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PUNGENT PARAGRAPHS

The tomb is only a division station on the road to heaven.

Godliness with contentment is rich in spiritual possibilities.

The devil seeks to discount real revivals, but is pleased with fox-fire imitations.

Those who are constantly pleading for personal liberty are usually planning to abuse their privileges.

May our Christmas giving be in the spirit of Him who gave Himself to redeem those who could not buy redemption.

If you would have a Christmas holiday that would please the Christ of Christmas, make it a holy day and fill it with Christly deeds.

GIVE AS CHRIST GAVE

Christmas is a time of giving; but often our giving is merely to repay another for a gift, or it is for display and ministers only to pride. Instead of making Christmas a holy day, it is too often converted into a day of revelry and folly.

It is not to be expected that those who do not know Christ as a Savior should enter upon the festivities of his natal day with the right spirit; but, surely, Christians should not desecrate the day by frivolous gaiety nor by foolish giving.

Fortunately, in Arkansas Methodism the best kind of celebration has been found. It has become a custom among us to remember our Methodist Orphanage on that day. Our children in the Sunday Schools are urged to give freely to the orphans. Such giving will improve the givers and enable them to become Christlike, and it will help one of the most worthy of all causes. Let pastors, superintendents, teachers, and parents co-operate to encourage the children to direct their gifts on Christmas Sunday to the Methodist Orphanage. Let the superintendent or treasurer promptly remit to Dr. James Thomas, superintendent of the Methodist Orphanage, Exchange Bank Building, Little Rock, and he will acknowledge receipt through the columns of this paper. If there are gifts of food, clothing, or toys, let them be sent direct to Mrs. S. J. Steed, Matron, Arkansas Methodist Orphanage, Little Rock, and they will also be acknowledged in the paper.

As far as possible let the giving be on Christmas Day, Sunday, and let information about the Orphanage be given out from the issue of the *Arkansas Methodist* of December 8. We want our people, and especially the children, to know that they are giving to a worthy cause and to be thoroughly familiar with the institution so that they will feel that they know the orphans. It helps to infuse the personal element.

May this be a truly good Christmas and may all who participate in offerings to the Orphanage receive the largest blessing possible.

THE AMERICAN LEGION AND PROHIBITION

Recently the national commander of the American Legion announced that there would be a "Referendum on Prohibition" taken by the Legion during the coming year as a test vote to determine the views of members on the Eighteenth Amendment and the Volstead Law. His reason is that no popular vote has ever been taken on the question of Prohibition.

As no popular vote has ever been taken on any part of the Constitution we can see no more reason for a referendum on this question than on any other, and we see no good reason why the Legion should be used to further the cause of the "wets," because all such agitation originates in the ranks of the "wets," and such schemes are used by the "wets" because they know that the supporters of Prohibition will not be drawn into any such futile

AND WHEN THEY WERE COME INTO THE HOUSE, THEY SAW THE YOUNG CHILD WITH MARY HIS MOTHER, AND FELL DOWN, AND WORSHIPPED HIM; AND WHEN THEY HAD OPENED THEIR TREASURES, THEY PRESENTED UNTO HIM GIFTS: GOLD, AND FRANKINCENSE, AND MYRRH.—
Matt. 2:11.

method of settling the liquor question. Prohibition came by the approved legal method, and will only be changed by the legal method; hence there is nothing to be gained by such agitation as is proposed.

We are glad to see that the proposition is being vigorously opposed by many prominent members of the Legion, and we trust that it will be successfully met by the friends of good government.

The *Arkansas Gazette*, always right on such moral issues, is emphatic in opposing this movement. It says editorially: "Mr. Spafford makes himself judge of what constitutes the American people's 'best thought.' 'No popular vote by the people,' he also takes occasion to complain, 'has ever been held on the question of the Prohibition Amendment.' Neither has a popular vote ever been taken on the adoption of any other constitutional amendment or of the Constitution itself. The federal government was established on a basis of government by representation, not by referendum and plebiscites."

We trust that the common sense of the best members of the Legion will prevail and no attempt will be made to do this foolish thing.

A GREAT SPIRITUAL MEETING

The General Missionary Council of our Church held its second meeting at Jackson, Miss., last week. The first was at Louisville last year and was a wonderfully helpful meeting, but the meeting of this year was even more helpful and inspiring.

The Council is composed of the chairmen of the Annual Conference Boards of Missions, the Conference Missionary secretaries, the secretaries and treasurers of the Board of Missions and the members of the Departmental Committee on Education and Promotion. In addition to these the editors of all the official organs of the Church were there by special invitation, and many visitors were present. Most of the Bishops were in attendance and on the program. The sessions were all held in the spacious auditorium of the Galloway Memorial Church and were attended by many of the people of Jackson. Dr. W. G. Cram, general secretary of the Board of Missions, under the constitution of the Council, presided, and handled the programs with ability and ease. His statements and introductions were happy. He is proving himself to be a great administrator, and the affairs of our Board under his guidance are becoming highly satisfactory to the Church. It was unnecessary to say much about the finances of the Board, because the heavy debt of two years ago is reduced so that now none of it is being carried by the banks, but the remainder unpaid is provided for through the income of the Lambuth Building erected by Centenary funds. It turns out that the purchase and improvement and renting of this building are fine financing. Of course, we are still in great need of more funds, and are expecting the Special Campaign in January and February so to supplement the regular income from assessments that we shall be able to carry on our missionary work successfully. The campaign last year was highly sat-

CHRISTMAS APPRECIATION

To all of our friends who have contributed to make this Special Christmas Orphanage Number a success our hearty thanks are due. We appreciate your willingness to help the Orphanage and the *Arkansas Methodist*, both of which are institutions of the Methodist Church in Arkansas.

We call upon our readers to show their appreciation of the Orphanage by liberal contributions made through their Sunday Schools on Christmas Day.

Further, we would appreciate it if our readers would express their approval to the friends in their several communities who have contributed to make this Special Number possible. We trust that the several communities will be greatly benefited by the publicity given them in these columns. The statements made about these communities are as nearly reliable as it is possible to have them. Let these statements be read and then our people will know all Arkansas better.

isfactory, yielding almost \$800,000, but with redoubled diligence this year it should yield still more.

The addresses were largely devoted to consideration of our task and the unusual conditions on the field and to Evangelism. Practically every speaker recognized the unusual conditions, fraught with danger, but all agreed that the faithful preaching of Christ alone will save the world from the dire evils, and all stressed our duty to make the year 1928 notable for emphasis on preaching and revivals at home and abroad.

