

World Distribution Of Bibles Is On Increase

A distribution of 7,800,766 Bibles, Testaments, and Portions of the Bible during 1933 in 155 languages and dialects and in more than forty countries was reported at the 118th annual meeting of the American Bible Society held at the Bible House, Astor Place, on Thursday, May 10.

More entire Bibles were distributed by the Society in Brazil and in the Caribbean Agency, and more than twice as many in the Upper Andes Agency than in 1932. In Japan the circulation was greater than in year since the organization of the Agency in 1876, while in China, despite internal disorders, the various Scripture distribution agencies circulated more complete Bibles than in any year since the beginning of evangelical effort in that great missionary field.

Nineteen workers in Brazil travelled more than 20,000 miles by all kinds of conveyances, visiting approximately 18,000 homes and speaking to upwards of 70,000 individuals. The erection of two new modern Bible Houses in Rio de Janeiro and Tokyo during the year aided in increasing interest in Bible work in these two countries.

The reports of distribution in the United States showed not only a larger circulation than in 1932 but also an increase of more than 50 per cent in the circulation of entire Bibles. Against this record stands the statement made by one of the Society's workers who, in calling upon nearly 8,000 American homes during the year, found practically 40 per cent of the homes without Bibles. In western state one family admitted that for four generations its members had been without a Bible.

In Cuba the political disorder and strikes did not hinder the work seriously. At the height of the revolution when there were no newspapers and no mills one colporteur sold twelve Bibles and 102 portions of the Bible in less than a half hour. A series of drought, cyclones, and floods in the eastern part of Mexico gave the Society's agency an opportunity for a special distribution among the sufferers, while in one province, during a bitter anti-religious persecution, three of the Society's colporteurs were the only religious workers of any kind able to remain. In the LaPlata Agency in South America two Bible coaches purchased during the year were a large factor in the work. In Paraguay important work was done among the Bolivian prisoners of war.

Scientific invention and progress helped to counterbalance some of the unfavorable economic conditions. The radio began to be used for a half hour weekly in Shanghai to broadcast the Scriptures and to describe the Bible Society activities. A few evenings before Christmas members of the Agency staff read the story of Jesus' birth over the radio in seven languages and dialects. In eastern Bolivia and Peru new government roads opened up formerly isolated and dangerous territories. Automobiles are now penetrating from the Pacific Coast to the highlands of Central Peru

crossing the Andes at an altitude of 15,000 feet.

In Africa, according to the Society's report, translation work in three dialects progressed, the New Testament in Tetela, the revision of the New Testament in Lubalula, and the Gospels in Shilluk, while the New Testament in Myore was completed. New Testament translation in both Quiche and Mam for Indian tribes in Guatemala was carried on. In the Philippines the work was chiefly that of improvement of translations already published, with revision work on other dialects and the first publication of the Psalms in Samareno. In China the revision of the New Testament in the Hinghwa Colloquial was completed, and in Turkey the revision of the Old Testament for publication in the Roman alphabet continued to advance.

Announcement was made that the latest statistics show that the Bible or some part of it has now been translated into 941 languages and dialects.

The outstanding publication item of the year was the Society's issuance of a new series of self-publishing English Scriptures reproduced from new plates from type specially manufactured for the process. Additional new publications included also St. Matthew for the Keres Indians of New Mexico, the four Gospels and Acts in separate volumes in the Bulu dialect of West Africa, and the New Testament and Genesis in Turkish in the Roman alphabet.

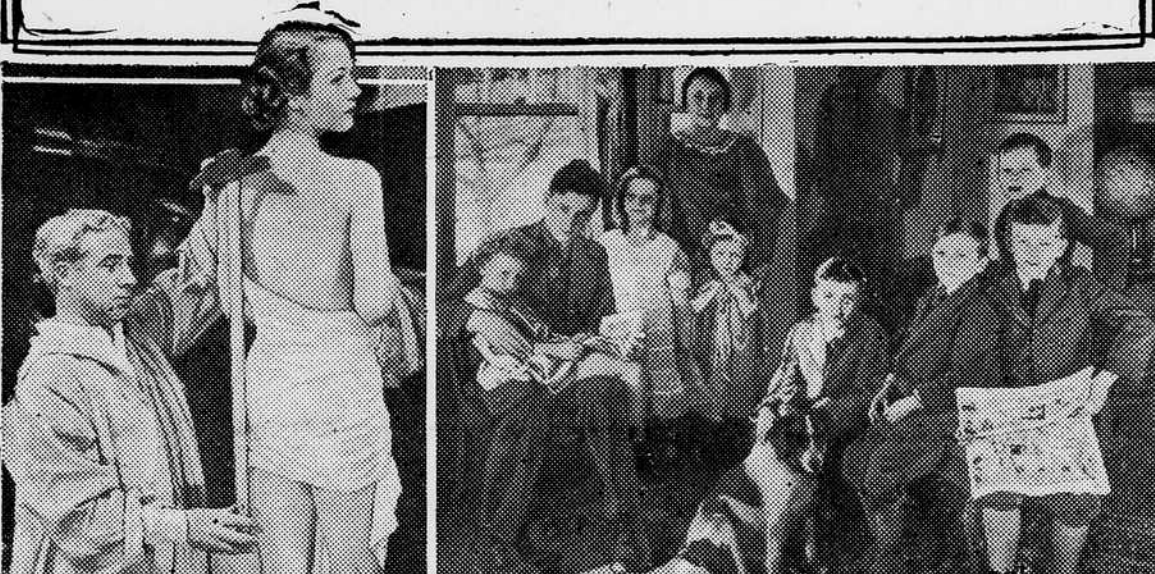
The Society continues to face many publication problems in supplying Scriptures in from 150 to 175 different languages. When Scriptures are needed for a remote tribe the edition will likely involve special technical processes. The demand for Penny Portions at times is so great that editions of a million or more are printed at one time. Frequent publication must be in two languages in parallel columns.

