

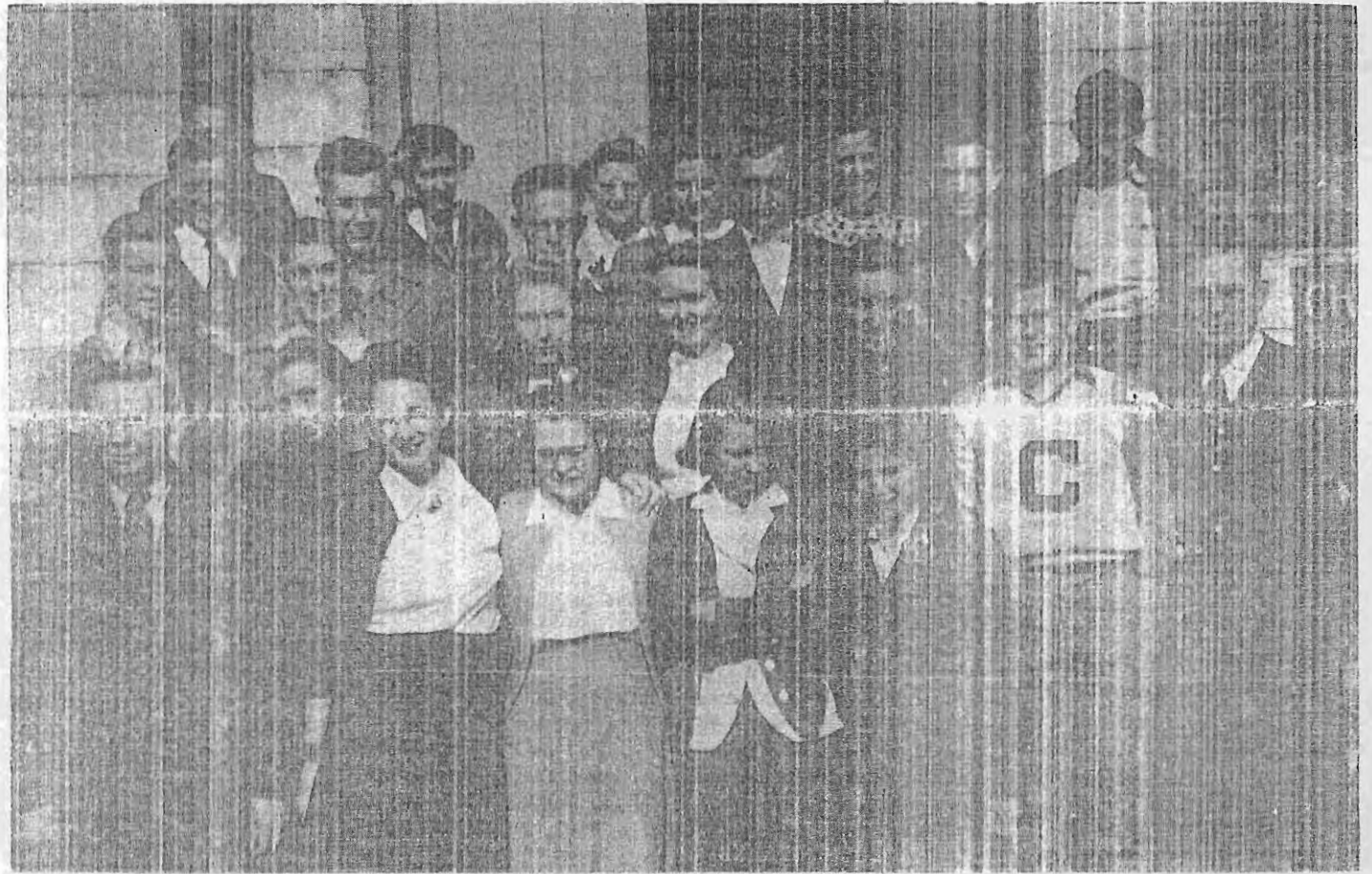
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BIBLE STUDY STATISTICS

Bro. Art Freeman is making an effort to collect statistics pertaining to attendance and enrollments of Vacation Bible Students in those congregations which have sponsored such work for the past several years. A form will be furnished you upon request so that you can fill out the blanks with information required, and thus assist in compilation of the necessary material to get a complete report and accurate checkup. Write to Arthur Freeman, 45

HARRIS TO CANALOU

Roy Harris, of Brixey, Mo., will conduct the summer meeting at Canalou this ensuing summer. It will be recalled that Canalou is the place where Brother Zerr was trailed into exort by the machinations of a group of "college sympathizers" who tried to take the church building from the faithful brethren. The church at Canalou now has good prospects for future growth, and Roy will do them a lot of good.

