

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD, OCTOBER 5, 1948

The Wesleyan Service Guild of Duke Memorial church has at present a total of 63 members divided among five circles. This shows a net increase of 6 members and one circle over the total on September 9, 1947, when the last annual conference report was made. Actually, 21 new members have joined the Guild during this period, but the turnover is great because this group is supposed to be limited to employed women only and we lose many to other churches or to our own Woman's Society when they marry and move ~~any~~ way or settle down to raising families. Despite an intensive membership campaign in 1947-48 we have not materially increased our membership total, and we feel that approximately 60 will remain our level.

Our 1947 budget of \$390 was increased in 1948 to \$500, divided evenly among the five circles. This includes \$375 for Missions, \$50 for Supply, \$15 for Cultivation funds and \$60 for the local Guild treasury. Although one circle was unable to adopt the budget recommended, because of an unusual loss of membership, \$300.75 of the total \$500 was paid into the treasury by the end of the third quarter. Money-making projects taken on by the circles have aided in meeting this goal.

Beginning in January 1948 a new system of yearly rotation of circle members was put into effect. A majority of the Guild members voted for this at the yearly general business meeting last November because they felt that both the Guild and its component circles, as well as the individual members, would benefit from the contacts and opportunities afforded by a change in the make-up of each circle each year. Some operational difficulties have necessarily been encountered this first year, but they are gradually working out.

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factor in which activities have been carried out by various
groups in committee membership, and our active committee will plan
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In 1954, the spiritual life committee
of the club planned a two-evening devotional series of talks
and seminars, held jointly by the club and the church. The club's
offering for the year of prayer amounted to \$1,000. These programs
were beautifully planned and well carried out.

On June 2, following the general business
meeting, the Christian Social Service committee sponsored a social
meeting. The guest speaker was Dr. Frank A. Smith of the
University of Chicago, who was a member of the club's board of directors.
The purpose of the program, and that of our organization.

The memorial fund which has been set up for the other
groups of the district on Nov. 28 for the semi-annual district meet-
ing. The project committee was responsible for the effective presen-
tation of dramatic worship service entitled "What My Way May Be".
In our report to our co-president, Mrs. W. W. Buchanan, a social
hour followed the service.

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and held on Dec. 5. Some of our new members joined as a result of
the banquet, and it was so successful that we plan another for this
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Due to the change in the fiscal year of the Woman's Division of the church, the present officers and circle membership will continue through next May.

Emphasis this year has been put upon participation in Guild activities other than circle meetings by everyone, through committee membership, and our active committees have planned events for nearly every month.

In October 1947, the Spiritual Life committee of the Guild planned a two-evening observance of the Week of Prayer and Self-Denial, held jointly by the Guild and the WSCS. The Guild's offering for the Week of Prayer amounted to \$51.50. These programs were thoughtfully planned and well carried out.

On November 3, following the general business meeting, the Christian Social Relations committee sponsored a Peace meeting, for which the guest speaker was Dr. Frank W. Hanft of the UNCLaw faculty, who, as a member of the United World Federalists, told us of the purpose and aims of that organization.

The Duke Memorial Guild played host to the other guilds of the district on Nov. 30 for the semi-annual district meeting. The program committee was responsible for the effective presentation of a dramatic worship service entitled "That Thy Way May Be Known", sent us by our ex-president, Mrs. K. B. MacKichan. A social hour followed the meeting.

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ceremony at a general meeting in January, followed by a social hour. In February the Missionary Education committee had charge of two Sunday evening church services, using the book "Ten Thousand Years in China" as its text. That same month three delegates went to the Guild Conference weekend in Fayetteville, and we were all proud that *at that time* Miss Kathleene Cox of our Guild was *officially* appointed to replace Miss Nettie Dailey of Burlington as District Secretary.

Mrs. A. H. Borland presented, in four evenings in April, a most interesting and timely study course on "We, the Peoples of the United Nations". This was a project of the Christian Social Relations committee, and the concluding meeting was a covered dish supper at the home of the chairman of the committee.

Our second annual Namesake Tea was held in May. This year we had a new namesake, Mrs. Lida Duke Angier, to join the other four: Mrs. Mary Wilson, Mrs. Caroline Smith, Mrs. Mary Bradshaw, and Mrs. Sarah Parker, and all five of our honor guests were present. A special project of the Guild circles this year has been the placing of flowers on the church altar in honor of the namesakes on the Sunday nearest their birthday. Mrs. Bradshaw was given a Life Membership in the Guild by her circle last December.

A large group from our Guild attended the district meeting held at Trinity church in May. We also had one delegate at the School of Missions at Pfeiffer College in June.

In August a picnic for all Guild members and their families was held at the Bird Sanctuary. The polio epidemic kept attendance low, but we hope to repeat this event next Summer.

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- Vice President: Miss Alice Collins
- Secretary: Mrs. G. R. Colby, Jr.
- Treasurer: Mrs. E. S. Overton
- Spiritual Life Chairman: Miss Baker Evans
- Christian Social Relations Chairman: Mrs. W. B. Seelye
- Missionary Education Chairman: Mrs. James Phelps, Jr.
- Social and Recreational Chairman: Miss Margaret Emberton
- Circle Chairman: Miss Charlotte Gordon
- Mrs. Marion Platen
- Mrs. W. B. Custer
- Miss Alice Hall
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