The American Bible Society is in its 99th year of supplying embossed Scriptures for the Blind, 2,969 volumes, furnished at a special price of twenty-five cents a volume, were distributed from the Bible House in seven different embossed systems. A special appropriation for enlarging the work among the Society's foreign agencies was granted during the year and the publication of the Gospel of St. Matthew and St. Mark in the new Standard English Braille occurred, the first volumes of the Scriptures to be embossed in this system.

During the year the Society had to reduce its budget because of a shrinkage in gifts with the result that operations were carried on under a budget more than 30 per cent lower than that of 1930. In spite of such limitations the year ended without a deficit.

Aud Dover of Cabarrus County will start growing one and three-eighths inch cotton staple this season having planted five bushes directly from the breeder.

CAMERAGRAPHS



EIGHT HUSKY AND HAPPY SONS and daughters testify that Frances Lee Barton's pot-and-pan-provess is not just theoretical! She conducts the Cooking School of the Air, broadcast at 10:15 a.m. eastern standard time Thursdays over an NBC-WEAF hookup.



BEGIN WITH THE BACK, when searching for a perfect figure, counsels Bryant Baker, sculptor, who won the \$100,000 "Pioneer Woman" award. This model poses with flying colors' requirements that shoulders and back be in the same perpendicular plane. Also, she's a 1934 example of the classic Greek ideal of loveliness.



BRUCE HUMBER, University of Washington sprint star, takes to the air for spectacular finish—100 yards well under 10 seconds.



MRS. WILLIAM H. BIESTER, JR., Philadelphia, national president of the American Legion Auxiliary, prepares No. 1 glass of jelly in the campaign for 1,000,000. The 500,000 Auxiliary members have been asked to reach the million-glass quota by October 1. All jellies and jams made in this campaign will be distributed to the needy in orphanages, hospitals, and to private families.



LLOYD N. SCOTT, well known New York attorney who, in a recent address at Hunter College, New York, proposed an International Grand Jury of Citizens of every civilized country, to subpoena the officials of nations endangering World Peace, and to make indictments and present them to the World Court which would render judgments and designate nations to enforce these.

Farmers Debts Scaled Down By Bank Loans

Columbia, S. C.—Farmers' debts have been scaled down in connection with approximately 34.8 out of every 100 Land Bank Commissioner's loans and 30.7 out of every 100 Federal land bank loans closed in the Columbia Federal Land Bank district over a 9-month period, according to Frank H. Danjel, president of the Federal Land Bank of Columbia. This district comprises the states of North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and Florida.

In cases of loans in which scale-downs occurred, the average reduction in each farmer's indebtedness was about 25.5 cents on the dollar in connection with Commissioner's loans and about 25 cents on the dollar in connection with land bank loans.

The amount of initial scale-downs varied from a few dollars to several thousand dollars, depending upon the amounts by which the total debts of applicants for loans exceeded the maximum amounts which could be loaned by the land bank and the Commissioner.

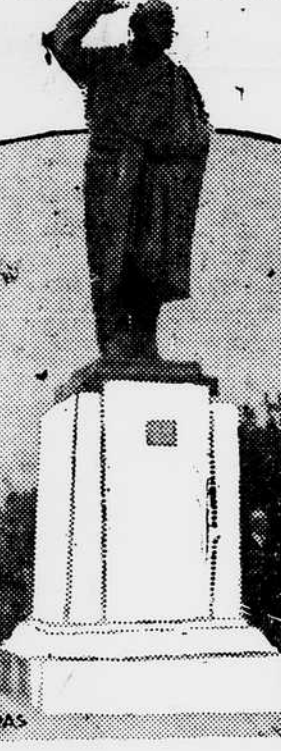
Th figures on scale-downs were estimated on the basis of an analysis recently made of loans closed from June 1, 1933 through February of this year. The total of scale-downs for the period was about \$4,396,600 in this district.

