

## Religious Emphasis

1. In what languages was the Bible first written?

Hebrew, Aramaic, and Greek.

2. Where are the original copies of the Bible?

The original manuscripts of the Hebrew Old Testament and of the Greek Gospels and Epistles, etc., have all been worn out and discarded long ago. Copies were made by hand, used, recopied and discarded over and over again.

But in 1947 the entire Book of Isaiah, with the exception of two very small breaks, was discovered in a cave northwest of the Dead Sea. The parchment had been hidden in an earthenware jar, wrapped in yards of cloth and covered with pitch. It is considered, by experts, to have been written during the first century B.C., fully 1,000 years before the oldest previously known Hebrew manuscript of a book of the Bible. The evidence points to the fact that this manuscript of Isaiah was undoubtedly in use while Christ was living. Some 70 manuscripts, possibly older, have since been discovered.

The oldest Greek manuscripts of larger parts of the Bible are the Codex Sinaiticus, now in the British Museum, and the Codex Vaticanus, now in the Vatican. These were probably written in the fourth century and contain the Greek text of nearly the whole Bible. Older papyrus fragments exist in Greek.

3. How did the Bible get into English?

By the work of Wycliffe, Tyndale, Coverdale, and others, translating it from the original languages into English.

Wycliffe's Bible, 1383, the first English Bible, was written by hand.

Tyndale's New Testament, 1525, was the first printed English New Testament.

Coverdale's Bible, 1535, was the first printed English Bible.

The King James appeared in 1611. It was revised in England in 1885 and in the United States in 1901. A further revision of the New Testament appeared in the United States in 1946, followed by the Old Testament in 1952. This is known as the Revised Standard Version.

4. What was the date of the first printed Bible? Who did it and where?

Between 1450-56 at Mainz, Germany, Johann Gutenberg was the printer. The Bible was in Latin, being printed from a contemporary manuscript of the Vulgate. There are between forty and fifty copies of this Bible known to be in existence. One copy is owned by the Congressional Library, Washington, D. C. This is said to be one of the three perfect copies and one of several printed on vellum. The cost of the Congressional Library copy was nearly \$400,000.

## Rich Square Club Has Show



**FLOWER AND HANDICRAFT SHOW SCENES**—These were scenes at the annual flower show and handicraft exhibit recently held by the Rich Square Flower Club.

5. When was the first Bible printed in America?

The first Bible was printed in America in 1663, for the Indians of Massachusetts in their language. It was translated into the Massachusetts Indian language by John Eliot, a missionary.

6. What was the first Bible to be printed in America in a European language?

A German Bible, printed by Christopher Saur in Germantown, Pennsylvania, in 1743.

7. When was the first English Bible printed in this country?

The English Bible was first printed in this country in 1782 by Robert Aitken in Philadelphia, with the approval and recommendation of Congress.

### God Bless My Eyes

God bless my eyes that they may see

Good in all humanity

God bless my lips that they may bear

Words of good cheer everywhere

God bless my hands that they may do

Deeds of love the whole day through

God bless my feet and guide their way

Where they may serve thee best today.

## New Club Officers For 1957-1958

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Mrs. Leola Allen (Asheville areas), Mrs. Fannie Kilpatrick

General Organizer, Mrs. Willie Massey

Rich Square.—The Flower and Art Club of Rich Square sponsored its fifth show in Creecy Gym during weekend of Sept. 14 and 15.

All entries were judged and ribbons were placed. Blue for best, red for second and white for next.

Judges were Mrs. Maude Bryant, Mrs. Maude Moore, Mrs. Willis Lee Mason and Miss Helen Inell Grimsley.

There were 61 entries in handicraft and Grand Champion gifts went to the following:

In crochet, Mrs. F. Kee Maggette for baby set; Mrs. Elizabeth Belfield for tea set.

In embroidery, Mrs. Fannie T. Newsome, luncheon set; Mrs. Carrie Magette, scarf.

Miscellaneous craft, Mrs. Maggie Drew, quilt; Mrs. Willie Copeland, waffle weave chair set.

In the display of flowers there were a total of 134 entries and Grand Champion gifts went to the following:

House plants: Mrs. Ella Conwell, Mrs. Dorothy Jenkins, Mrs. Fannie T. Newsome, and Mrs. F. Kee Maggette.

Special arrangements, Mrs. F. T. Newsome for Horn of Plenty and birthday table.

Horticultural specimens, Mrs. Ethel Smith, gladioli; Mrs. Fannie Conwell, cockscomb.

General arrangements, Mrs. Ethel Smith, Mrs. Fannie Conwell.

Mrs. Fannie Newsome is president of the club and was general chairman of the show. Mrs. Fannie K. Maggette is secretary.

Junior Organizers, Mrs. Lillie B. Gibson, Mrs. Ruth King, Mrs. Sadie Griffin, Mrs. Edith Johnson

Supt. of Training School, Miss Mae D. Holmes

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Chairman of Program Committee, Mrs. Myrtle Horrington, who will appoint others of her committee.