

Women IN THE CHURCH

by Mary Fowler

Thousands of Protestant churches across America are observing the week of May 1 to 8—culminating in Mother's Day—as National Family Week, when emphasis will be given to "the spiritual values of family life." In many communities, Catholics and Jews will also observe the day. The International Council of Religious Education and the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ are among the major bodies asking the week's observance. Partly it comes from a desire to get away from the commercialization of Mother's Day; partly it comes from a realization that the whole family must work together to make the home a more vital institution in the life of young Americans.

According to figures compiled by the International Missionary Council, there are more than 6,000 women missionaries from churches in the United States serving in overseas missions today. About half of these women are the wives of missionaries, but also missionaries in their own right; and half are unmarried

women. A large number are ordained or licensed ministers, or do the evangelistic work of ministers without ordination; while others are teachers, nurses, doctors, evangelists to women or specialists in other fields. Most Protestant denominations are now enlarging their overseas mission staffs—adding both men and women.

The American Cancer Society, through Mrs. Harold V. Mulligan, well-known Protestant Episcopal church leader, has arranged with Catholic, Protestant, and Jewish religious bodies to promote the observance of April 24 as "Cancer Sunday." Mrs. Mulligan urges ministers and rabbis to "weigh the spiritual values of this crusade against disease." She declares that volunteer workers in the fight "must seek beyond human resources for inspiration and strength to go forward."

Miss Eva Deane Kemp, of Dixon, Ky., has been named by the Methodist Church's Board of Missions and Board of Education, to head its "Crusade Scholarship Fund," which plans to expend \$250,000 per year for the next four years in bringing students from foreign mission fields for study in American colleges and universities. To date 350 students have been aided; they come from some 40 countries and attend more than 60 different schools.

"The direct influence of worshipping congregations upon the problems of society is very great when these congregations include people from many social groups," says Mrs. J. D. Bragg, Methodist Church leader of St. Louis, Mo. "If the church can overcome the national and social barriers which now divide it, it can help society to overcome those barriers. This is especially clear in the case of racial difficulties. It is here that the church has failed most lamentably, where it has reflected and by its practices then sanctified the racial prejudice that is rampant in the world. And yet it is here today its guidance concerning what God wills for it is especially clear. It knows that it must call society away from the racial prejudice and from the practices of discrimination and segregation as denials of justice and human dignity. In the missionary advance in the United States it is urged that steps be taken by the church to eliminate these practices from the Christian community because they contradict all that it believes about God's love for all his children."

Under the leadership of Miss Jean Fraser, of England, director of the youth department of the World Council of Churches, ten "work camps," enrolling some 600 young men and young women, will be held this summer in France, Italy, Germany, Austria, and Finland. Miss Fraser describes a work camp as "a small group of young people, drawn from different countries and churches, living and working together on some project of Christian significance." One in Germany, for example, will be the transformation of a former munitions dump into a resettlement center; another, in France, will be an educational program for a whole town.

Forty boys and girls, orphaned by World War II in Latvia, and evacuated to Germany in 1944 from the Riga State Children's Home, have now been brought to the United States by the Division of Welfare of the National Lutheran Council. These children, under the age of twelve, are being sent by Miss Mary Winston, the Council's consultant, to accredited Lutheran welfare agencies in New Jersey, Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Ohio, Illinois, Iowa and North Dakota, and will eventually be placed in private homes. Lutherans expect to bring several hundred other orphans from Europe under the Displaced Persons Act of Congress.

Globe-Girdling Engine For Planes Reported

New York.—A new airplane engine has been perfected which will make it possible for a bomber to fly around the world without refueling, the Curtiss-Wright Corporation said last night.

Curtiss-Wright said the first deliveries of the new gasoline engines, known as the "turbo-cyclone 18," will be made to the navy in the middle of this year. It said production orders for \$30,000,000 of the new engines had been placed.

The new engines, which harness the power of the exhaust gasses, will be used first in advance models of the Lockheed

P2V, a twin-engined navy patrol bomber.

Girl 10, In Delaware Gives Birth To Baby

Wilmington, Del. — Memorial Hospital officials have revealed that a 10-year-old girl had given birth to a daughter last Sunday night.

The hospital disclosed that the baby weighed seven-pounds and five ounces. Both the mother and infant were reported doing well.

The mother, a negro, was admitted to the hospital from the Kruse Industrial School for Girls where she had been living since last September.

The green peach aphid (plant louse) was not regarded as a tobacco pest until 1946, when it caused severe loss to shade-grown tobacco in Florida, southern Georgia, and one field in South Carolina. By the next year it had spread to both the Caro-

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