

MEMBERSHIP GAIN SHOWN BY CHURCH IS SLUMP RESULT

Depression Driving People to Greater Dependence Upon Religion — History Repeats Its Claim On Data

By Herber Yahraes, Jr.
NEW YORK—(AP)—The Christian church, which made its early gains during a period of "hard times," is increasing its membership as a direct result of the depression. Dr. George Linn Kieffer, president of the American Religious Statisticians, believes the gain in 1931 was much greater than that in 1930. Dr. Kieffer asserts, but the figures compiled by him for The Christian Herald do not furnish a basis for comparison between the two years.

59 Million Church Members
A five-year gain of 4,743,049 over the figure of 34,525,715 established by the government census of 1926 is noted by Dr. Kieffer. The total membership in 1931 being placed at 59,268,764, the largest in history. According to government estimates, the 1931 population was 124,070,000.

Church history shows that Christianity rose among the poor. When poverty, famine, disease, and war were undermining the apparent prosperity of the Roman empire, millions of people turned to the new religion, with the result that early in the fourth century it won full state recognition.

In recent times, according to Dr. Kieffer's figures, the churches not only have gained in membership but also after decades, but also have increased the proportion of that membership to the total population of the country; that is, church membership has been growing faster than the population.

In 1810 in the United States there were only 85 church members in every 1000 population. In 1920 there were 398. Today there are 401. Dr. Herman C. Weber, most editor of the Handbook of the Churches, points out that the adult (13 years and over) church membership in 1931 was 54 per cent of the adult population.

Churches, Ministers Increase
The religious bodies also have increased the number of churches and ministers. In five years the churches have increased by 6177 from 231,543 in 1926 to 237,720 in 1931. The ministers numbered 226,155 in 1931, an increase of 2538 over the year before.

"I believe that the depression has occasioned a definite increase in church membership," said Dr. Kieffer who besides being the head of the religious statisticians is a leader in the United Lutheran church. "The church was founded in the midst of hard times, and there is always an awakening of interest in it when the world is troubled. We are witnessing a return to normalcy. In other words, men and women are going back to the beliefs and practices implanted in them as children. The reports from the few bodies that have tabulated figures since I worked out my totals indicate that the membership gains are continuing."

HOOVER TO SPEAK IOWA FAIRGROUND

CHICAGO, Sept. 23.—(AP)—President Hoover's opening speech at Des Moines, Ia., October 4, will be given in the Iowa state fairgrounds amphitheatre—the only place in the city large enough to accommodate the audience, his campaign managers said they expected.

Announcement of the choice was made by Harrison E. Spangler, Republican national committee man, en route yesterday to Rapidan camp, where he will be the President's guest this week-end.

"There has been an amazing response to the announcement that the President will visit Des Moines," Spangler said. He said erection of temporary seats would allow more than 26,000 persons to occupy the amphitheatre.

SCHULZ TO COACH UNIVERSITY FROSH

EUGENE, Ore., Sept. 23.—(AP)—Irvin F. Schulz, captain of last year's University of Oregon football team, has been appointed freshman coach at the university and Clifford Mannerud, of Eugene, has been named as his assistant. Schulz was considered one of the best guards developed here in recent years. Mannerud was a university star in football back in 1920. He is now in business here and for several years has been assistant coach at Eugene high school.

GIRL BUTCHER CUTS NEW ORLEANS MEAT

NEW ORLEANS.—(AP)—Here's a break for housewives of New Orleans—a girl butcher. Nellie Stryon, 25, is a regular meat cutter in one of the city's Canal street markets and says she knows "how women who cook like their meat." Miss Stryon is pretty, with dreamy blue eyes, daintily manicured pink nails and round dimpled arms. Her boss declares Nellie is "one of the best butchers on the place."

A New Coiffure



One of the new ultra-modern coiffures, showing the fashionable "classic" hairdress, is displayed by June Clyde, the movie actress (Associated Press Photo)

LANE CO. RELIEF CHAPTER ACTIVE

Co-operating with the governor's relief committee in Lane county, the Lane county chapter of the American Red Cross is carrying out an extensive plan for relief work this winter, according to word from that city.

A total of 47,000 jars or tins of fruits and vegetables have been canned, and 100,000 pounds of prunes are to be dried for the winter use.

The group is now working out plans for the distribution of staples. Families are to obtain these by working on shares and obtaining grocery credits.

The organizations will give 350 jars of fruit and vegetables to each dependent family of four, and corresponding amounts to various sized families.