Dr. Plato Durham, of Emory University, conducted the devotional services and gave heart-searching messages on present-day duties. He is a fluent and thoughtful speaker and lays emphasis on the importance of our having the mind of Christ in all our work.

Bishop Beauchamp, president of the General Board of Missions, who is thoroughly familiar with the missionary situation, made a discriminating address. Paying a tribute to Bishop Lambuth, suggested by the fact that the Lambuth family had once lived near Jackson, Bishop Beauchamp outlined the world situation. To give the Gospel to the very ends of the earth is the primary business of the Church. No changing conditions can affect this fundamental obligation, although many, because of unrest and confusion in mission lands, think that we should withdraw and stay at home. We must never think of such an ignominious solution. The heathen peoples never did want us and do not now; but their need is great and Christ's commission stands. It is time to face the facts. We are living in a day, not merely of change, but of revolutionary change both at home and abroad. These changes are not necessarily the result of the war, but many have been hastened by that event. They are social, racial, economic, ethical, philosophical, international. They cannot be avoided nor ignored. The people of each nation are demanding that they be allowed to work out their own problems. They are not going to let us run their affairs. Wilson's great idea, self-determination, has seized the imagination of all peoples, and they are not going to submit to outside interference. But these things do not eliminate the missionary duty of the Church, but rather emphasize the importance of making Christianity real at home so that it may be influential abroad. With shame-facedness we must confess that we confront this crisis with an inadequate Church. Our people are not

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PERSONALS AND OTHER ITEMS

Last Friday Rev. R. H. Cannon, of DeQueen, called to see about his subscription list. He hopes to have a good year.

Bro. Matthews of Rowell Circuit writes that he expects to have a successful year and is determined to put the paper into every home on his charge.

On Thursday of last week Rev. A. W. Waddill of Malvern came in to arrange for his insurance policy. He reports that all begins well in his good charge.

Rev. A. L. Riggs writes: "We are back on the job and Monette Circuit is moving right on. As the time expires in January, we will make January our Arkansas Methodist month."

Rev. Ira H. Russell, pastor of Farmington Charge, writes: "I am well pleased with my new charge. On arrival the good people of Farmington had all sorts of good things to eat in the parsonage."

Mr. D. R. Hankins of Monticello, one of our best friends, sends six papers to members of his family as Christmas presents and takes out six accident policies. That is fine. Let others follow his example.

A valued correspondent in Hot Springs writes: "Methodism is booming here. Third Street is going right up with their fine church. Park Avenue is taking pledges for a new building. \$7,000 already pledged from congregation last Sunday night."

In memory of his mother's pioneer work in the education of women in the south, J. M. McCandless, of Atlanta, has given an endowment fund of \$10,000 to Emory University. The income from the fund will be used to purchase books for the department of education.

Dear subscriber, how can you do better than to renew your subscription and take out the \$7,500 travel-accident policy for a year? The combination will cost you only \$2.75. In case of an accident it may be worth much to you. During this year one of our policy holders was killed in an automobile accident and his family received \$1,250. Under certain circumstances the indemnity is \$7,500. Do not delay, but make application now.

LET US CO-OPERATE

Pastors of the Little Rock and North Arkansas Conferences: Having attended the General Missionary Council of our Church, held last week at Jackson, Miss., we are profoundly impressed with the importance of getting the Message of Missions and Evangelism to our people during the coming year. That meeting was informing and inspiring; but the only way to get the information to the members of all our churches is through the Arkansas Methodist; hence we unite in behalf of the Boards of Missions of our two Conferences in urging that all pastors co-operate with the editor and manager of our paper to put it immediately into the hands of all our people. Let it be done now so that our people may get the largest benefit of the Cultivation Period (Jan. and Feb.), and be prepared to meet the responsibilities of the year 1928.

Unless our people become aroused to the obligation of the Church to evangelize the home land and send the Gospel to all people, we are in great danger of backsliding. We cannot save ourselves unless we are diligent in saving others, and our people will not know the situation unless we use our paper to give them the information.

Brethren, please take the matter up at once and get the paper into "Every Home in Your Church." It will pay you in the increased interest of your people in all of the work of the Church. The paper is intended to help you to get your message to all of your people, those who stay at home as well as those who attend your services. Shall we all pull together for a few weeks and be ready for the wonderful work that we hope to do the coming year?—E. R. Steel, Chairman L. R. Conference Board of Missions, R. E. L. Bearden, Vice-Chairman N. Ark. Conference Board of Missions.

A HELPFUL CHRISTMAS GIFT

By sending to a friend or relative a year's subscription to the Arkansas Methodist you can furnish a fine fund of helpful reading and cause yourself to be remembered once every week throughout the year. The regular price is \$2.00. If you want the valuable travel-accident insurance policy, send 75 cents additional, and you can get a policy which may be worth \$7,500 to you or to a friend or relative. Try this form of gift and see if it is not appreciated.

Prof. J. B. Stevenson, Jr., head of the Chemistry Department of the Arkansas Polytechnic College, has been elected to membership in the American Chemistry Society. He is a son of Rev. J. B. Stevenson of the N. Arkansas Conference and a graduate of Hendrix College.

Thirteen Emory University students will attend the tenth quadrennial convention of the student Volunteer Movement when it meets at Detroit, Michigan, during the Christmas holidays. The expenses of the students are being paid in part by the Methodist churches of Atlanta.

Mr. H. C. Couch, president of the Arkansas Power & Light Co., is giving a \$10,000 school building to the village of Calhoun, in Columbia Co., the community where he was reared. The only condition is that the full 18 mill tax be voted annually and the building and grounds be kept in good condition.

The following appointments in Louisiana Conference are of interest to many of our readers: Ponchatoula, Briscoe Carter; Florine, C. B. Powell; Minden District, K. W. Dodson; Monroe, M. S. Monk; Mooringsport, A. M. Shaw; Noel Memorial, Shreveport, W. C. Scott; Centenary College, G. S. Sexton.

Wesley Memorial Hospital at Emory University cared for ninety-eight charity patients and 484 part-pay patients during the year ending October 1. The Golden Cross gave \$7,400 of the total of \$28,580 spent on these patients. The part-pay patients gave \$13,000 of the sum, the remainder being paid by the hospital.

Rev. E. D. Hanna of Wilmar has been in the Baptist Hospital of this city for more than a week. He is having the same trouble that he had a year ago. The doctors are not quite sure of the exact cause, but are hopeful of his recovery. Mrs. Hanna is here with him. They have the sympathy and prayers of many friends.

