Sure, now" responded the old Irishman, "and wouldn't it be the wishbone and the jawbone and the backbone? It's the wishbone that keeps you going after things and it's the jawbone that helps you find out how to go after them if you are not too proud to ask a question when there's something you don't know, and it's the backbone that keeps you at it till you get there!"

to be honored for her contribution to the welfare of older people.

Many variations and innovations to the original idea have been reported but all have one common denominator; they use the telephone as a major contact between a socially isolated individual and a concerned community contact. Perhaps the most important element of all is the firm commitment of all the people involved.

The idea of developing a Telephone Reassurance Service is first presented. Next, determine goals and the plan. The basic purpose of all telephone reassurance service plans is the same: to help satisfy the desire of older people to live independently by eliminating some of the dangers that living alone entails.

HOW TO BEGIN:

1. Appoint a chairman who will have responsibility for over-all operation.
2. Choose a name (Hello Daily, Telephone Buddies, Telephone Life Line).
3. Develop a plan for the service.
4. Allocate the work.
5. Develop tools — to insure orderly operation. (Instruction and information card.)
6. Train Volunteers.
7. Follow-up.

The above seven points are enlarged and defined in *Guidelines For a Telephone Reassurance Service*.



HOSPITALITY . . . Mar. 27
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SUGGESTIONS FOR IDEA EXCHANGE -- PRO and CON:

PRO: The Bible explicitly requires that Christians show hospitality. God blesses my family with rich friendships. We learn from our guests how people in other countries live, and we become more aware of our world. This kind of activity helps us to enjoy our own church friends. Our children can bring their friends to our homes and enjoy Christian fellowship. Christian hospitality makes me a more gracious person.

CON: (Someone notoriously "given to hospitality" should be asked to do this part.) Why should I? — That is work. Someone with a bigger house than ours should be the one to entertain all the missionaries and other guests. It takes money to be hospitable and we need all we have for ourselves. The minister and his wife should do the entertaining. They have more time. When I have had people in my house, they have never expressed their gratitude, and so I said, "That's the last time." How do I know we will be comfortable with the people we take home with us. What will they talk about? I have enough friends already.

AVAILABLE: Chelsea Milling Company
Chelsea, Michigan 48118
will send the booklet, *Hospitality in a Jiffy*, free of charge. It is a collection of recipes, quick and easy which can be shared with friends.

Why don't you SHARE Your wise ideas?



FOR THE CHILDREN

An excellent project is the making of hand puppets for distribution to children. Old socks, scraps of felt and left-over yarn can be turned into clowns, frogs, fish and amusing unknown creatures guaranteed to cheer.

KNOW AVAILABLE SERVICES

A speaker from the Visiting Nurse Association can inform members of help available to families and persons living alone. Knowledge of when and where to seek help in times of illness and disability can be a means of forearming against times of crisis

Send your special ideas to:
Editor — PROGRAMAIDS
120-130 West 14th St.
New York, New York 10011

CONTINUE TO LEARN

Tour Vocational or Technical schools or secure a faculty member as special speaker to explain up-to-date useful trades and professions. Appreciation of students and understanding of skills can be part of the educational process for interested observers.

PREPARATION FOR SELF DENIAL

Some weeks before the Self Denial Appeal, secure from your territorial headquarters names and addresses of missionaries from the territory. Divide names among members, asking each to write with assurance of the league's interest and prayers. The Salvation Army Year Book gives news of each missionary's country and the Army's work there.

INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S YEAR — 1971

EVERY CHILD MATTERS

- JANUARY** — Launching Children's Year
For Every Child — a Year of Faith, Hope and Love
- FEBRUARY** — Example — Our Gift to Every Child
Focus: Adult Attitudes Toward Children
- MARCH** — Start Them Young
Focus: Cradle Roll
- APRIL** — Great Trees from Little Acorns Grow
Focus: Pre-schoolers
- MAY** — Children are People — so are Mothers
Focus: Elementary Students — Mother's Day
- JUNE** — Bridge the Generation Gap Before it Happens
Focus: Family Unity and Teen Relationships
- JULY** — Pray and Play with the Children
Focus: Family Altar — Family Outings
- AUGUST** — Get Acquainted with the Children
Focus: Assisting with Vacation Bible School
- SEPTEMBER** — Bring— Don't Send — your Child to Sunday School
Focus: Reaching New Children — Rally Day
- OCTOBER** — Home League Sunday
Focus: Christian Family Life
- NOVEMBER** — Giving Out of Gratitude
Focus: Family Stewardship — Time, Talents, Tithes
- DECEMBER** — All Children — God's Children
Focus: Family Christmas Worship Service

Love is the Tie that Binds

Suggested emphasis for one meeting each month.

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