

# Women IN THE CHURCH

By MARY FOWLER

"From the devastation of Germany and the terror of Czechoslovakia the freedoms of America seemed bright and glistening," says Mrs. Harper Sibley leader of the United Council of Church Women, recently returned from Europe. "And then I saw dark patches which seemed to mar the slums, unnecessary disease. And I realized that the number one job of American men and women is with clean hands to clean house. . . . The freedoms America enjoy—free enterprise, free schools, free speech free press, and free churches have made her so great that she can simultaneously clean her own house and help to rebuild her neighbors. One more freedom I covet for my beloved country, freedom from prejudices.

"In the midst of chaos and confusion, both physical and spiritual Japan realizes she must find an answer to her problems by looking ahead toward the future, not back to the past," says Miss Teruko Komyo, Japanese teacher now studying at Columbia University. "The old regime of Shintoism and militarism brought her ultimate sorrow and defeat. Christian education is desperately needed, but here are few Christian teachers in comparison to the number of non-Christians. Large numbers of Christian teachers are sorely needed, on all levels: elementary, high school, and college. At

present there are not enough Christian teachers in Japan to staff even the Christian schools." The first unit of the proposed Japan Christian University will be a College of Education to help in the training of future teachers.

One of the most noteworthy jobs of resettlement of Displaced Persons from Europe in the United States, is that carried on by the National Lutheran Council, according to Miss Cordella Cox, director of the Council's Resettlement Service. Assurances of jobs and of housing, to care for some 3500 families have been obtained through Lutheran pastors and churches in 39 states. This will provide for the care of 10,000 Displaced Persons. However, Miss Cox says that the Council has plans underway for the resettlement of from 35,000 to 40,000 Lutheran DP's during the coming 18 months. She adds that if the Congress liberalizes the present Displaced Persons Act, it may become necessary to double that number of persons received by American Lutherans.

## Colored First Baptist Church Activities

When most of the colored families living on "B" street and several families of the Woodlawn section observed World Day of Prayer last Friday, March 4th, it was through the initiative of the First Baptist church. The Rev. T. M. Walker directed the prayer service at 4:00 p. m. at the First Baptist church, and members of Missionary Group No. 1 directed prayer service in Woodlawn.

A comedy play entitled, "Boys Will Be Boys", and a peanut grab following the play will be sponsored at the Woodlawn elementary school Friday night, March 11, at 8:00 o'clock by the Knights of Daniel Boys' Club of the First Baptist church.

The Brotherhood, men's Missionary group No. 2 of First Baptist, held its regular meeting at the home of Deacon Harrison Glenn Monday night, March 7, at 7:00 o'clock. The Rev. T. G. Alexander is leader of the group.

A Negro farmer, Billy C. Nicholson of Route 4, Rockingham, won the Richmond County five-acre cotton contest in 1948.

## 157,244 4-H Projects Completed Last Year

North Carolina 4-H Club members last year completed 157,244 projects in agriculture and homemaking, L. R. Harrill, State club leader for the State College Extension Service, said this week in calling attention to National 4-H Club Week which will be observed March 5-13.

Club enrollment during the year, Harrill said, reached a record peak of 115,525 boys and girls who were members of 2,084 local clubs. These rural youth, he added, received economic, physical, social, and spiritual training which will make them better citizens and fit them for better living.

In the economic phase, club members produced 17,447.9 acres of food and feed crops and 4,772 acres of garden. They managed 504,604 chickens in their poultry projects and conducted livestock projects involving 24,736 animals.

Four-H Club girls planned and served 1,062,194 meals, conserved 916,194 quarts of food, made 112,226 garments, and conducted 11,407 room improvement projects.

Physical development was stressed through the teaching of proper food, health, clothing and recreational habits. The health improvement program for all members included medical examinations and the necessary follow-up work and culminated in the selection of the club

member making the best State record during the year.

Ideals and attitudes for wholesome relationships in homes and neighborhoods were taught through family living, club meetings, achievement days, and 4-H camps. State, regional, and national meetings provided further means for broadening the influence of club members and leaders.

The spiritual phase included dairy vesper services at camp and State-wide observance of 4-H Church Sunday. A total of 1,081 Church Sunday programs were presented in the State with 18,606 members participating.

