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Yugoslavian 'Miss
Sunday School Board'

NOVI SAD, Yugoslavia (BP)--Ruth Lehotsky is unknown outside Yugoslavia, but she is loved and appreciated by her Baptist countrymen. Ruth is the "Baptist Sunday School Board" of Yugoslavia!

In this country there is no publication house for Baptist literature. Yet there is a need for Sunday school teaching helps, children's literature and newsletters. These materials must be written, mimeographed, compiled and mailed out to Baptist workers. Ruth is the person who does most of this work by hand during her spare time!

While visiting in Ruth's home, I examined a book used by Baptist teachers of young children. I was amazed to know that the beautiful contents were the work of a mimeograph machine and that the hard cover binding was hand-applied. There were neat illustrations and pictures to color!

In American churches a common sight is the oversupply of literature which must be disposed of in various ways. Baptist papers and magazines lie neglected and unread in many homes. In nations where publication is a hand-accomplished work of love, each page is eagerly awaited.

Baptists in Italy, South America and the Orient also started out with the laborious system of hand-made literature.

Many precious missionary hours were required for translating and for writing materials for programs and teachers. Today there are Baptist publication houses in more than 20 foreign countries. Southern Baptists have had a part in establishing those publication houses through their Foreign Mission Board!

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