Hawthorne Street, Bridgeport, Connecticut.

SHIP OF ZION

We still have for you those two copies of the "Ship of Zion" which you have been "putting off" in order ever since they first came out. We will not be able to hold them much longer so that if you want to get your copies of this book which will not be reproduced, you'd better be at it, while the getting's good. That dollar bill will take care of all costs, so mail it in to this office today, and you won't come up missing when "the books are all gone."

MACEDONIAN CALL

I am wholly confident that few of you can possibly realize the cost of publishing a paper which has no source of revenue from advertising of commercial products. That's why I feel you cannot estimate in dollars and cents the work that Bro. D. Austen Sommer is doing in publication of the Macedonian Call. I know that you'd not like to be without it for a single issue. How eagerly you read every one of the reports from the field of evangelism; how inspiring are the encouraging

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Dedicated to the task of arousing churches in this state and elsewhere to a greater zeal in mission work, and assist in developing the talents of all to be used to the glory of God.

CARL'S CORNER

The Christianity of many will meet a severe test very soon, when their present tires are worn to the fabric and priorities rationing will not permit the purchase of others. It will be surprising how many have had a religion no deeper than three-fourths inch of rubber. It is an ill wind that blows no one some good, and that statement holds true regarding this war. The ensuing year will be the time for us to work the community thoroughly, knowing that many who are devout will be forced to walk to church. We have been taking another religious census of a certain area in our city, looking forward to building up a greater attendance from the community than ever before. Never has there been a time when pure Christianity was more needed than right now; never a time when true Christians should be more zealous in the work of the Lord. The harvest fields are white and we must all go into the work to gather sheaves for the Master. The Saturday Evening Post recently carried a story of a community where crops were threatened with destruction because of lack of laborers. The neighbors all joined together and harvested the fruit. That spirit must prevail in the Churches of Christ. Let us all realize a personal responsibility

Ballad Of The Red Cross Nurse

I do not ask you why you fight,
I do not know whom you have slain
I only see your face is white
I only see the spreading stain,
I only know the hand of Cain
Unwearied since the world was new
Has struck a brother down again
And that is why I come to you.

I do not know of wrong or right,
Or who invaded whose domain,
But this I know that through the night
Comes blazing up the cry of pain.
The smoke drifts on the quiet plain,
And men have done the work men do;
But women work when battles wane
And that is why I come to you.

O men of knowledge, skill and might,
O men of busy subtle brain.
Who rear great towers of stone and light
Then level them with deadly rain,
Where is your labor? Where your gain?
You buy and sell, you build and hew—
Then Brute Force breaks its rusted chain . . .
And that is why I come to you.

(L'Envoi)

Dear God, at last let Earth be sane!
This Cross of Red grows heavy, too.
Men have built peace, and built in vain—
And that is why I come—to you!

—Herman Wouk.

THE BABE OF BETHLEHEM

When Jesus was born 1942 years ago, Herod the blood-thirsty king sought to destroy the child by a decree to murder all the young children of Bethlehem and its environments. God dispatched a message to Joseph, saying, "Take the young child and his mother and flee into Egypt." No one but Joseph heard the call. Matt. 2:13. This was not broadcast like a modern radio, the enemies of the child were left in the dark. Joseph and Mary moved from the danger zone, before it was light and were on their way to Egypt while Herod's soldiers were searching elsewhere for the young child. We are always safe while in the Father's keeping.

This little family of three were walking by faith; walking with God who knew the end of the journey before the first step was taken. We not only start right, but continue. (Jno. 8:31).

Man's radio has its weakness; God's wireless is perfect. Man's message is caught by the enemy; God's message is not. Man's radio address is confined to earth; God's message is from another world. The natural man cannot invent a machine that will carry his words to an invisible empire. God can talk to man anytime, any place, under any conditions, in season and out of season. Man can do the same by His Maker; because the transmitter and the receiver are living organisms of the same family, perfectly adapted to a super-human affinity which is indissoluble (Heb. 4:12). God told Joseph to keep the young child in Egypt until He should call him out. This he did and all was well. Herod died and God reported the death to Joseph and said, "Take the young child and his mother and go into the land of Israel." (Matt. 2:19,20). The Bible teaches everywhere to follow the Divine guide for safety. (Matt. 7:24).

