

## Presbyterian Sunday School Courses Ready

New Curriculum  
Hailed as Finest

By EMMA RIVERS MILNER  
Times Church Editor  
Presbyterians will set a new pace for Protestantism Oct. 3.

Then, the Sunday schools of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A. will introduce a curriculum which the specialists say surpasses all others.

The printed materials including books, magazines, posters and activity kits have been eight years in the making. They represent the careful and thoughtful work of painters and writers. Two million dollars have gone into their preparation.

And significantly, the curriculum will "make its bow" within the nationally celebrated Religious Education Week, tomorrow through Oct. 3.

## 3 Fold Foundation

The Presbyterians stress the point that their new courses depend upon a three-fold foundation for success—the church, the home and the Sunday school pupils. The title of the curriculum—Sunday school enrollees from kindergarten to senior classes, indicates its purpose: "Christian Faith and Life, A Program for Church and Home."

"Literally the making of a new curriculum is a once-in-a-generation event," comments Dr. Ralph Norman Mould, director of children's work for the denomination. "So staggering is the expenditure in thought, time, planning, writing, production, money preparation and training—that alone is the sheer venture in faith—that it never in the world would be undertaken except for very compelling reasons."

Dr. Mould pointed out that pupils have been finishing Sunday school with a "thin hedge" of knowledge about the Bible; a wobbly acquaintance with the basic beliefs of the Christian faith; and in many cases, fuzzy moral standards."

## Produces 'Anemic Church'

Such Sunday school training, he believes, produces poor candidates for church membership and a "perennially anemic church." Large numbers of children drop off the Sunday school rolls causing an obvious decline in the generation, he emphasized.

"War and the accentuated moral evils of our day have forced a fresh awareness of the indispensability of the kind of faith that produces character and there is no way of getting it except by teaching," he continued.

"Because children are so pre-ponderantly influenced by their home environment and training, we can no longer pretend to much of a job in Christian education without specifically bringing parents in on it."

Parents are given an important place in the new study course. They will meet with teachers at the start of each section of the curriculum. A two-parent magazine, resembling Time magazine in format, will be sent to pupils' homes four times each year. There is a separate magazine for each age group.

## Home Reading Books

Home reading books, durably bound and colorfully illustrated are provided. These deal with the Bible and Christian living. Older pupils will get one each year and small children, four. Large teaching pictures will be hung on the walls in the children's Sunday school departments. Every picture and every manuscript has been checked by a top-flight art critic to eliminate any possible historical error.

The time when you look at a costume, a scene indicating Biblical customs—a lamp or a grindstone, you can feel that that is the way it actually existed.

Dr. E. V. Andrews, director of religious education for the Indiana Presbyterian Synod, and his assistant, Miss Helen Trindle, have been heralding the new curriculum throughout Hoosierdom, visiting churches all over the state. Similar introductory work has been done in all parts of the United States by officials of the church.

As a result, the new view is being expressed that many Protestant denominations will seize the opportunity to use the materials arranged by Presbyterians.

Church Group  
To Attend Dinner

The Church School Administrators' Association of the Church Federation will meet for the first of a series of dinners Tuesday at 6:30 p. m. in the Woodruff Place Baptist Church.