The figures show that in North Carolina on Commissioner's loans, 37.9 per cent was scaled down for an average reduction of 20 per cent in indebtedness! In South Carolina 41.7 per cent was scaled down for an average reduction of 27.7 per cent in indebtedness; in Georgia 31.9 per cent was scaled down for an average reduction of 24 per cent in indebtedness and in Florida 27.6 per cent was scaled down for an average reduction of 28.9 per cent in indebtedness.

On land bank loans in North Carolina, 37.3 per cent was scaled down for an average reduction of 15.5 per cent in indebtedness; in South Carolina 37.8 per cent was scaled down for an average reduction of 23 per cent in indebtedness; in Georgia 24.5 per cent was scaled down for an average reduction of 18.6 per cent in indebtedness and in Florida 24.7 per cent was scaled down for an average reduction in indebtedness of 36.1 per cent.

Craven County tobacco farmers have received \$4,703.45 in rental and equalization payments to date.

Bryan in Bronze



WASHINGTON... The picture above is of the striking new bronze statue of William Jennings Bryan, just unveiled in Potomac Park here in ceremonies attended by President Roosevelt.

The thousand Mimosa trees planted along the highway out of Morganton three years ago were pruned recently under the direction of the Burke County farm agent.

A cannery and creamery for Haywood County are two new projects now under way by the farm agent.

Labor Endorses Seven Candidates In Rowan County

The Rowan county unit of the North Carolina Labor Voters league, at its weekly meeting Tuesday night, endorsed candidates for the house of representatives and for the board of county commissioners.

The Rowan unit of the league endorsed J. W. Bean and J. W. Rideoutte for the house of representatives; and endorsed C. A. Long, T. M. Byrd, R. L. Bernhardt, W. R. Current and J. T. Graham for the board of county commissioners.

With regard to other officers and candidates the Rowan county unit took no official action, but according to Clarence Huffine, secretary, "extends to each candidate the best wishes of the league, and leaves each free to appeal to the voting public on the strength of his record and general qualifications for the office to which he aspires."

The state voters league was formed here this year. The Rowan chapter was organized in April of this year with the following officers: C. A. Fink, president; H. E. Withers, J. W. Rideoutte and Mrs. J. P. Lynch, vice president, and Clarence Huffine, secretary.

Eighty-eight 4-H club boys of Orange County are planting yellow corn this season.

The number of applications for production loans in Stokes County is much below the record of one year ago, reports the farm agent.

Flyer Stops Love-Sick Swain From Death Jump

Muncie, Ind.—Love burned so fiercely in the heart of 19-year-old Regis Schwer that he determined to leap 2,000 feet from an airplane in the back yard of a girl with whom he had quarreled.

Pilot Raymond Williams quelled the blaze and oddly enough, the implement he used was a fire extinguisher.

He hit Regis over the head with it.

It happened after Regis hurried from high school, hired Williams' plane and directed the pilot where to fly.

About 2,000 feet over Muncie, Regis pointed to the spot over which he wanted Williams to circle.

When over the spot, Williams saw Regis climbing out of the cockpit. Williams let go of the controls. He seized Regis by the coat collar. The boy struggled. The plane plunged down to 1,500 feet, 1,000 feet, 500 feet.

Williams reached for the fire extinguisher; hit Regis on the head. Regis crumpled.

Williams pulled the plane from its dive, landed and lifted Regis to the ground.

Regis later admitted he had planned to jump into his sweetheart's backyard, just to show her how badly he felt.

Relief Setup Offers 25 N. C. Scholarships

The North Carolina emergency relief administration has provided 25 scholarships of \$100 each for training in social work and public welfare in the school of public administration of the University of North Carolina during the summer session this year, it was announced by Dean W. C. Jackson.

The plan under which the scholarships are to be awarded requires that the recipient shall pursue the full summer quarter of work. If the required standards of work are satisfactorily met, he then will be given employment by the relief administration.

Traveling Salesmen Code Hearing 24th

Washington—The question of whether traveling salesmen, now excluded from wage and flour provision of codes, shall be placed under codes for the various manufacturing industries and wholesale trades will be considered at a public hearing Thursday, May 24 at the Department of Commerce in Washington, according to an NRA announcement. At the same hearing consideration will be given the problem of outside salesmen engaged in retail distribution, whether employed by retail stores or by national organizations, engaged in house to house canvassing.

REYNOLDS COMPLAINS

Complaints in North Carolina prompted Senator Reynolds to virtually charge that applications for loans from the Home Owners' Loan corporation have been placed in cold storage, while people seeking to save their property have been left in distress. Only one-tenth of the funds allotted to the State has been loaned, he charged.

A Forsyth farmer has salvaged 25,000 feet of timber and over 50 cords for fire wood from his woodland damaged by the late sleet storm this winter.

The Davidson County Farmers' Exchange has a new warehouse at Lexington 30 by 80 feet and more than 500 persons visited the building on opening day last week.

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