Boy Is Killed By Fall Under Train

HOOD RIVER, Ore., Sept. 23.—(AP) An unidentified boy about 16 years of age fell from an eastbound train here late last night and was killed. Two companions told authorities the boy had received a telegram from his mother in Arkansas, telling him of his father's death and urging him to hurry home.

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OTTAWA PACTS IN BACKGROUND OF ROYAL TOUR

By Elmer W. Peterson
STOCKHOLM—(AP)—The Prince of Wales' tour of Scandinavian countries in October, in connection with a traveling exposition of English industry, finds quick interpretation here as a move by England to safeguard her trade interests in this section of Europe.

What England seeks especially, it is assumed, is to ward off ill-feeling that might possibly result from the Ottawa conference agreements.

Fortunately for England, the Scandinavian states, with the possible exception of Denmark, experienced no undue alarm while the Ottawa conference was in progress. The money exchange restrictions set up by Denmark, now dispensed with, were an indication of that country's concern.

In general, however, there was a strong feeling that England would be duly appreciative of its yearly volume of trade in this direction.

With the results of that conference still to be learned in detail, England has selected upon the psychological moment to assure northern Europe that her intentions are of the best.

Among other things England pos-

sibly fears that the moral effect of the Ottawa conference may interfere with her efforts to regain the Scandinavian coal trade.

Loss of that trade during England's coal strike in 1926, proved a setback from which British coal exporters have yet to recover.

In 1925 Sweden imported 3,693,263 metric tons of coal, including 2,869,064 tons from England and only 83,938 tons from Poland. Then came the strike and Poland took prompt advantage of it. Last year Sweden, out of a total coal import of 4,534,623 tons, took 2,612,596 from Poland and 1,069,168 from England.

It is such matters as this which make England desirous of cementing her friendly relations with Scandinavia.

England has several distinct advantages in trade negotiations. The British empire is the outstanding market for the timber, woodpulp, and paper that come out of Norway, Sweden, and Finland.

The British domain is Denmark's bread and butter, for that little country last year sold 64.6 per cent of its exports to England, mostly dairy products.

In Sweden, however, there is a growing agitation to buy less from Germany as that nation cancelled her trade agreement with Sweden two months ago.

Nineteen Brown
RIO DE JANEIRO, Sept. 23.—(AP)—Word from Maranhao today said 19 persons were drowned in the wreck of a small steamer on the Amazon near there.

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BRAZIL TO TURN OUT VACCINE FOR FEVER

RIO DE JANEIRO.—(AP)—Manufacture of yellow fever vaccine developed by Dr. Henrique de Buaupaire Aragao, Brazilian scientist, will be undertaken by the Brazilian health department for further experiments.

Dr. Aragao obtained the first positive results from his serum in May, 1931, but the vaccine has not yet

been used for actual immunization of humans. The Aragao serum must be used with blood of yellow fever patients, and the Brazilian scientists plan to import monkeys from Africa for this purpose, since Brazilian monkeys resist the disease.

PAMPERED PELICANS FORGET FISHING ART

SANTA MONICA, Cal.—(AP)—Fed for years by surplus fish caught by coast fishermen, pelicans of Santa

Monica bay are believed to have forgotten the art of catching their own food.

A scarcity of fish this season made it impossible to continue the habit of feeding the big-billed birds. It was noticed the pelican colony languished and grew thin.

A number of pelicans from sections where they were unpampered then were imported and by watching the new arrivals dive for their food, fishermen say, the local colony again is learning the art.

PYTHON LURKING IN HOUSE FOR 90 DAYS

ST. LOUIS, Mo.—(AP)—One of two pythons which escaped from the bath room of a 1-dging house was found three months later in a residence two doors away. A householder tried to kick it out the back door, mistaking its coiled form in the darkness for that of a cat. A snake charmer and her lion-tamer husband brought the reptile into the rooming house without the landlady's knowledge or permission.

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Swift's Choice Baby Beef Pot Roast lb. - - - 10c	Veal, Beef Stew lb. 7 1/2c
Fresh Ground Hamburger lb. - - 7 1/2c	Lean and Choice Pork Roast lb. - 12 1/2c
Fresh from the Ocean Salmon sliced or piece lb. 10c	Legs Lamb lb. - 14 1/2c
Pure Vegetable Shortening 4 lbs. - 33c	Swift's Sliced Bacon lb. - - - - 20c