

Bible Reading Program Set

Worldwide Bible reading, a program sponsored annually between Thanksgiving and Christmas by the American Bible Society, will celebrate the completion of the translation of the Scriptures into more than 1,100 languages and dialects. The theme for 1957 is "Now In 1,100 Tongues."

The program now in its 14th year, was hailed by President Dwight D. Eisenhower in a special message to the society, as holding "a mighty promise" for mankind.

"As the Bible's message is made available in 1,100 tongues reaching into the most distant corners of the earth, we are given the strength to continue on our work toward that greatest object of all, peace on earth, good will to men," he said.

President Eisenhower serves as honorary chairman of the sponsoring committee which includes both living former presidents, Herbert C. Hoover and Harry S. Truman. The program is directed toward having millions of people all over the world read identical preselected passages of the Bible on the same day between the two holidays. It began during World War II when a lonely Marine on Guadalcanal asked his family to read the same passages together with him on the same day as a means of maintaining spiritual ties.

More than 15 million persons in the United States participated in the program last year, as did millions more in some 50 other countries.

The Bible readings suggested by the society are printed as bookmarks. The society does not suggest any particular version of the Bible to be used and no note or comment appears on the bookmark.

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Church Sets Special Rites

A special Thanksgiving service is announced by First Church of Christ, Scientist for 11 o'clock on Thanksgiving Day. The service will be held in the focal church at Tenth and Washington.

Open to the public, the service will include voluntary testimonies of gratitude by Christian Scientists for God's goodness, as shown in spiritual growth, physical healings, and other blessings.

A lesson-sermon for the day entitled "Thanksgiving" will be read in all Christian Science churches. Consisting of selections from the Bible and from the Christian Science textbook, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy, the lesson-sermon will emphasize the importance of expressing gratitude to God in deeds as well as in speech.

The service is open to the general public and local church members have invited everyone to attend.

Special Meeting Called By Church

The Rev. C. O. Tremain, pastor of the Free Methodist Church, 1918 Oregon Avenue, has announced a special meeting at the church, Monday evening, November 25, at 7:30.

The speaker will be Dr. James Bishop, superintendent of the Penal Missions, Incorporated, who has been a missionary in India for many years. The mission is associated with the National Holiness Association.

Assisting in the service will be musicians Bernice Wardock and Elsie Gehrke who will present special numbers. The public is invited.

Newsman Gives Account Of Stay With Rebel Army

Editor's Note: For six weeks, a young Spanish newspaperman was permitted to live with the Algerian rebel army. He rode with the troops on camel patrols and saw at first hand how this army operated against the French forces.

By LUIS EZQUERECOCHEA
Written for the United Press

WITH THE REBEL ARMY IN ALGERIA (UP) — France is not fighting a phantom army here.

The Algerian "freedom army" is a well-trained, tightly organized, well-equipped and dedicated force.

I know, for I've spent six weeks

New Lodge Heads Named

MERRILL — The official results of the election of officers for the coming year were revealed at a regular meeting of Merrill Rebekah Lodge No. 151 held Monday evening, November 18, at the Odd Fellows Hall.

Succeeding Mrs. Sylvia Jones as noble grand will be Mrs. Virginia Davis. Completing the elective offices are Mrs. Ruth Griffith, vice grand; Mrs. Miriam Hunnicutt, recording secretary; Mrs. Vivian Cunningham, financial secretary; and Mrs. Thelma Stukel, treasurer.

Members were reminded that Christmas cards are now on sale at the hall. Pro tem officers for the evening were Mrs. Mary Sharp, musician; Mrs. Lee Haskins, flag bearer and Mrs. Warren Fruits, right support to the noble grand. Mrs. Sylvia Jones presided over the meeting attended by 26 members. Refreshments were served by Mr. and Mrs. Everett Jones and Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Bowman.

Initiation of new members will be an event of the December 2 meeting.

with this army. I can report this army is determined to turn North Africa into another Indochina if France does not meet its demands for total independence.

I lived with Algerian soldiers in several of their ever-moving bases, ate and slept with them in their training camps and rode with them on long, bone-bruising camel patrols.

Unlike musical comedy sheikhs, these men wear no flowing turbans. In fact, turbans are against regulations. Their uniforms are American-type olive drab, their headgear garrison caps or the wide-brimmed "ANZAC" hat worn by Australian and New Zealand troops in World War II.

They are clean-shaven except for flowing mustaches, a sign of virility. A few have permission to wear beards. But the slacker who hasn't and doesn't shave is punished. He must kneel for two hours, hands behind his back, nose pressed hard against a wall.

These soldiers, who form the National Algerian Liberation Front (FLN), consider themselves more than just an army. They are part of a combined army-government headed by a single unified command.

Operating under the supreme command of the FLN, the civil organization is charged with administration, tax collection, public health and registration.

Each of the six provinces is commanded by a colonel. Provinces are divided into zones and

these, in turn, are divided into regions. Regions are broken down into sectors commanded by a lieutenant and his political counterpart.

Each sector consists of six companies and each company of three sections with 30 men in each. The section is the basic unit of the Algerian army. I lived and traveled with a section from Colomb-Bechar.

These units are in continuous contact with each other by walkie-talkie. For each sector there is a roving doctor and health squad and hidden away in some secret spot is a modern hospital. I wasn't taken there.

Between patrols and skirmishes with the French, days are spent in rugged training. There is a weekly political orientation class. The FLN gives allowances to families of soldiers where needed, but the men themselves receive no pay.

My first taste of desert warfare came when I accompanied 10 soldiers on a long camel trip into the desert. The mission was to mine the key rail line from Oran to Colomb.

But after three hours of swaying through the black night on our camels, we halted. "The French are ahead," someone whispered.

We dismounted, forced the camels to their knees in a circle and gagged them with blankets.

I was ordered to stay with the

camels and one soldier stayed with me. The rest moved forward. It was pitch black. The only thing I could see were firefly flicks of light on the horizon. These were the lights of French trucks. Later, I was told this French convoy consisted of 150 vehicles.

After the soldiers returned, they told me they stole behind the outposts and put mines in the path of the convoy. As we slid away into the night, I heard muffled explosions.

"There are some trucks that won't go any farther," a soldier told me. This was a typical encounter in today's desert warfare. There are few pitched battles. There is much grim, nerve-racking guerrilla in-fighting.

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