Rev. J. L. Shelby, pastor of East Side Church, Paragould, writes: "We are starting off nicely. Last Sunday night at the altar had a conversion. Have had a big 'pounding'. The board raised salary \$200 and put the Arkansas Methodist in the budget as usual. Am sending more than a month's Conference Claims to the treasurer."

The secular press reports that, in a disastrous fire which swept over Hoxie last Monday, our Church and parsonage were both destroyed. The church was valued at \$15,000 with \$7,000 insurance and the parsonage was valued at \$3,500 with \$3,000 insurance. Rev. J. E. Lark, the pastor, and his good people have our sympathy in this loss.

The deepest word in the evangelization of a world, is love. But even love will fail to evangelize if it is only an ideal. One may be in love with love, but this will not convert the heathen. Quite a little of the love of Christian people is of this type. We weep over the woes of the Chinaman in China, but we are not concerned about the woes of the Chinaman in America.—Methodist Protestant.

Rev. Clem Baker, Little Rock Conference superintendent of Sunday Schools, was elected a member of the Educational Advisory Committee of the General Sunday School Board at the recent meeting of the Sunday School Council at Nashville, Tenn. Miss Faye McRae also was elected to the same committee. Rev. S. T. Baugh, Little Rock Conference field secretary, was elected president of the Extension Secretaries Section, and Rev. A. W. Martin, of N. Arkansas Conference, was elected vice-chairman of the General Council.

The friends of Rev. A. W. Waddill and family are rejoicing over the fact of the former's return to the pastorate of the Malvern Methodist Church, the Conference held at Camden appointing him to this station for another year at the request of the Board of Stewards and members of the Malvern Church. Rev. Mr. Waddill is now serving his third year in Malvern and he and his family have made a host of friends both in and out of the church since moving to Malvern in January, 1925. The Church has grown and prospered under his guidance and is certain to continue to do so in the coming year.—Malvern Meteor.

The Mississippi Conference at its last session took action closing the Conference Training School at Montrose and the Port Gibson Academy, and turning over Whitworth College for women to Millsaps College with certain provisions which encourage the aspiration of Whitworth to become a standard A Grade college. A correspondent of the New Orleans Christian Advocate says: "The statesmanlike scope and thoroughness of this action, as well as the unanimity and dispatch with which it was made, indicate that the Mississippi Conference is ready for a forward movement in Christian Education."

"Headed Towards Arkansas" is the title of a leaflet just issued by the Arkansas State Plant Board. It tells of the pests and diseases which have cost the farmers of other states millions of dollars, and are now headed toward Arkansas. They are the European corn borer, the Mexican bean beetle, the potato wart disease, the chestnut blight disease and the pink bollworm. The Plant Board enforces quarantines against pests and diseases of plants which have not yet got a foothold in Arkansas; takes steps to eradicate pests and diseases whenever such a course is possible, and inspects all nurseries in the state. The State Plant Board constitutes our first line of defense against these enemies. If you want to co-operate by understanding send for literature to Paul H. Millar, chief inspector, State House, Little Rock.

THE SOUTHERN METHODIST PRESS ASSOCIATION

This Association held its annual meeting at Jackson, Miss., while the editors were attending the General Missionary Council. Practically all of the papers were represented. A delightful banquet was given the Association by the Chamber of Commerce at which a strong address on "The Duty of the Laity" was delivered by Major Frederick Sullivan, editor of The Daily News, and an address on "Mississippi's Development" was delivered by Mr. Craddock Goins, editor of The Mississippi Builder. Brief addresses were made by Dr. J. M. Rowland and Dr. A. F. Smith in behalf of the editors. It was a very pleasant occasion. The editors also

CONTRIBUTIONS

GIFTS FOR JESUS

By Eva J. Averitt.

Have you looked all around, as Christmas draws near,
To find some one to comfort, some one to cheer,

For some one whose heart is aching with pain,

Who longs to know Jesus, the Lamb that was slain?

Perhaps there are those who are hungry and cold,

Who wish for a friend their hearts to unfold;

Perhaps you or me God commissioned to find

That some one to tell of his love for mankind.

This wonderful day that we hold most dear,

Is the birthday of Christ and is known far and near;

The place, a manger pillowed this Babe divine,

Watched by Mary, the mother, with love so benign.

He brought us a gift, a message from God,

From Heaven's high throne, where

angels have trod—
A message of peace, of good-will to men, and
The glad tidings of love spread all over the land.

This gift of the Savior was not bought with gold,

But with love and with pity for millions untold;

He came from high Heaven among men to live,

To share all their burdens, and pardon to give.

Through the dark valleys and o'er mountains steep,

His promise to God the Savior did keep:

To spread the glad news of the sinner's rebirth

Was the mission for which God sent Him to earth.

We can never repay this Savior so great

For the love which He gave our sins to abate;

We can tell the sweet story so wondrous and true;

Each time it seems greater, more glorious and new.

So bring your possessions, your silver and gold,

And freely bestow on the hungry and cold;
These are gifts for the Master; his words we can see—
As you do to the least, you do it to me.

Mena, Arkansas.

MAN'S FIRST GIFT TO HIM

And yet for our sakes he became poor. Many are born so. He became such. He remained rich in spirit. The transition did not transform him. He became poor. He had not been rich because of what he had acquired. He had wealth in himself. His opulence was not in his possessions; it was in himself. His abundance was concealed in the purpose of his life. He came to fulfill a destiny. He was the expression of intelligence bent on the accomplishment of great ends. He was the deposit of the strength of an omnipotent will. He bore the gift of endowment by which omniscience battled with the adversity of the finite and spent itself upon the perversity of the human heart. He appeared among the lowly. His parents were those of the long road and travels over a weary trail. They were of those who counted themselves as strangers in a land where doors stood ajar, but not for them; where win-

dows gleamed, but without a welcome for them; where tables were spread, but without a place for them where friends met friends, but without a greeting for them.

They faced the birth hour of their expected child not in a palace, not in a cottage, not in an inn, not by a fireside glow, but in a public place, excluded from comfort and the ministry of delicate hands. In Bethlehem his arrival was announced. Angels were trusted with that duty. They failed not in their glad acclaim. The circle of the morning stars joined them in sounding forth the message, "Peace on earth and good will to men." They sang together because the universe knew no agency but his; because nature in all its vastness bowed before his sovereignty; because the Lord of all the higher compartments of the celestial divisions, where thrones, dominions, principalities, and powers in the illimitable vastness rest their planetary fabrics in the immeasurable reaches of space, had come to earth as the gift of God, as the expression of his supremacy and as a condescension of his illimitable grandeur. He appeared as a babe among the creatures of creation. He was not produced; he was predestined. He was not created; he was

had dinner at the Millsaps College Dining Hall and had the pleasure of inspecting the plant of that institution. The dinner was fine and fellowship with President Key and other members of his faculty was greatly enjoyed. A fuller account of the College will be given in next issue.