## Man Takes Own Life By Diving Into Well

SANFORD, March 7 — A spectacular head-on dive into a 45-foot well ended the life of Benjamin Wicker, a 20-year-old Negro, at Osgood, eight miles north of Sanford, Sunday afternoon. The body was recovered about 9 o'clock at night. The well was near the store operated by Will Wicker, father of Benjamin.

Sheriff A. Glen Buchanan and Deputy Odie McBryde and Deputy Claude Baker, and Dr. J. H. Byerly, Lee County coroner who investigated said that it was a plain case of suicide.

Well over 5,000 high school students are expected to participate in the 1949 agricultural speaking contest being held in the State this month.

## Lincolnton Man Drowns In Lake

NEWTON — Funeral was conducted Tuesday at 2:30 p. m. at Emanuel Lutheran Church, Lincolnton, for Virgil Outlaw, 35, Lincolnton businessman, who drowned Saturday night in Lake Hickory.

The body was recovered Sunday afternoon in 30 feet of water near the spot where the fishing boat in which he was riding capsized.

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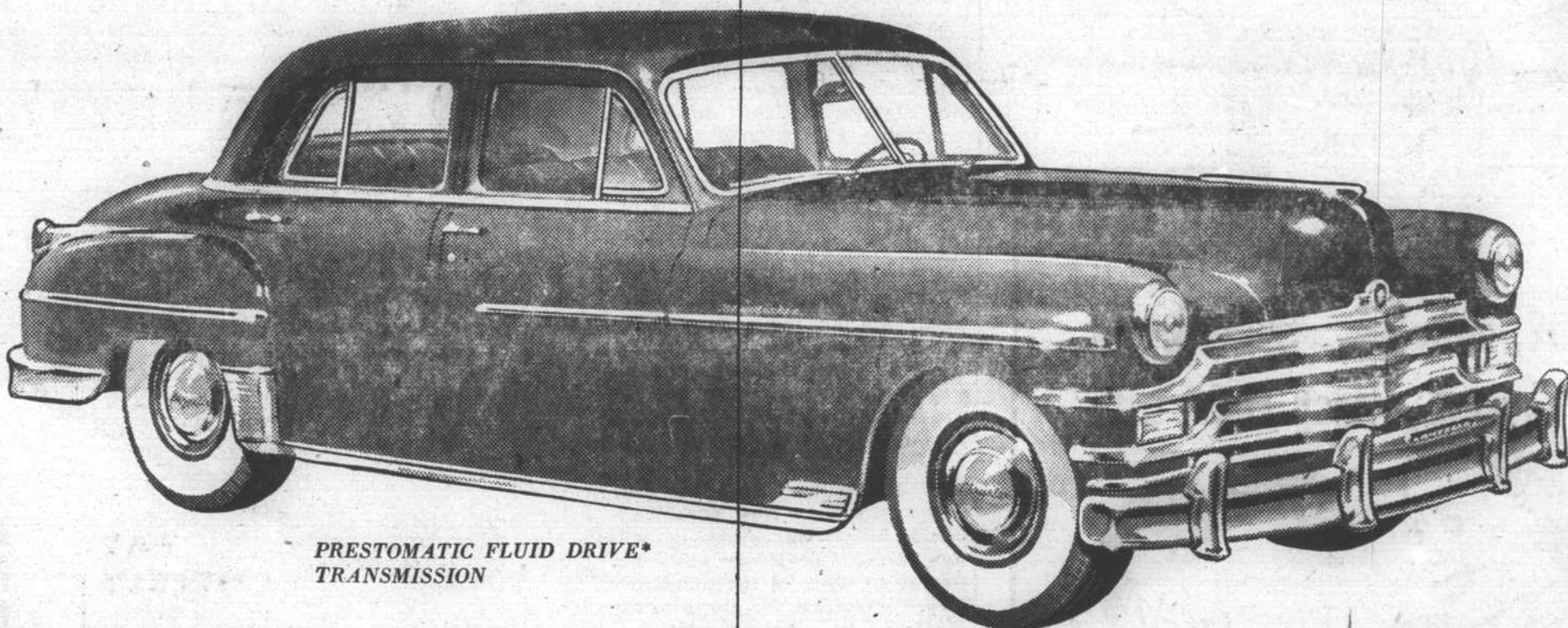
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