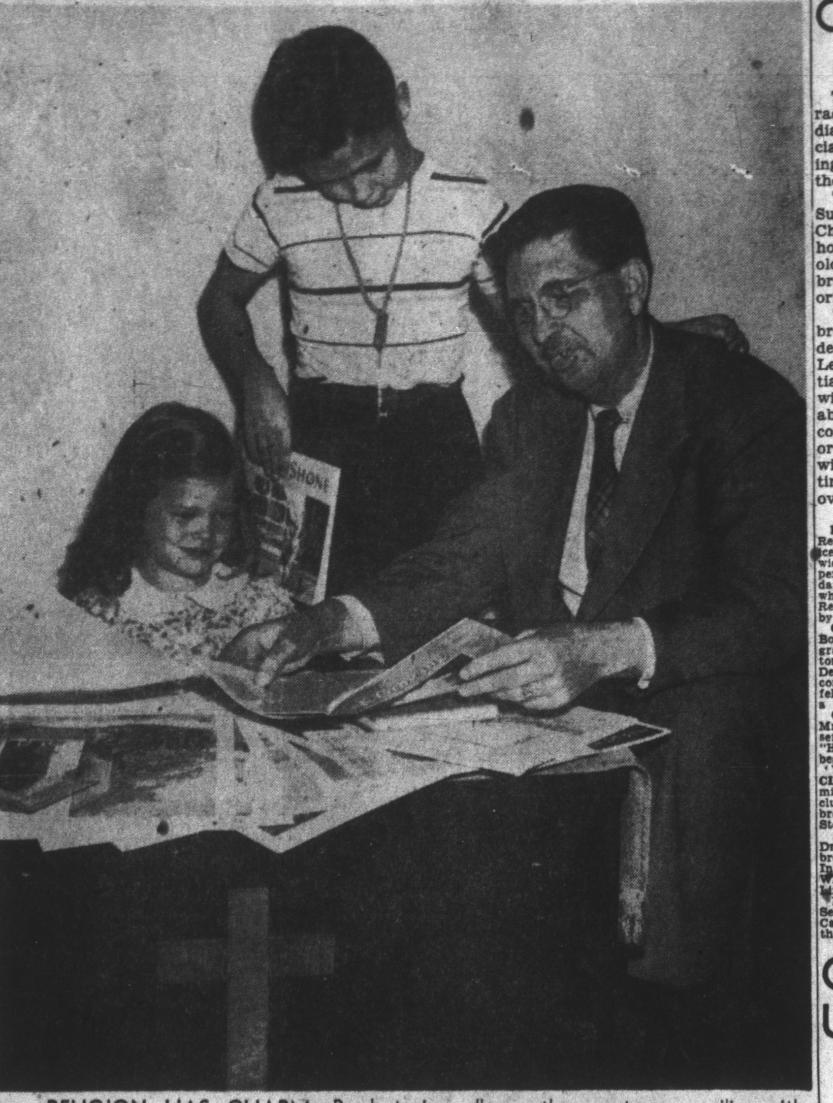
O. S. Pick, history department head of Technical High School, will lead a panel discussion on "The Church School and the Community." Speakers will be Miss Helen Trindle, assistant director of Christian Education of the Indiana Presbyterian Synod; Dr. F. A. Pfeiffer, director of week-day religious education, First Presbyterian Church, and L. E. York of the legal department, Indiana's Anti-Saloon League.

The Rev. Harold Shoemaker and Mrs. Shoemaker will direct the group singing. The arrangements committee includes Gerald Marts, Daniel Pierce, Lester McKinley, Basil Fisher and Daniel Ehalt.

Former Missionary  
To Speak Tomorrow

Dr. Henry Nay, president of the Immanuel Lutheran College and former missionary to both India and Africa, will speak twice tomorrow in St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, New Jersey and McCarty Sts.

Dr. May will give addresses at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. speaking both times on mission work among Mohammedans. At the night service, he will show motion pictures on "Christianity Faces Islam." Immanuel College is maintained by the Lutheran Church to train Negro pastors and missionaries.



RELIGION HAS CHARM—Presbyterians all over the country are smiling with satisfaction as they examine their new Church School books. Superintendent W. A. Owen, David McCormick and Marjorie Murphey look over the literature in the Wallace Street Presbyterian Church.

Plan Family  
Study CourseMrs. Walter Caley  
To Teach Class

A study course in "Home and Family Life Education" will open Monday at 7:30 p. m. in the University Heights Evangelical United Brethren Church.

Other sessions will follow on three successive Monday nights under the guidance of the social service department of the Indianapolis Church Federation, and Dr. Grover L. Hartman, director. All young parents of the community have been invited to attend.

## Took Special Course

The class will be taught by Mrs. Walter L. Caley, co-chairman of the social service department; Miss Shirley Yoder, junior, and William Lever and Frank Jose Jr., high school. Adults officiating will be Dr. Roy Ewing Vale, A. R. Paden, Samuel Harrel, Millard Hall, Thomas Wedsworth and Miss Ruth Schneide.

## Pastor to Speak

The Rev. Roy E. Connor Jr., pastor of the Meridian Heights Presbyterian Church, will conduct a consecration service for parents and teachers at the 9:30 a. m. promotion day program in the social service department.