For the past three years Rev. A. W. Plyler, D. D., editor of the N. C. Christian Advocate, has been president of the Association. At this meeting the following officers were elected: A. C. Millar, president; J. M. Rowland, editor of the Richmond Christian Advocate, vice-president; M. E. Lazenby, editor of Alabama Christian Advocate, secretary-treasurer. There was discussion of a trip to the Pacific Coast next August, and if the matter can be satisfactorily arranged the next meeting will be held in connection with that trip. On account of insufficient time a regular program was not carried out at this meeting. The fellowship of these editors is always pleasant and profitable, and this editor appreciates the honor conferred on him and will try to make the coming year profitable for the Association.

ARKANSAS METHODIST ORPHANAGE

As we approach the season for the annual offering for the Orphanage, we can but be anxious, for so much depends upon the people being given an opportunity to contribute to this great institution. The Church has done well in Arkansas in the past, but this year, we are hoping for a larger offering than ever before. So therefore, as Superintendent, I am giving this last message to the Methodists of Arkansas. Your Orphanage needs you now. It does not need toys and things of that character, but it needs the cash for this Christmas Offering is the maintenance fund to last throughout the year.

One more request I will make of my brethren of the ministry: Give all of the people an opportunity to make an offering. As soon as received, send the offerings to the writer, Dr. James Thomas, 404 Exchange Bank Building, Little Rock, and they will be acknowledged in the Arkansas Methodist.—James Thomas, Supt.

REPORT ON CIRCULATION

Some of our pastors are already at work securing subscriptions for the paper. The following have reported since the sessions of Conference:

Rev. L. W. Fair, Rover, 3;
Rev. J. A. Ginnings, Fouke, 2;
Rev. S. W. Johnson, Bingen, 1;
Rev. J. G. Ditterline, Aubrey, 1;
Rev. T. H. Wright, Cotter, 1;
Rev. W. J. Williams, McCrory Ct., 13;
Rev. J. E. Snell, Central Ave., Batesville, 20;
Rev. W. A. Arnold, Prescott Ct., 1;
Rev. S. B. Wiggins, Dardanelle, 9.

Let the good work continue. Our people should have the paper early so that they may have the Missionary Message of January-February.

NO PAPER NEXT WEEK

According to our custom, in order to give a holiday to those who work for the paper, there will be no paper next week.

We trust that all of our friends will have a joyous Christmas and a happy New Year, and that they will adopt plans to make 1928 their best year. Let us all pull together and we shall see great results.

A GREAT SPIRITUAL MEETING

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fully informed of their duty and not convinced of their divine call to represent Christ adequately both at homes and abroad. We have no mind for the task and are not working at it. We must change our own attitude.

Bishop Beauchamp remarked that often he heard of a "great church." We needed a definition. Certainly a church that spends \$75,000 a year on itself and only \$1,000 for Missions, is not a great church in the sight of God. To spend more for a choir or a sexton than for the spread of the Gospel is actually heathenish. A "great church" is one with the mind of Christ, and unless we get that attitude we shall miserably fail. We are building magnificent houses largely from local pride and are withholding from the Master that which is His. That cannot continue without ultimate failure of the Church to realize Christ's purposes for us and with us. The case of a Presbyterian Church in Atlanta that gave to Missions and home work 50-50 was instanced. A stingy Church, a selfish Church, a worldly Church is not adequate for the task. However we should be thankful that we face the situation with an adequate Christ. He is equal to all emergencies, and only needs our co-operation to give Him to the people of the world. The Church is awaiting a leadership with the mind of Christ to present an adequate Christ to the sinful world. Shall we have it?

Dr. F. S. Onderdonk, superintendent of our Texas Mexican Mission, discussed "Nationalism as manifested in both foreign and home fields." He spoke of the fact of nationalism, the causes, and the cure. The tide of nationalism is rising in all the world. It cannot be denied or evaded, and it is not necessarily wrong, but has many commendable elements. It grows out of the increasing self-consciousness of the several peoples. It is natural. Practically all people have a justifiable pride in their own country, and some suspicion of other nationals. The people of Latin America fear the power of the United States and think of our Churches as intimately connected with our national ambitions and aggressions. The very success of our missionary efforts is a cause of restlessness and a preparation for independence. It should be expected. The third generation of Christians in our mission fields asks for the privilege of self-determination and self-support. They do not hate us, but want to do their own work in their own way. They

argue that the time has come for them to set up for themselves, because they have passed the period of childhood and are now grown and capable of self-governance. To us that may come as a shock, but it is a fact and the sooner we adjust ourselves to it the better for all. It is a time for clean, careful Christian diplomacy in dealing with our foreign fields. While we may start the work in foreign lands, still it is best that every nation should be evangelized by its own sons. It means that in our supervision and management we must decrease and they must increase, and we should prepare to accept our relation gracefully, and become simply helpers and not leaders. We must recognize the facts that the nationals in other lands, when they are Christians, love Christ as much as do we, and are as ready to work and to sacrifice. We must learn to be brothers and not bosses, to cooperate and not control. It is probable that the members of our Missions will have plans to submit to our next General Conference for larger autonomy in their several fields.

Bishop Hay presented the question of Evangelism in his enthusiastic and emphatic way. We must recognize man's personal responsibility to God and need of a personal Savior and man's relation to his fellows and his duty to bring them to this Savior. It is not enough to advocate reform; but to preach repentance of sin and faith in Jesus Christ for salvation. We must impress men with the fact of sin and then present Christ as the Savior from all sin. We must grasp the fact that Christianity is a world religion or it is not a worthwhile religion. It is the only religion that is worth while, and cannot abide any substitutes. Christ must be presented as the only Savior and the all-sufficient Savior. Other religions are not altruistic. Jesus is the teacher of the forward look. There is danger in this broad age of letting certain facts slip and forgetting our real mission. It is our business to let our light shine so that others may see and know that we are children of God. Southern Methodism needs to burn with evangelistic fervor and then souls will be saved and the Gospel preached with increasing power. We need scholars, but only scholars who can teach with pure hearts. We need schools, but only schools in which Christ is known and loved. The besetting sin of the 20th Century is intellectual egotism. We should give light; but it should be light of Christ.

