

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER CIRCLES GLOBE

IN THIS DAY of political cleavages, and various religious ideologies and various Christian denominations—even split denominations in towns and cities—an encouraging sign of coming unity within Christianity is the world day of prayer.

It is a day set aside for Christians all over the world—in Pocahontas, Iowa, and Delhi, India—to lift a common plea to Christ. The day has a long history.

As far back as 1887, Presbyterian women in the United States were summoned by Mrs. Darwin R. James, president of the women's board of home missions, to gather on a specified day in their own communities for united prayer. Such a day continued to be set apart annually. In the early nineties, foreign mission leaders named a day for united prayer. For many years, the home and foreign mission groups observed days of prayer separately, but in 1919 they came together. In 1920 they were joined by Canadian women, and the first Friday in Lent was chosen as the "day of prayer for missions"—home and foreign.

In numberless places, from missionaries returning to the homeland, the thought of a day of prayer spread until at the request of many, the "day of prayer" became in 1927 a "world day of prayer." By 1930 Christians in more than 90 countries joined in the observance of the day.

The day begins west of the date line in New Zealand and the Fiji Islands, and as the day progresses, new groups join in praise and prayer until some 40 hours later it ends at Gambell on St. Lawrence Island, off the coast of Alaska, 30 miles east of the date line and about the same distance from the Arctic Circle.

All these groups are praying



through the years, have become so dear to the praying women of the churches.

The world day of prayer programs have been prepared year by year by Christian leaders of various lands. The two mission groups in 1942 transferred to the United Council of Church Women responsibility for the publication of the world day of prayer programs and their distribution to local interdenominational and other groups throughout the United States. All promotion and correspondence with foreign lands was left with the foreign missions conference. The committee on world day of prayer was on it representatives from the foreign missions conference and the home mission council as well as from the United Council of Church Women.

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In 1923 the first offerings of local day of prayer gatherings were received at headquarters. It had been early decided that all promotion should be directed toward the observance of the day and not toward the offering, but free-will offerings have increased from year to year until in 1949 they amounted to more than a quarter million dollars. Mission projects named as the recipients of such gifts are: in national missions, work among migrant and sharecropper groups and religious work directors in government Indian schools, and in the foreign mission field, Christian literature, the eight women's union Christian colleges in the Orient, and work among foreign students in U. S. A. thus furthering causes that,

to be used in supporting 4-H Pig Club work in the county during the current year. Plans were also made for the 6th annual Bred Sow Sale to be held at the Elkhart County Fairgrounds, Friday after-

noon, February 17. In addition to the 42 choice breed sows representing seven breeds, twelve choice fall boars will also be sold in this sale which has come to be regarded as a "Show Window" event for breeders as well as an "opportunity event" for farmers wishing to secure seedstock.

Officers elected to serve the association in 1950 are: Loyal Stuckman, Nappanee muck crop farmer and Berkshire breeder, President; Harvey S. Weaver, Karukers Hampshire breeder and former hatcheryman and feed dealer, Vice-President; J. W. Weybright, Syracuse Chester White breeder, Secretary; and Robert J. Wilson, Millerburg Hampshire breeder and Feed Dealer, Treasurer.

Mr. Harry Juday and Mrs. Oria Vorhis are entertaining the Ladies Aid society of the Lakeside E. U. B. church, in the home of Mrs. Juday, Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Prough and son, and Mrs. Herman Huey and daughters Wanda and Becky, spent last week-end at LaGrange, Ill., in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Paul McNeil. The group attended radio station WLS barn dance show Saturday night.

A card from the Everett Miners, in Florida, enroute from Silver Springs to Lake Worth, tells of beautiful flowers, and no coats needed—while Syracusans struggle through snow, sleet, and winter.

OGDEN ISLAND—Mr. and Mrs. Ralph O. Stogdill were at their cottage last Sunday, bringing Mrs. Stogdill's aunt, Mrs. Lauren Steel, of Fort Wayne.

The Stogdill's, who have owned their place about ten years, did some work on their sea wall, as the high waters had done some damage. Never before had the lake been even near the sea wall.

OGDEN ISLAND—Mrs. W. W. Wilhelms had as her house guest, several days this week, Mrs. Helen Murphy.

WACO VICINITY—Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Ingalls were in Huntington, last Thursday to visit Mrs. Ingall's nephew, Vern Hoagland, and Mrs. Hoagland, and Mrs. Ingall's sister, Mrs. Matilda Clark.

SOUTH SHORE—The former

owner of the Paul Warner home,

G. C. "Corkey" Harwood, will be remembered in this vicinity. Mr. Harwood was from Marion, and at Wawasee, and had gone to Phoenix, Ariz., for his health. Last Friday, Mr. Harwood died, and his body was brought back to Marion for burial.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Granlund,

of near Huntington, quietly ob-

served their 26th wedding anni-

versary Feb. 16th in the home of

their daughter, Mrs. Leonard

Barnhart here in Syracuse. Mrs.

Granlund has been ill all winter

at the home of her daughter and

Mr. Granlund has been bedfast

for the past two weeks. Sunday,

their son, Ralph Granlund, and

family, of Huntington, will be

at dinner guests.

Mrs. Ida Guy was removed

from the Goshen hospital Friday

of last week, to the home of her

daughter, Mrs. Floyd Brower.

Mrs. Guy had been a patient in

the hospital for a week with a

fractured hip. She is now able

to sit up part of the time in a

wheeled chair.

Patti, Mike and Bonnie Niles,

of North Manchester, are spend-

ing a few days this week here

with their grandparents, Mr. and

Mrs. Roy Niles.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Blakesley

entertained Mr. and Mrs. Clifford

Miller, of Goshen, at a Valentine

birthday party Monday evening.

Pam and Mike Treesh and Kay

Stackhouse, of Milford, spent

Sunday afternoon with Mr. and

Mrs. W. I. Geiger.

Mrs. Ralph Oyler was hostess

to the Good Samaritan Class,

of the Lakeside E. U. B. church,

in her home, Tuesday evening.

Mrs. A. J. Babcock gave the lesson

from the study book "Rosanna of

the Amish." Mrs. S. A. Bauer had

charge of the social hour, and

contest prizes were won, by Mrs.

Babcock and Mrs. Oyler.

Mrs. Mary Holloway returned

last Saturday from a visit with

friends in Alexandria, Va., Col.

and Mrs. E. M. J. Ailenius, who

are just back from Panama.

They brought some films taken

there, and the showing of them,

and Washington sight-seeing were

some highlights of Mrs. Holloway's visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wilt left last

LOCAL NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Hubart of Fort Wayne, spent Saturday here with the former's parents, Rev. and Mrs. O. T. Hubart.

Mrs. Anna Mishler has returned from a few days visit, in South Bend, in the home of her son, Charles Hodgson.

Rev. and Mrs. Emerson Fredricks and family of Elkhart, called on friends here Wednesday afternoon and then attended the revival services in the Zion U. B. church, south of here, in the evening.

Mrs. Wm. G. Connolly left Thursday for Green Cove Springs, Fla., to spend two or three weeks.

Some Syracusans folk, Mrs. Nora Colwell, her sister, Mrs. Connell, and Mrs. Harry Cullers, at Oklawaha, had the pleasure recently of hearing the Rev. James Armstrong preach, at a nearby town.

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In last week's Saturday Evening

Post, appears a picture of the

sidelines at a football game at

Culver Military Academy. In the

center of the picture is William

McComber, son of Mr. and Mrs.

Wm. Mc