—A. R. Moore,
7519 Jefferson,
Kansas City, Mo.

in this war torn world, and help save souls. "He that winneth souls is wise."

— W. CARL KETCHERSIDE.

ABE LINCOLN SPEAKS

"Whether or not the world would be vastly benefitted by the total and final banishment from it of all intoxicating drinks seems to me not now an open question.



"Three-fourths of mankind confess: the affirmative with their tongues and I believe the rest acknowledge it in their hearts.

" . . . And when the victory shall be complete, when there

shall be neither a slave nor a drunkard on earth, how proud the title of that land which may truly claim to be the birthplace of both those revolutions that shall have ended in that victory. How nobly distinguished that people who shall have planted and nurtured to maturity the political and moral freedom of their species." —From an address by Abraham Lincoln, Feb. 22, 1842, in Springfield, Ill.

MACEDONIAN CALL

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words of your fellow-laborers in the field. You can only partially show your appreciation by your contribution, but send your sub to the Macedonian Call, 918 Congress Avenue, Indianapolis, Indiana, and share in the great good being done. Send TODAY!

AMONG THE CHURCHES

GALLATIN — Rainy weather and bad roads reduced attendance on Feb. 15, but did not affect the ability of Bro. James W. Truitt to deliver a forceful, edifying discourse. In fact he seemed to be inspired to greater effort. Many favorable expressions from those within and without the church have been heard regarding his talk, which was helpfully illustrated with a suitable chart. Two placed membership at close of the service. Bro. Truitt will speak here again on March 15, and he expects to attend the Bible Reading in Kansas City conducted by Bro. E. M. Zerr. Our regular meetings continue to be well attended and the development program outlined for us by Bro. Harold J. Hays, continues to be helpful and improve our service. May we ever proclaim the "Wonderful Story of Love."—D. PATTERSON.

ROCKVILLE -- Third week in January, Brother A. R. Dix had pneumonia. No medicine would reduce his temperature until the modern tablet treatment was begun. In 36 hours his temperature was again normal. We had to give him heart stimulant to maintain pulse beat. I was nurse, and long hours put me to bed on January 23. Am up some now (Feb. 11) but have to rest in bed most of the time. Pray for us. Best regards to all the faithful.—MRS. A. R. DIX.

SPRINGFIELD — At present congregation here is enjoying good attendance, and interest seems to be growing. Bro. Bertram Wilson made a good talk on Lord's Day, in which faithful attendance was urged as the obedient response of a child to the Christ, whose name we wear. I regret that circumstances now are such that I cannot always attend, due to Bro. Smith's condition of health. Bro. Galey is still lingering, but we miss his presence at church. He was faithful.

The church here remembered Bro. Moore with a check. We pray he will soon regain his health. I have read after him for a number

of years, and enjoyed his writings much.

I still meet with a neighbor lady for Bible Study on Friday afternoons. By chance, I also learned of an old friend whom I had not seen for 30 years. She lives in the west part of Springfield, and when I called on her I suggested a Bible Study one afternoon per week. It was satisfactory, and we are having interesting lessons. The number present consists of the elderly couple, their daughter and her two small children. I have a short lesson for the children. Soon a daughter-in-law with her two children will join us and then our little group will consist of four adults and four children. Oh, the good we all may do, while the days are going by!—ANNIE SMITH.

OZARK—February 15 was our Sunday to be with Ozark, but since we couldn't be there we asked Bro. and Sister Sackett to meet with the congregation which they gladly did. We met with Center congregation near Carthage, where the lesson was Romans 3, as it also happened to be at Ozark. Both these congregations set their clocks forward an hour and conformed to the new "War time," and still begin at 10 o'clock. Bro. and Sister Boyd get discouraged at times, but so long as our tires hold out, we will continue to meet every other Lord's Day with them, and help what we can in our feeble way. — HARRY AND JERRY MOONEY.

NIXA—The lesson for consideration, Feb. 22, was 1 Corinthians 8. Due to a confused report about two thirds of the congregation met at 10 o'clock, "War time" whereas the others came in after 11 o'clock.

Bro. John Harris who has been ill for some time was not feeling well last Lord's Day. We miss him greatly, and since he was one of our faithful, we hope he will be able to meet with us again. Sister McCroskey has not improved sufficiently to be with us yet. Bro. and Sister Hasty and family have purchased a farm home north of

Nixa, and are now living near us. Members recently met at Bro. Wm. Inmon's home for song practice.—HARRY AND JERRY MOONEY.

