



Women's Missionary Council

"Ebenezer . . . Hitherto hath the Lord helped us." I Samuel 7:12.

How assuring and strengthening are the words of the Master, "Lo, I am with you always." It was ten years ago that I was asked to be the Director of the newly recognized Department in our District, the Women's Missionary Council. (Too, we were distinct in that we were the last District in the General Council to recognize this Department.) The task seemed preponderous — what should I use for tools? where should I start? and how? Pioneering is not a strong feature with me, but, the Lord helping us, we did pioneer WMC in the Potomac District. Gratefully, I acknowledged the willingness and sincere help from the National WMC Department. From four groups we have reached 84. With membership growth has also come financial growth. The past yearly report indicates the giving of the Potomac District WMC's exceeded \$21,100.00. To this could be added several thousand dollars more which had not been reported. Potomac District WMC ministry has reached into the farthest outposts as well as in the homeland. Significant tokens of such ministry are evident at Bethany Retirement Home where a plaque is on a door stating the furnishings of that bedroom were made possible by Potomac District WMC's. The electric organ in the beautiful lobby also bespeaks Potomac District WMC's. From our first district-wide WMC project for equipment in the Port Said, Egypt Bible School to the camp cot mattresses at camp, is a long trail of our WMC ministries.

On WMC Day, July, 1964, we received our first coin-project offering. The total of DIMES FOR HOME MISSIONS came to \$760.34. The 1965 coin project (as of this writing) amounts to \$1,254.00. This is quite an increase and will provide an impetus for Home Missions in our District.

The 1964-65 District-wide WMC project (renovating the camp cot mattresses) has reached \$1,040.66, leaving a balance of \$183.34 on the cost of the work.

THE TOUR OF YOUR LIFE, theme of Missionette Day, was truly a Tour and we are still receiving kind words regarding it. We are most grateful to each Tour Leader and to the WMC Sectional Representatives who helped make the day a success. Sisters Florence Buila (Tour of the Headwaters), Mildred Kimel (Tour of the Highlands), Marjorie Richendrfer (Tour of the Homelands), and Ann Ahlf (Tour of the Heartlands) gave fine presentations and will be long remembered for their words of counsel. The special features on WMC DAY just made it a Day of Days. We owe much to Sister Florence Bogdan and her co-workers for their untiring work in preparing the beautiful and most attractive pump-apple tree mural. This added so much to the dime offering. The message of Sister Ahlf lingers in our minds and her words and admonition will yet bring forth fruit. We say again to these ministers and to you, "thank you" for making these two days the "high-lights" of the camp season.

NEW PRESIDENT. At the past District Council I asked that my name not be considered for the office of District WMC President as I am working full-time in the District office. Sister N. E. Haupt, 105 Grigg Street, Petersburg, Va., was elected to this post. I will still be vitally interested in WMC ministry and will lend my fullest support to its furtherance in our District. All future correspondence should be sent to Sister Haupt. Pray for her and give her your faithful co-operation, too.

