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GLOBE-TROTTING With GINNY

By Virginia Harris Hendricks

Sergant's Wife Leads
French Baptist Advance

CHATEAUROUX, France (BP)--There was consternation among military families when ex-President Eisenhower decreed a reduction in the number of service families overseas. President Kennedy's decision to avoid family separations brought rejoicing.

Also rejoicing were local Baptists in the countries involved, mission leaders, and others aware of the 'new look' in foreign missions: using American personnel overseas through English-speaking churches.

Marion Greer, wife of Air Force M. Sgt. Horace Greer of Dallas, Tex., is a lovely example of military dependents overseas. She was president of the local Protestant Women of the Chapel, chapel Sunday school secretary and worker with chapel youth.

When plans began for organizing an English-speaking Baptist church, many eyes were upon Marion to see what this chapel leader, also a Southern Baptist, would do.

Marion was hurt by the criticism from resentful Christian friends who did not want the chapel to lose Baptist leaders.

Marion and her family became charter members of the First Baptist Church of Chateauroux. When she completed her year as president of the chapel group, she stepped into the presidency of the newly-organized Woman's Missionary Union of her church.

She is Sunday school secretary and sponsor of the young people's Training Union. Marion and the other few Baptist church members are raising the staggering sum of \$17,000 to purchase a church for the French.

Already they are paying the French pastor's salary in order that this town might have a Baptist witness for the first time.

Marion has a new zeal for missions which first-hand experience has instilled. As husband Horace's retirement time approaches, Marion wants to spend the rest of her life serving Baptists at home in home missions areas.

Standing before the Protestant Women of the Chapel, she reminded the ladies in her gracious, gentle way:

"Think of us Baptists as your 'foreign' missionaries. There is much work to be done on the military base, so think of yourselves as the 'home' missionaries. There is enough work for every Christian in the Lord's harvest fields!"

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Cutlines: Mrs. Greer, collector of clocks.

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Mystery Of Red Rose
Solved By Pastor

BIG SPRING, Tex. (BP)--The "Who-Done-It" mystery of the red rose was solved here after Pastor P. D. O'Brien received a long-stemmed rose for 994 weeks in a row.

On the eve of his resignation as pastor of the 1500-member church to enter evangelistic work, O'Brien asked the person who had been anonymously sending the roses for more than 19 years to stand and identify himself.

A quiet hush fell over the congregation, and slowly Deacon Nat Schick, 77-year-old retired postmaster, rose to his feet.

It all started when O'Brien preached one Sunday holding a red rose during most of the message.

"I told the congregation that I'd like to preach with a red rose in my hand all the time to keep from shocking them with my gestures," O'Brien said. "I used to wave my hands a lot when I talked."

Every Sunday since, no matter where he went---Alaska, the Holy Land, Europe--O'Brien received a red rose, and he never knew who was sending them.

The week after the mystery was solved, Deacon Schick sent his last red rose to his beloved pastor.

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Folks and facts.....

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.....George Stokes, head of the speech-radio department at Baylor University, Waco, Tex., for the past nine years, has been named executive director of the Baylor University Ex-Students' Association. He succeeds Mart Cole, who is entering private business. Stokes, a former professor at Wayland Baptist College, Plainview, Tex., will continue to teach some courses at Baylor in addition to full-time duties with the alumni organization. Stokes holds the bachelor of science degree from West Texas State College, Canyon, Tex.; the master of arts from Baylor University; and the doctor of philosophy degree from Northwestern University. (BP)

.....Emily Cooper, Fulbright scholar and former faculty member at Martin Luther College, New Ulmm, Minn., has been named instructor of organ and music theory at Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene, Tex. She will also serve as organist for the First Baptist Church in Abilene. (BP)

.....Clarence Wilton McCord, a candidate for the master of arts degree from Louisiana State College, will join the speech faculty at Howard Payne College, Brownwood, Tex., on Sept. 1. McCord received his bachelor of arts degree cum laude from Louisiana (Baptist) college, Pineville, and holds the bachelor of divinity degree from Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary. (BP)

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New Sunday Closing Law
Proposed In Texas House

AUSTIN, Tex. (BP)--A new Sunday closing law that would provide fines up to \$100 for first offenders who make illegal purchases on Sunday has been introduced in the Texas legislature.

Under the proposed new law, persons convicted of two violations would be subject to six months in jail and fines up to \$500.

Introduced by Fort Worth Representatives Tommy Shannon and George Richardson, the bill was backed by a group of merchants in Fort Worth.

The bill (HB 64) lists as merchandise banned for Sunday business such items as wearing apparel, appliances of all kinds, furniture, cameras, jewelry, building materials, musical instruments, and toys.

Earlier during the year, another bill had been introduced in the Texas House of Representatives that would allow each city in the state to decide what items could be sold on Sunday.

The Shannon-Richardson bill would exempt from the penalties merchants who are conscientious objectors to Sunday closing on religious grounds and who observe another day as the Sabbath.

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CBS Radio To Feature
Southern Baptist Man

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NEW YORK (BP)--The Columbia Broadcasting System's weekly religious radio program "Church of the Air" will feature a Southern Baptist representative Aug. ~~26~~ 27

Herbert C. Gabhart, president of Belmont (Baptist) College, Nashville, will represent the Southern Baptist Convention on the nation-wide program.

Title of Gabhart's message will be, "Do You Live at Kadesh-Barnea or Ebenezer?" Music for the program will be presented by the Baptist Hour Choir.

This is one of several times during the year that Southern Baptists are represented over the CBS radio network on "Church of the Air," said Paul M. Stevens of Fort Worth, director of the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission.

Prior to assuming the presidency of Belmont College in 1959, Gabhart was pastor of McLean Baptist Church in Memphis, Tenn.

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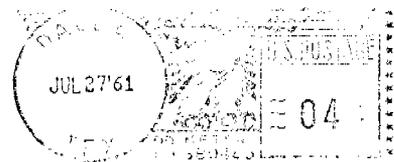
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.....Douglas James Duffy, 42, head of the department of education at Iowa Wesleyan College for the past two years, has been named professor of education and director of institutional studies at Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene, Tex. Duffy holds both the master of arts and doctor of philosophy degrees from Hardin-Simmons, as well as the bachelor of theology and divinity degrees from Northern Baptist Theological Seminary, Chicago. Duffy taught in the Northern Baptist Seminary, and in 1952 went to Assam, India, where he served for six years as a high school and college principal. (BP)

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