SAINT JOSEPH—The congregation has been reduced again, since Bro. Frank Leslie moved his family to McCune, Kansas, where he has employment in a defense project. We really miss the five Leslies since they have been most faithful in their devotion to the Master. Bro. Hopkins, wife and baby daughter have spent this month visiting relatives in Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas, but they will be back soon.

The sick in the congregation are all improving, and most of them are able to come to the assembly again. However, an air rifle in the hands of a playmate caused a very serious eye injury to Bro. Aaron Carr, one of our very young members. At present his condition is satisfactory and we hope for a quick recovery. The chances are good that the eyesight will be saved.

Meetings at Savannah have been continued since the Bible Reading. Only one car goes from here each week, thus conserving tires. The service there is at 7:30 each Thursday evening in the home of Mrs. Lewis Merritt.

In these times of war and stress let us not forget the young men in the armed forces. Our prayers are for them.—GEO GIBSON.

FLAT RIVER—The boys from the Saint Louis Bible Reading have been with us for the past several Lord's Days, and all have done fine. I am sure some of them will develop into fine workers for the Lord. We are going along nicely with excellent attendance. February 8, we had 25 present, which is excellent for us. I was at Mine La Motte on Feb. 1, and at Antioch on Feb. 15. On Feb. 1, with Bro. Harmon Thompson preaching we had two added, a young man and his mother, who were baptized by Bro. Carl DeBon. Our Wednesday night studies are still in the Old Testament, and we

have good attendance and interest at the midweek meetings.—J. W. WATTS.

SAINT LOUIS (Lillian Avenue) —We are enjoying having the Bible Reading students with us, and are having excellent lessons delivered by them. Each year we get acquainted with new talent and renew acquaintance with some who have been here for previous Readings. We can always note improvement in the boys as they return from time to time, which is very encouraging, because through that fact we know that the seed being sown now will bear fruit for many years to come, and greater yet, in many parts of the country.

Wilson Abernathy reports that "Uncle Sam" sent for him and when he found out how tall he is, he decided he couldn't use him. Alright "Uncle," we'll keep him.

Brother "Tex" Haney suffered a painful and near serious accident at his work when he cut an artery and leader in his arm, but thanks to advance surgery, Bro. Haney is nearing recovery with full use of the injured member.

Bro. Joseph Provencher, Sr. was a patient at the Lutheran Hospital for a severe stomach ailment, but has improved sufficiently that he was able to worship with us on March 1. Sister Mabel Robinson was also back with us on that date after having been unable to attend meeting for several weeks. However, Lee Ireland was forced to remain away on that date as a result of an attack of measles. He is getting along all right at last reports.

Sister Iva Ball, who has her membership here, but who has recently lived in Baltimore, Md., is the proud mother of a new son. Her husband is with the United States Naval force at Norfolk, Va., at this time.

We were pleased to have Sister Glorene Mayberry place membership with us, many of our members already being acquainted with her from Manchester Church.

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Among The Churches

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Brother Ketcherside is giving us some interesting and educational lectures each Thursday evening on various subjects of great importance to those striving to live a Christian life. We are having a well-filled house at all meetings with those ever welcome visitors from the neighborhood and nearby congregations.

Our congregation on Sunday morning, March 1, was the second largest we have ever had on Sunday morning, with an attendance of 175. The largest was 3 weeks ago with 182 present. But our contribution was the largest we have ever had to date, totaling \$92.10.

We have had three former Bible Reading students visit us recently, including Roy Harris, of Briley, Mo., who preached for us on Lord's Day he was here; Bro. Harold Shasteen of Sullivan, Ill., and Verlin Roberts, a member of the congregation at Manchester Avenue, now stationed with the U. S. Army at Columbus, South Carolina.

Bro. Leonard Bilyeu suspended his regular song training session on a recent Tuesday night and had all of the Bible Reading students at his home. It is reported that the youngsters and oldsters too, had a hard time getting anything to eat as there was a fake cockroach in the butter and the spoons all had the bottoms cut out of them. Besides the candy was assorted; some of it containing cayenne pepper, the rest limburger cheese. Leonard took them on a tour of Mexico with the colored pictures which he snapped while he was in our neighbor country to the south.

We believe that we should pay tribute to our membership for the hospitality which they are so generously showing unto those of our brethren and sisters who are in our midst for the Bible Reading. It is truly a pleasure to have these students with us, and we are sure they'll appreciate it as well as we. —JESS PARKS.