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Edifice Ready

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The Rev. C. Harry Atkinson of New York, secretary of Edifice Funds and Building Counsel of the American Baptist Home Mission Society, will preach the dedicatory sermon. Dr. G. H. O'Donnell, pastor, will give the concluding prayer.

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Churches Here to Mark  
Religious Education Week

The Meridian Heights and Tabernacle Presbyterian Churches and the Irvington Methodist Church, along with other Sunday schools of the city tomorrow will mark the opening day of National Religious Education Week.

Following the school rally in the Irvington Methodist Church, the congregation will attend a homecoming service at 10:45 a. m. in the sanctuary.

The celebration will climax a month's observance of the 224th anniversary of the church. Dr. Ralph O. Pearson, pastor, will preside. After worship, members will have a basket dinner in the social room.

The Rev. Roy E. Connor Jr., pastor of the Meridian Heights Presbyterian Church, will conduct a consecration service for parents and teachers at the 9:30 a. m. promotion day program in the social service department.

Miss Margaret Medsker will play the climes and junior deacons, under the direction of G. L. Ramey, will serve. Friends and relatives of the graduates have been invited to attend.

Children and young people will give the worship service with William Frazer as leader. James N. Francis, school superintendent, will present promotion certificates. Third grade primary children will receive gift Bibles from the Rev. Mr. Connor.

The Westminster Fellowship Youth groups will hold a workshop meeting from 5 to 7 p. m. in the church to plan their winter's program.

"Freedom" Is Theme At the Tabernacle Presbyterian Church, "Freedom" has been chosen as the theme for the annual commencement service tomorrow at 9:30 a. m. Graduates will make their way down the aisle in procession as Miss Laura Lee Burke plays the harp.

Representative graduates on in the

program are Miss Kathryn Crawford, primary department; Miss Shirley Yoder, junior, and William Lever and Frank Jose Jr., high school. Adults officiating will be Dr. Roy Ewing Vale, A. R. Paden, Samuel Harrel, Millard Hall, Thomas Wedsworth and Miss Ruth Schneide.

Miss Jackie Loffland will play the vibra harp and a trio from the Olive Branch Church will sing in the morning service.

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## 400 Homeless in Fire

SHAWINIGAN FALLS, Que. Sept. 25 (UPI)—Four hundred inhabitants of the tiny village of St. Mathieu De La Prairie, about five miles from here, were homeless today after a mysterious fire destroyed the entire village of 25 houses and a church.

The Rev. Smith

**Y for C Organizes  
Night Classes**

The Youth for Christ Bible-Missionary Training Night School

will open for the fall semester Monday night in the Y. for C. Clubhouse, 20th and Meridian.

Sunday school teachers, youth leaders, whole families and other interested persons are eligible for enrollment. The Rev. Roger Malsbary heads the school. The Rev. Charles E. Smith, pastor of the Whiteside Baptist Church will teach the 7:30 p. m. class on "Practical Christian Work" Monday night and the Rev. Ted Woodard, the 8:30 p. m. class on "Doctrines of the Christian Faith."

Mrs. D. V. Griffith will lead the class on "Bible Synthesis" Tuesday at 7:30 p. m.

Rev. Smith

**SUNDAY SCHOOL IN ALL CHURCHES AT 11 A. M.**

Wednesday Evening Testimonial Meeting in All Churches at 8 P. M.

Radio Fans  
To Honor  
CMB ClassProgram Marks  
23rd Year

The Christian Men Builders' radio "fans" from all parts of Indiana tomorrow will attend a special program in their honor marking 23 years of broadcasting by the class.

The class, which meets each Sunday at 9:30 a. m. in the Third Christian Church, believes it holds the record in presenting the oldest radio program in America broadcasting continuously on its original time.

Tomorrow, a new stage and broadcasting equipment will be dedicated. Clifford Antcliff of Lebanon, Ind., leader of a Christian Church Fellowship Class, will speak. It is expected that about 50 of his classmates will come with him. The club and orchestra of the C. M. B. class will give special music. The entire program will be broadcast over WFBM at 9:35 a. m.

Other religious events follow:

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**—The First will present their new service for the Oct. 3, Worldwide Communion Observance during the night.

**CHRISTIAN CHURCH**—The Christian Church will meet at the church office by Tuesday noon.

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