A committee on Findings was appointed, and its report is given on Page Four, but a further account of the Council must await another issue. Suffice it to say now that every address was pungent, pointed, and powerful. There was not a poor presentation by any of the speakers. Our own Dr. O. E. Goddard gave a very illuminating account of conditions in fields visited recently. He was requested to prepare a statement for the papers giving the latest information about the conditions of our Mission fields.—A. C. M.

conceived. He was not born; he was conveyed in a thought. With him came the birth of the supremely exquisite set in the corona of the ineffable.

Humanity announced he was born among the "poor." The glory of that word had not been discovered. He became "poor." A word prolific of meaning; a word filled with the mystery of the history of mankind; a word crowded with the significance of vast import, affecting alike the heart of God and the emotions of man; a word exciting the sympathy of heaven and proclaiming the wretchedness of earth; a word rendering the full measure of the abasement and humiliation of the Lord of heaven.

The angels wept not, but rejoiced at his descent. The galaxy of stars faded not at his condescension, but sang together as though he approached some coronation. There was gladness among the inhabitants of the heavenly places when he came to sojourn for a season among men. It was as though he contained in himself a native wealth that consigned to the penury and woe of human life would work an alchemy enriching and enlivening until he should be made unto all men wisdom that maketh for possessions, righteousness that maketh for happiness, sanctification that maketh for purity and health, redemption that maketh for mastery and sovereignty.

He became poor, but he could not remain the subject of poverty. Confronting the experience of all who languish there he wrought a mysterious transition and passed unheeding forward and upward until he gathered gold from the mouths of fishes, fed the multitudes on the illimitable luxuries of a barbecue of feasting; met disease and conquered it with a ready hand; drove poverty and rags, physical decrepitude, and those possessed by demons out into the wilds and over the precipice into the depths of a waiting sea, and proclaimed man the inheritor of the ages, the master of his soul, and the forger of an eternal destiny.

And yet for our sakes he became "poor." What an abandonment was that! What a condescension! Angels rejoiced in it. They knew he would not be reduced by it. The stars sang together as they witnessed it. They understood the darkness could not conceal him; it could not shroud him; it could not pall him; it could not sepulcher him. It might make him as one stricken to find him exalted. It might pierce him to find him later reigning midst an irreducible splendor. He revealed the mystery of one born in poverty. Acclaimed by a star, he went forth to enrich mankind by a constellation of Christian graces. Announced by a choir of angels, he went forth to lead all men in realizing the mystic meaning of their message. Born in a manger, he went forth opening the pathway of life until it lengthened through the centuries and became resonant with the footsteps of the masters of men.

Cradled at Bethlehem, the world began to resound with the promises of his love and to brighten by the splendor of his courage and to spring into action at the appeal of his romantic adventure. Among all God's creatures he became poor that they might understand the wealth of poverty. He gave himself. The world's first gift to him, who came to save it, was a manger, and its last a cross.

We wait at the manger yet to find the creatures of God. In it he placed the child of destiny, acknowledging his own substantial paternity. Men

receiving the acknowledgment may come to feed their souls, regale their faith, and with delight measure the distance from their dwelling place to his eternal abode.

Man's first gift to him should be renunciation, adoration, surrender, the pledging of loyalty, the declaring of fealty, and the acceptance of sovereignty, until we all pass beyond the ravages of time, the uncertainty of chance, and the perplexity of change, until the day dawns and the shadows flee away.—Western Christian Advocate.

GENERAL MISSIONARY COUNCIL

Report of Committee on Findings

1. At the very outset of this report your committee believes that we should recognize the hand of Almighty God in the success that has attended the efforts of our Church to retire a great debt, and at the same time to maintain its work, on an efficient basis both at home and abroad. Notwithstanding droughts in some sections and unparalleled floods in other sections, our membership contributed to the cause of Missions approximately \$2,500,000 last year. Of this amount about \$800,000 was free-will offering for the Maintenance Fund. Because of this liberality, our General Board of Missions has been able to pay all of its bank obligations, which, at one time, amounted to the stupendous sum of \$1,600,000. The debt that bade fair to cripple our enterprises is now a matter of history, but better by far than this, notwithstanding revolutionary outbreaks in China, God has shielded our workers from harm and they have been able to return to the fields which they were forced to leave by governmental mandate. Despite the excitement attending on these nationalistic movements, our Church continues to grow in numbers and in influence abroad. Surely God has been gracious to us.

2. There are, however, some factors that give to us great concern. We regret to say that our people are not fully prepared to meet the present world emergency. The evils of the nations can be overcome only by that Church which possesses an international mind and heart. It gives us pleasure therefore to note the large number of study classes that have been organized and we rejoice at the unparalleled circulation of "Yet Another Day in Methodist Missions." We urge the immediate formation of new study groups using for their text Dr. Perry's excellent book "New Tasks for New Times." In bringing about this better habit of mind, the Missionary Voice is a publication whose larger circulation will be of immense value to our Church. We, therefore, sincerely hope that its circulation may soon reach the Hundred-Thousand mark which has been set as a goal by its editor. The good Samaritan first looked, before compassion was aroused, and, as a result, his ministry began. Our people must be made to see world conditions before they will have the heart to help.

3. A number of speakers at this Council have told us of the growing restiveness of our foreign members because of the control of their Church by ours and of their hope for a speedy autonomy. This condition is natural and is but another indication that our preaching has not been in vain. It is well for us to remember that American Methodism was scarcely well organized before it began an agitation for independence of the Mother Church. But 15 years elapsed between our Church's founding and its independence. The fullest opportu-

ity should be given to our brethren in foreign lands to express their own religious lives in institutions for whose management they are primarily responsible. While recognizing that self-determination is a right which we would not dispute, yet because of our affectionate regard for our brethren we express the hope that some form of corporate relationship with the Mother Church may be evolved, which, while it will not fetter their self-expression will still preserve a relationship that has been to the Mother Church a source of joy and satisfaction. Whatever the result of this issue may be, our prayers and love will still follow our children and we will wish for them success in all that they undertake for the Master.

4. The insignificant gain in our membership last year should send us to our knees in prayer for the presence and power of the Holy Spirit. We commend most heartily the "International Revival Movement" and pledge ourselves to use our utmost endeavors to raise the Maintenance Fund to a million dollars, in order that \$50,000 may be available to finance this movement in our own country and that \$100,000 may be spent abroad. But money alone will not bring the revival we need, we, therefore, call on our ministers to project in their churches evangelistic services to help freely their brethren and to call their churches to special prayer that God may again come to us in Pentecostal power.

