



Miss Coleman

The week of December 9-7 was observed throughout the Southern Baptist Convention as a "Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions." This week was highlighted on our campus by the coming of Miss Inabelle Coleman, missionary to China. Miss Coleman is one of the best loved missionaries of our times. When the Communists took control of China, she was forced to flee from Shanghai, where she was teaching in the Shanghai University, and return to the United States. Miss Coleman is now busily engaged in speaking to college groups such as ours along the Eastern seaboard. In listening to her speak, one could not help but be deeply touched as she described the terrible plight of the Chinese people.

Miss Coleman plans to return to the mission field soon. Although she cannot enter Communist controlled China, she will take up her work in our new Baptist mission stations in the islands off the China coast. Our students will not soon forget her short visit to our campus. Her enthusiastic and challenging remarks left an indelible impression on all our hearts and we will be much in prayer as she returns to the people she loves so dearly.

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Music Department

The Music Department of our college is truly afluster with activity! The continual requests for music both on and off our campus keep us in a state of almost perpetual motion.

The Glee Club under the superb direction of Mrs. Robert Dyer, entertained us with their dulcet tones at our annual Thanksgiving Banquet on November 16th. With Mary Helen Humphries as their airt accompanist, they sang a traditional Thanksgiving anthem.

At the District Home Demonstration Club meetings which was held in the E. B. Hamrick Auditorium on December 6th, Mrs. Dyer gave an informative and interesting talk on the Principles of Singing. Mrs. Jo Mize and Bobby Heffner were her eye pupils in a demonstration voice lesson.

Bobby Heffner and Marquene Ross presented the singing program for the November College Women's Club. Mrs. Mize, Bobby Heffner, Bill Wallace and Jim Trantham sang most effectively in our Boiling Springs Church services.

It's difficult to keep trace of our College Choir's varied itinerary. Under Mr. Stephen Morrison's dynamic musical leadership they received favorable comment when they sang at the annual Baptist State Convention a German song entitled "Love in the Night." Future engagements include appearances in churches in Henrietta, Asheville, Dover and Canton. On December 10th they will sing at the annual Baptist Training Union Rally at the Gastonia First Baptist Church.

One of our most talented and versatile musicians is Jonelle Feltz, a skilled organist and sympathetic accompanist. Creditable reports reach us of her prowess as supply organist at Elizabeth Baptist Church near Shelby. Rev. J. A. Cannon, pastor of this church is well remembered as a Gardner-Webb alumnus of outstanding merit.

To further inform the musically minded of our college and community, the Music Department sponsored two performances of the film, "Of Men and Music." We are grateful to Mr. Willie Hamrick, Manager of our Co-Ed Theatre (or his cooperation in securing this educational motion picture. The film presented musical sketches of such outstanding artists as Arthur Rubenstein, Jascha Heifetz, Nadine Conner, Jan Peerce and the New York Philharmonic Orchestra with Demetri Metroponos as conductor. The movie was thoroughly enjoyed by many who will probably never actually see and hear these virtuosi in person.

On December 12th several members of the Music Department were presented in the first student recital of the year. Piano solos were given by Patricia Greene, Jean Saunders, Rachel Faucette, Joseph Jackson, Mary Helen Humphries and Marquene Ross. Vocal solos were sung by Mrs. Jo Mize, Bobby Heffner, Janelle Randolph and Francis Phillips. Mrs. Dyer was the understanding accompanist. Additional recitals will be given as the school year progresses. It may be that radio programs of artistic merit will be given, featuring our music faculty and students. We're having a wonderful time enjoying our musical work and play! Wouldn't you like to be one of us?

Baptist Highlights

By MARTHA STONE

Many fine reports have been made about both the recent Baptist State Convention and Baptist Student Union Convention. Gardner-Webb was represented in a special way by the college a cappella choir which sang at both conventions. Bobby Heffner was a featured soloist for the B.S.U. Convention. We have heard nothing but praise for the wonderful way this musical group is representing our college.

Our students took an active interest in the B.S.U. Convention with Max Linnens and Martha Stone representing our school as student conveners. We hope that next year many of our students will plan to attend and stay for the full Convention. This is your student organization; what are you doing to help make it a success?

A highlight of the State Convention was an address made by Dr. Billy Graham. There has been much said about the success of this great evangelist. He has been compared with D. L. Moody and Billy Sunday. What is it about him that makes thousands upon thousands flock to his message? It is not that he is such a marvelous speaker because there are many ministers today who would far surpass Billy Graham's skill. M. A. Higgins, editor of the Biblical Recorder, made this statement in a recent editorial: "It is not sufficient, as some seem to think, to say merely that God is with him. God is with thousands of able and consecrated preachers who have not attained the popular success of Billy Graham." Mr. Higgins offers the following suggestions as the reasons for this phenomenal success of Billy Graham: He has the attractiveness of youth and possesses a good speaking voice and a pleasant and attractive personality. He preaches repentance and judgment, but he does so pleasantly and ends with a message of hope for people who desire peace of mind, peace of conscience, and deliverance from various personal problems and frustrations. He doesn't believe in religious controversy, rather in love and good will among all Christians. He does not denounce the churches or the pastors. Billy speaks to the simple but universal needs of people."

The efficient manner in which he conducts his campaigns and works hand in hand with the local churches and pastors in the cities in which he holds his meetings is another point that might be mentioned in his success story.

We mentioned these things about Billy Graham because of the marvelous work he is doing in this, his native state, to the furtherance of the Kingdom of work. We as Baptists have a special interest in him because he belongs to our denomination.

The following is the second in a series of articles concerning the people called "Baptists."

"WHAT DO THEY BELIEVE?"

It might be said that all Baptists do not agree in all things. There are varieties of belief among them. But there is a body of doctrines on which they are in practical agreement.

For Baptists, the Bible is the final and all-sufficient authority in doctrine, politics, and life. They recognize the authority of neither creed nor ecclesiastic decree. From the Scriptures they have drawn their doctrines and practices.

(a) Concerning Salvation: Baptists believe in salvation by grace through faith. There are two sides to this experience — the divine side, it is regeneration, or a new birth; and the human side, it is conversion or a turning from sin to the Saviour.

They believe in the eternal security of the believer. When one has been truly saved he can never be lost but is "kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time."

They believe in the resurrection of the dead, with eternal life for the righteous and eternal death for the wicked.

(b) Concerning the Individual: Baptists believe in the supreme worth of the individual and the dignity of human personality. Therefore they are opposed to all totalitarian ideologies, whether civil or religious, in which the individual is considered as a mere cog in a machine. There are two fundamental principles concerning the individual which Baptists have always cherished and defended.

(1) Soul-competency, or the ability of the individual soul to deal directly with God. He needs no official interpreter of the Scripture; and no official aid in his approach to God. He is capable of dealing with God for himself.

(2) Soul-freedom, or the right of every individual to deal with God for himself without the interference of man or institution. He has the right to read and interpret the Word of God for himself and the right to worship God according to the dictates of his own conscience.

Next month: "Concerning the Church."

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