KANSAS CITY (59th and Kenwood)—The Bible Reading started with good interest and an attendance of 96 for the first night. Our average for last week was 98 per night. Yesterday, (March 1) our attendance for the Sunday morning service was 139. Brother Zerr is staying in our home and we are glad to have him with us. —DUELL BOYCE.

KANSAS CITY (26th and Spruce)—The Bible Reading started off good in spite of snowy weather. Crowds have been good, because this opportunity is one we have wanted for a long time, and Bro. Zerr is certainly a capable teacher.

We are happy over the thought of our meeting which will last two weeks and will be held in May, by Bro. C. K. Turner. Our Vacation Bible Study will be conducted in June under direction of Winford Lee, and then we shall start looking forward to our BIG MASS MEETING.

Bro. Glenn Ellis occupied the home pulpit last Sunday for the first time since his recent illness. His sermon was better than ever.

Raymond and Marjorie Stevens joined membership with us last week, as did Bob Gunn from Gardner, Kansas. There were two added by baptism also. And by the way, we should here announce the engagement of Bob Gunn and Tedy Swearingen, both members at Spruce and a fine young couple. They will be married this spring.

The Young Folks Class spent an enjoyable evening with Ruby Lee Landes, on Feb. 14. We miss Doris Hendron very much. She accepted a position in Washington around the Christmas holidays. We miss Wilford Landes also. He is attending Carl's Bible Reading in Saint Louis, and expects to be gone for some time after it is over. We need more good solid young men in these rocky, uncertain times, who are willing to devote themselves to Christ.

Kene Connor will leave to defend our country soon, and many more will follow him. We hate to see him and they go. Let us pray for them without ceasing. —IVA KREGER.

WEBSTER GROVES — Friday night meetings have been very interesting here of late, with Bible Reading students participating on almost every occasion. On Friday night, March 6, we have a debate scheduled with Winford Lee and Kenneth Morgan on one side, and James Storm and Warren Ferguson on the other. It bids fair to be one of the most interesting discussions we have had to date.

On Feb. 27, Robert Johnson presented the lesson from Romans 12, and gave his final exhortation especially to the young people before he left us at the call of his country and flag. The truths presented were old, as all truth is, but nevertheless, impressive to all who were present. Bob, has taken an interest in Webster Groves since its inception and we know that his heart will be with us though he may be far away bodily. We shall miss him in the weeks ahead.

On Feb. 20, the girls of the Bible Reading class were pitted against the boys and men in an attempt to see which group could answer the most questions as asked by the teacher. The questions were of many different types and were based upon the entire Bible, and we were amazed to see the versatility shown by all of these students, and their ability to think up the correct answer on the spur of the moment. The boys had but a slight advantage over the girls, and there was only one question that "stumped" the whole audience.

Our services on Lord's Days have also been very well attended and interesting, inasmuch as we have had with us one of the young brethren from the Bible Reading every Lord's Day. They have brought us some excellent food for thought and have greatly built us up in the faith.

We expect to study the tabernacle after the Bible Reading is concluded. We are sure we will learn much thereby.

SAINT LOUIS (Manchester Ave.)—We are very happy to have Mildred Carlo with us again. She has been absent a long time while convalescing from a major operation. Sister Boyajian has also been ill and from all reports it will be

sometime before she can attend services. We are glad that Sister Guion is able to resume her accustomed place with us after a long siege of illness. Bro. Robert Tabor, who was also sick for several weeks, is now present again.

Manchester Avenue has three young men in the United States Army now. One of them, Verlin Roberts, was permitted to be with us and with his folk who are attending the Bible Reading, on a recent ten day leave. He is stationed in South Carolina. Walter Henry is at Geiger Field, in Washington. He is stationed at the same post with Delwyn Thompson of Centerville, Mo., a former Bible Reading student. We have just learned that Walter has located the Church, and is privileged to attend regularly. That makes us feel good, and we are glad that he and Delwyn are able to aid in the Cause of Christ, as well as the defense of our country.

Bob Johnson reported at Jefferson Barracks for service on the early morning of Feb. 2. He does not know where he will be located as yet, but we will soon hear from him and be enabled to contact him by correspondence. It was sad to lose him, for his work has meant so much to the churches in this area. He was very faithful and devoted to the Cause of Christ, and could always be counted on to do his part in the carrying on of the services. We pray for all of our Christian young men who are torn from us by the hand of fate.

The Bible Reading is drawing to a close all too soon. There are those of us who are working on National Defense and have not been able to attend as many of the meetings as we would like. We have had some very fine and edifying talks by the Bible Reading students. —EVELYN ROBINSON.

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