5. While we find much in the situation both at home and abroad to challenge our efforts yet we do not believe that the times warrant a pessimistic spirit. Through Christ we can do all things. Let us then go joyfully and confidently to our tasks, knowing that our God is with us and victory will attend our efforts.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION PLEDGES

By Bishop John M. Moore

Dr. Sherman is right. Those CHRISTIAN EDUCATION PLEDGES should be paid. Some persons may not be able to pay them, but many persons are able to pay them and pay them now. They were made in good faith and accepted in good faith. Many persons not only made their subscriptions in good faith but have paid them, not only because they never make pledges that they do not pay, and not only because the schools need the money, but also because they believed that all other subscribers would live up to their promises, and they had a right to that belief.

Some subscribers have been unfortunate and they cannot pay their sacred pledge. To them only words of sympathy would be in order. But to those who can pay an earnest appeal should be made. Their honor is involved. The honor of their Church is seriously affected. There is no occasion for sharp harsh words about the matter. Give the conscience a chance to meet its obligations and leave the matter there.

The pledges belong to the Methodist schools, and these schools are in dire need of every dollar pledged—what more need be said?

The Christian Education Movement formally closes December 31. Does a pledge made by a Christian man or woman ever close until it is paid? Every subscriber may have the right to answer for himself. Many will answer, "That pledge shall be paid."

Pastors may well make announcement next Sunday in every church about these really important Christian Education Movement pledges. This may be a reminder also.

"TRAIN UP A CHILD IN THE WAY HE SHOULD GO."

By Robert W. Goodloe
Difficulties of the Task

1. Parents do not really believe that the training method will work. Out of an inherited belief in the inspiration of the Scriptures, outwardly they accept the promise that "when he is old he will not depart from it," but inwardly they doubt its actual fulfillment. They believe that a religious education will be beneficial; that it will serve to restrain their children from vice, and encourage a friendly attitude toward virtue; and that, in some mysterious way it will aid in bringing them to an early conversion.

But how seldom do we find parents who have any firm trust in Christian education as a divinely appointed means of grace, and as the plan definitely laid down by God for the salvation of youth! Fathers and mothers "pray that sanctifying, saving grace may be showered upon their babes, even before they can walk or speak," but with a strange inconsistency, they expect the answers to such prayers to come only after the child has gone away into sin, and, under the influence of some powerful revival movement has been swept into the kingdom. How different from the plan and promise of God: that the child should be trained in the way he should go, "not that he may come into it at a mature age, but that he may walk in it all along, and never depart from it."

2. The development of a genuine Christian character, like every other thing really valuable, requires long-continued and exacting effort. That we get out of a thing only what has been put into it, is truly the law in religious education. How tenderly and persistently and patiently the parent nurses and cares for the physical wants of the child, hoping that when nine or twelve months have passed, the little one may walk. As greatly more important as the exercise of self-willed moral action is than the fact of physical walking, in the same greater degree of effort and patience and actual cost must be the nurture of the developing religious nature.

One reason why the oak is so much stronger and of greater value than the gourd vine is the much greater amount of sunshine and air and moisture, and length of time, required in the process of its growth. The successful religious training of children falls under the same universal law so prominent in the material world: that only value can produce value. If the child grows into a stalwart Christian, it is because, following the will and by the help of God, parents and the Church help to develop in the child the elements of Christian character. It is a tremendous price to pay—but it is worth it.

Why, at Times, the Promise Seems to Fail

1. Training for character of necessity requires that the trainer must himself first possess the quality of soul which is to be developed in the child. Probably nowhere else is there so great an obstacle to the production of the result hoped for, than in the fact that we parents are ourselves lacking in the perfected type of character which we are endeavoring to work out in our children. We seem to forget that figs do not come of thistles. It should come directly home to each of us that by the measure in which we, in our daily lives, fall short of the ideal set for us in Jesus Christ, to that extent we are limiting and making impossible the fine religious growth of our children and children's

children.

In writing a paper on the usefulness of Bishops in the Methodist Church, and referring to the rule of our Discipline which requires each young preacher entering the Conference to promise to abstain from the use of tobacco, a Korean student in my class last year used the following illustration: "If you pour water on a man's head, it will run all the way down to his heels." Down from the parent, through the lives of his children, run the streams of character, the same in quality and effectiveness. God has made us so.

2. Errors in judgment as to what are true values in character, and as to what methods may produce those values, often lead to disappointment in the effort we make to bring our children to worthy manhood and womanhood. Too often our conception as to what constitutes genuine religion is in error. At times we accept formality, church attendance, and profession, in the place of a pure heart and a right spirit, forgetting that those inner fountains are the real sources of life, and that forms are only the means of holding and transporting the living water. One great truth of the Sermon on the Mount is just that: purify the heart, and the expressions of life will be of proper sort; but allow bad motive to remain and, whatever may be the ceremony or form, the life will fall short of the ideal.

3. Character is the result not only of all the good influences which have played upon the life of the child, but all the influences as well. The parent, the teacher, has not fully met the conditions involved in the command: "Train up a child in the way he should go," until attention has been given to the general social conditions under which the child must live. "I am a part of all I have met," in the home and Sunday School, and Church—and school and play-ground and recreation and amusement: in every place where the child may be during his career. The promise is that they will not depart from the way in which they have been trained. And if that way includes evil associates and wrong standards of life, even though outside the home and Church, it is only natural that in some ideals all our children may miss the goal, and that some of them may miss it entirely. Such a result is the normal, the inevitable effect of the sufficient cause present in these unwholesome influences under which our children live.

This fact of the child's missing the mark, though reared by honest and faithful parents, may be illustrated by the practice on a rifle range. The successful marksman must have more than a steady nerve and keen eye. He must know the driving power of the rifle and the ammunition, and the deflection due to atmospheric pressure and currents.

4. Train up a child in the way he should go: not necessarily, in every sense, the exact way in which the parent is walking. One reason the Church has been so slow to accept the idea of a moral religious growth in children is the presence of the older conception that religious experience is uniform, that each individual must pass through exactly the same process, whether that one be infant or adult. "Do not let us measure their qualifications by our bushel.... The boy that, because he has become a Christian, is disgusted with ball-playing; the little girl who, because she has given her heart to God, has lost her interest in her waxen doll, is morbid and unhealthy. You ought not to set the life of a vivacious child to the

tune of 'Old Hundred.'"

Wrote Bishop Haygood: "The injustice of these unnatural views of what is proper in religious children works a positive damage. Many children break down utterly under this man-imposed yoke and burden that is neither easy nor light. In many cases they never recover from the misconceptions of religion, and prejudices against it, that were burned into them by hardness and ignorance. Besides, this demand for unnatural sedateness tends to cultivate affectation in children. They cannot be what is required of them—old men and women.... Rightly has one characterized all such ideas as a reversal of the divine message. If such be true, the Master should have said, 'Except ye become as grown men,.....ye cannot enter the kingdom of heaven.'"

