

At Woman's Society

"The Bible Through the Ages" was the subject of an address given Wednesday before the Woman's society of the Winnetka Congregational church, by Dr. Herbert L. Willet, dean of the department of Oriental languages at Chicago university, and pastor of Kenilworth Union church.

This is a romantic story, dating from the earliest times, when oral story only was handed down from generation to generation. Dr. Willet described the various stages, from the clay tablets on which wedge shaped characters were formed, to the use of parchment, scarce and expensive. Then came the third step, and the most important so far toward the development of the art of written communication—the discovery of the papyrus.

This plant was a native of Egypt, and it was found that the leaves could be dried and used to write upon. These were transported in rolls to Biblius, a place north of Beirut, in Lebanon. These rolls were given the name of Biblia, from which comes the name Bible.

With this discovery of papyrus came the employment of amanuenses, who made many copies for the distribution of narratives, which previously could be disseminated only by word of mouth. Following this method came the establishing of printing.

The oldest writings were in Hebrew, and the Old Testament is the total surviving literature of the Hebrew race, dating from 1000 B. C. to 175 A. D. At the beginning of the Christian era, there were many stories floating about concerning the life and work of Jesus. The Four Gospels contain the same story, differing only in the manner of telling.

Many writers and speakers were tell-

ing of the Messiah. Brief tracts were written, and gradually learned men sifted out and made selections from all they could gather, and, at the threshold of the third century, twenty-seven documents had been agreed upon, which formed the New Testament. The Christian conscience decided upon the books, but they are not all of the same value.

The next step was the translation of the Bible into Greek, in the early part of the third century.

The story continues on down the ages until the year 1611, when a group of bishops authorized by the king and authorities of Great Britain, gave us the English version of the bible, known as the King James version. This edition was published at Oxford and Cambridge.

In 1881 the English revised version of the New Testament was published. It was cabled to New York and from there telegraphed to the great newspapers.

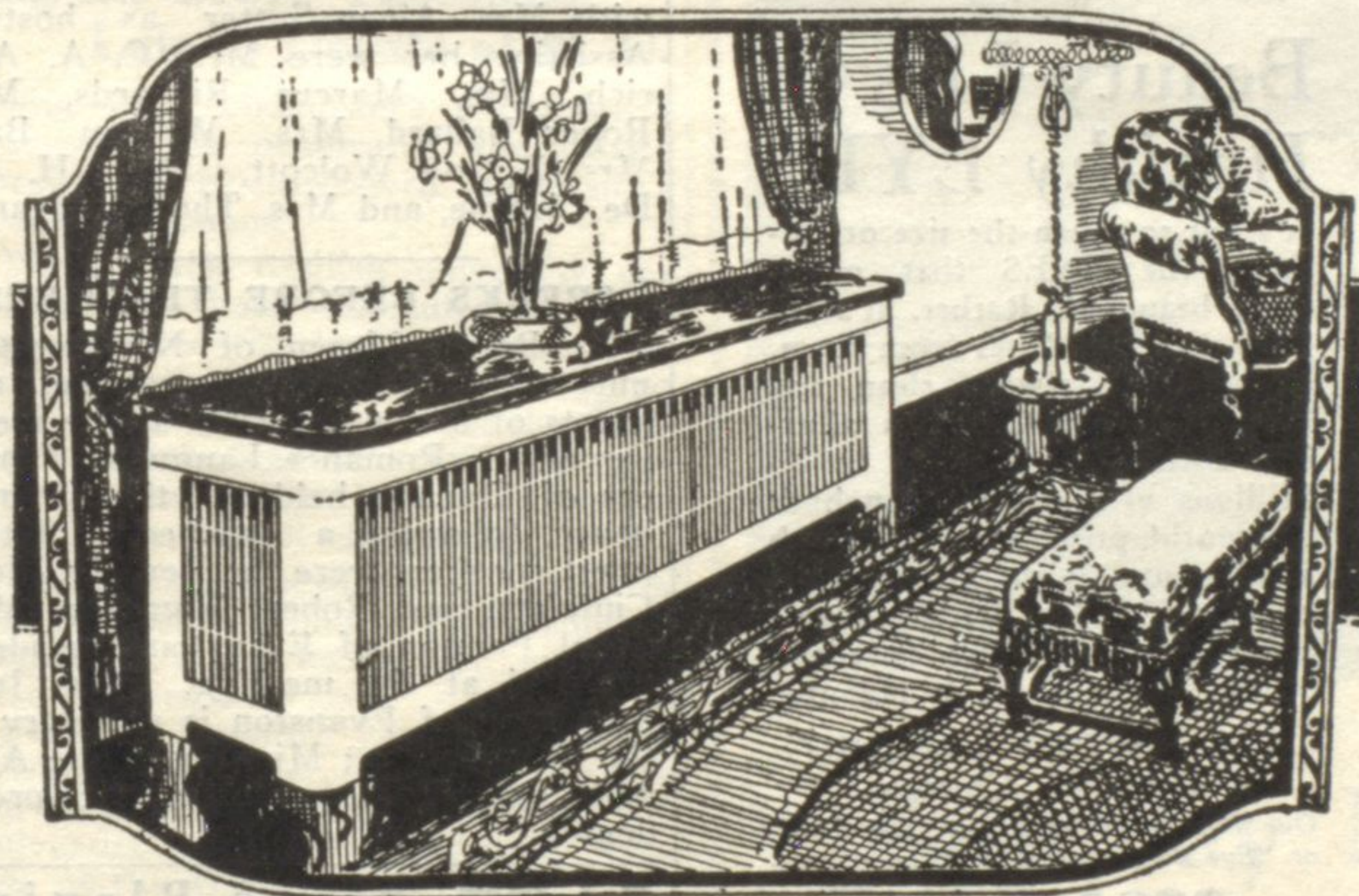
Bibles are now translated into almost every known language in the world. Oxford and Cambridge boast that they have never yet refused to translate and publish when requested to do so.

The American edition of the Bible was published in 1898. The American Standard Bible is in use today.

Two years ago Dr. Goodspeed of Chicago university published a modernized version of the New Testament.

Officers of Sunset Ridge Country Club Re-elected

Dwight P. Green, 329 Chestnut street, Winnetka, was re-elected president of the Sunset Ridge Country club Friday evening, October 28, when the annual election of officers was held at the club. Donald W. Green of 779 Greenwood avenue, Glencoe, was also re-elected to the vice-presidency and N. D. Belknap and William N. Wyant of Evanston were re-elected secretary and treasurer respectively.



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