The Method to be Used

Long ago Stephen Olin said: "Children are the heritage of the Lord.... To this end he intends the Christian family to be a school of Christ.... He would have them put on the Lord Jesus Christ with the first garments of their childhood, and drink in Christian sentiments from the mother's loving, beaming eyes, as they hang upon the breast. He intends them to learn religion, as they learn a thousand other things, from the spirit and tone of the family.... This, with faithful, diligent instructions, and restraints adapted to the different periods and exigencies of childhood and youth, is the nurture of the Lord—the right training which, under our gracious economy, insures the early piety of the children of really Christian families. They grow up Christian.... They pass on to the attainments and functions of mature piety by gradations so easy and imperceptible that it may not be possible to fix the day of their espousals to the Saviour."

OUR EDUCATIONAL SITUATION AS I SEE IT

By Odem L. Walker

It is both unwise and unfair to judge anything without knowledge of the underlying facts. It is in the flood-light of stern facts that we are able to reach conclusions that are sound. I have made a great many honest mistakes in my life. I decided in the light of partial facts, and though my decision was honest, I found myself standing where I did not want to stand. Recently I had just that experience. I am referring to the decision I made with reference to our educational policy early in the history of that movement to revise our plans.

With others I was called into Little Rock to hear the report of our Commission appointed by the Conference to work out a new system for our colleges. At this meeting a report was made that carried with it some very far-reaching and bold movements. These I felt at the time to be both daring and far-reaching. But I like daring and far-reaching movements when I think they are sound and right. I knew that I had no time to think the proposals through. I observed that the leaders of my Church seemed to be committed to the plan. Knowing that the matter would be settled at a later time by the Conference I followed the leadership of my Church.

But it has ever been my custom, and shall always be as long as I am sound in mind, to do my own thinking when at all permitted to do so. I have pursued that policy in this. I set myself carefully to review the whole matter in the light of the facts that I have at hand. No doubt there are other facts of which I am totally ignorant.

But I can only reach conclusions warranted by the facts as I know them. I cannot allow myself to acquiesce in any serious conclusion upon facts that others may claim to have whose nature and character are not given to me. I am shut up in my conclusion to only the facts of which I have knowledge. If there are other facts that will warrant any other conclusion than I have reached I would welcome those facts with all my heart. I have an open mind. My conclusions are not fixed. But until further light is given me I shall stand by these, the purest convictions of my heart.

I believe fully in the sincerity and loyalty of the members of our Commission. I believe that they are true men and Christian in their minds and hearts. I believe that they honestly want to improve the work of religious education in Arkansas. I honor them and respect them for standing firmly for what they believe. But I frankly say that if these brethren are acting upon the same facts that I have to reason from, and no others, then I am firmly convinced that they are wrong. I say wrong in their thinking—not wrong at heart. It was this honest conviction that caused me to place my name on that resolution coming from the Board of Education asking that the Commission be discontinued. I have the right to interpret my motives. It might seem that this was a discourtesy. I did not intend it as such. I did it for the Church I love, and in the light of these same facts would do it again.

These are my convictions with reference to the entire matter: Our first loyalty must be to Christ and His kingdom. Our institutions of learning are vital to that cause. What affects these in Arkansas must affect His Kingdom in this state. Not only are these institutions dear to our hearts, they are agencies of our Church for fitting men and women for greater service in the Kingdom. If the present plan be the best we can do, my agitation for a change must injure the cause. But if the present arrangement be not the best, we owe it to our Christ and His Kingdom to make it the best. I am convinced that we have the best possible plan under conditions as they are, and as far as I can see, will be for many years to come. I believe that we could put our heads and our hearts into this thing, under the present plan, and make the greatest progress in that field possible for us as a Church. I believe that our Arkansas Methodism can and will support three institutions of "A Grade." Surely that is possible if we can support one great central institution and three colleges of lower rank. If we build in our capital city an institution of the grade and character contemplated it will over-shadow and destroy the other three colleges. It is being argued that the three colleges we have will be permitted to carry on their programs unimpeded by the Church. But that is like a mother telling her children, "You have a right to live, and I recognize that right. Go ahead and live and thrive. But I will not feed you." It will take more than a permit to keep these colleges alive and abreast of the times. It will take the undivided loyalty of Arkansas Methodism. I am convinced that the small Christian college is worth more to the Church than is the greater college and university. There is an atmosphere in the small college that you cannot have in the greater institution. That atmosphere is most conducive to the building of strong Christian character. There is a personal touch with the instructors that is not known

in the larger institutions. This fact is causing thousands who are financially able to choose between a great many institutions to select the small college for their sons and daughters. I believe that a great central institution in Little Rock will take these features out of the educational system of Arkansas Methodism. And when you take these features out you have taken out the very best. I further believe that we owe something to the two universities we have already in process of establishment. I do not believe we have come to the place in our educational history where it is wise to divide the allegiance of the Conferences west of the Mississippi River between a university in Little Rock and one in Dallas.

These mental reactions to the facts that have been given to me have issued in my support of a resolution to abolish the Commission. But I lost in this. The Commission is now my Commission. I would be glad to see that Commission bring out a plan that is better than the one we have, if it can be done. To me a hope of that kind is as black as mid-night. I frankly confess that I am unable to see any possibility of a sound solution that will charge materially the present plan. But no man would welcome a better plan more heartily than I. Our Arkansas Methodism is justly entitled to the best possible, and I want us to have it. I am maintaining an open mind on the matter, but still cling to the right to think it out for myself, on the basis of whatever facts may be ascertained. In all my thinking the Cause of Christ stands first. I am for anything that will mean the most to His Kingdom.

IS IT A BLUNDER, OR NOT?

It was announced in the Arkansas Gazette recently, too late, I suppose, to get the report in last week's Arkansas Methodist, that the Boards of Trustees of our Colleges had met, according to Conference action, made their nominations, and the Bishop had appointed the five new members from this Conference (the Little Rock), who, with those already chosen, are to make up the enlarged Educational Commission. I have not the paper carrying the announcement before me, but it gave the names of those appointed in each Conference, both the North Arkansas and the Little Rock. If my memory serves me correctly, those chosen in the North Arkansas Conference were pretty widely distributed from over the Conference territory. On the other hand, it was stated with some degree of emphasis on the fact, that every one of those chosen to act for the Little Rock Conference as new members on the Commission lived in Little Rock. I have no doubt that the reporter might have gone a little further, though I do not know it to be a fact, and have stated that every one of the new members of the Commission were members either of First Church or of Winfield. This fact in itself should not, of course, be held as any disqualification to sit as a member of the Commission. But the fact that none were chosen except citizens of Little Rock to make up the additional number from this Conference who are to consider the very important matter with which this Commission is to grapple, raises some very searching questions in the mind of the writer.

Why was it that only citizens of Little Rock were thought competent, or qualified, to serve on this Commission? I speak with reference to the five new members, not, of course, to call in question the individual fit-

ness of a single one of them for such membership. But why, I repeat, was it thought best to make all the selections in Little Rock? Who decided that only Little Rock citizens were competent to fill such important positions on a Commission that is to consider a matter that is of so vital importance and interest to the whole Conference?

What peculiar fitness does residence in Little Rock give for considering so important a matter that residence outside of Little Rock does not give?

Let no one think that the writer is disappointed that he was not one of

those selected, nor that he is trying to make the task of the Commission more difficult because of that fact. However, with all modesty he does confess to having done some thinking about our educational situation with his head on his own shoulders and might, with apologies to some of the politicians of the day, have permitted himself to be "drafted" if Little Rock material had been scanty. (You will please laugh here).

But seriously, it looks very much as if this thing were being considered a "Little Rock affair," and that the rest of you, "like good chilluns," should wait and take what is handed out to you, not forgetting to say, "Thank you."

The nominating and appointing powers, in the humble judgment of the writer, have made more than ever difficult the matter of agreeing upon any plan that can hope to gain Conference-wide acceptance by labeling the thing so loudly with a "Made IN Little Rock" tag. Not that there is any antagonism over the Conference against the Methodism of our capital city as such, or against the city itself. At least, not that I am aware of. And far be it from me to try, or even to desire, to stir up any such. But when I see a whole Conference snubbed by some of our leaders and told in effect that they are incompetent to consider such weighty matters as those which they (the Conference) are called on, or may be, to adopt a little later, I do not propose to keep silence. To be perfectly frank in stating his mind, the judgment of the writer is that "some one has blundered."—R. H. Cannon.

FOR YOUTH.

FEAR NOT

By Clyde Edwin Tuck

"Fear not; for I am with thee."—Is. 51:10.

We need not fear when we have done our best

To take a little sadness from some heart,

Or courage to a broken soul impart,
Or bring hope back into some cheerless breast.

But each of us his own reward must earn;

By what we give our lives are measured here—

To some a smile, perhaps to some, a tear;

Bread cast upon the waters will return.

Although our worldly wealth may meager be,

We all can drop, while passing in the throng,

A thought of health, a word of cheer, a song

For troubled hearts that struggle to be free.

Our only mission is to love and serve,
To overcome and selfishness destroy,

Change weakness into strength and grief to joy,

And from the path of duty never swerve.

So what the future holds we need not fear,

If we for others' weal have given all,
When long cool shadows in life's

evening fall
To warn us that the journey's end is near.

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EACH IN HIS PLACE

A little gold watch was one day crossing Westminster Bridge, London, at the time when Big Ben tolled out the hour of noon from the clock tower on the Parliament Buildings.

The little watch looked up at the big clock and said:

"I do not like you! Your face is too broad, your hands are too big, your voice is too coarse. I do not like you!"

And the big clock said to the gold watch: "Come up here, little sister! Come up here!"

So the little watch toiled painfully up the steps, and at last stood by the big clock. Looking out over the surging millions of London, the big clock said to the watch:

"Little sister, there is a man down there on Westminster Bridge who wishes to know the hour. Will you tell him, please?"

The little watch said: "Oh, I could never make him hear! My voice is so small it never could begin to carry in such a whirlwind of noise as this."

The big clock said: "Oh yes, little sister, I had forgotten! Yet the man wishes to know the time, he requires to know, and you cannot tell him, but I can and will. So let us henceforth not criticize one another! You will not find fault with me, nor I find fault with you, but each of us in our own place, you for your mistress, and I for the great city, will teach men every where to redeem the time."—Dr. Joseph Parker.

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HOW FORESTS PROTECT STREAMS

Forests are to streams what the storage battery is to the electric wire—the source of useful power, and energy, and current in reserve. Take away the battery, and the wire is dead; injure the battery, and the current loses force and permanence.

When the rain falls on a forest, it spatters against the roof of leaves, and the heavy, hard-pounding rain-drops are broken up into a fine, soft mist. Anyone who has stood under a tree during a shower doesn't need to be told that. When this mist reaches the ground under the trees, it falls on a soft bed of dead leaves. This bed has a wonderful power to soak up and hold water; and so the rain soaks slowly into the leaf litter, much as water does into a cloth, until it reaches the soil beneath. This is called the mineral soil, because it was made by the gradual wearing away of rocks of many kinds, which took more years than we can count.

The water slowly works on down through this mineral soil, following cracks and channels already worn by the action of water for thousands of years; continually starting new channels of its own, joining with other rivulets, and so forming streams and even rivers underground. It is these underground waters, finding their way to the surface on the mountain sides and on the valleys, which make springs.

When the forests are gone all this is changed. The sun beats down on the leaf litter, dries it up, and the wind scatters it until only the dense mineral soil is left, which bakes with the heat until it is sometimes nearly as hard as brick. When the rain falls on it, very little soaks in. The rest runs off down hill into the streams, carrying a part of the soil with it*** Over there is a bare hillside with

it by the countless little torrents of muddy water which have dashed down it after each hard rain ever since the forest was destroyed.

A little farther down the river we see a tangled mass which evidently was once a large building on the river's bank. But the river rose in flood a few years ago and swept this big mill away like a match box, to pile it up, a useless wreck of broken timbers, a little farther down.

Below where the mill was we see the ruin of a bridge. The same flood which took the mill swept out the bridge as well.

A little farther, just where the valley broadens and the river banks are low, we pass for miles through a sandy, barren stretch which must once have been farmed, because we see fences through it here and there, and also an occasional house. But there are no cattle or crops in the fields. When the river was last in flood it overflowed its banks and spread a film of sand over this rich farm land, or washed its surface soil away and gullied it beyond recovery.

The ruin of the mill, the bridge, and the rich farms is the revenge taken by the river for what men did to the forests which used to feed it.—Overton Price.

THE PRESIDENT'S CHARGE TO THE HENDRIX COLLEGE GRADUATING CLASS ON COMMENCEMENT DAY, JUNE, 1927.

Madam Guyon, like most people, striving to find God outside of herself was told by a Franciscan monk: "Madam, you are seeking without that which you have within. Accustom yourself to seek God in your own heart, and you will find him."

I commend this advice of the Franciscan monk as the college's parting message to this class. The world into which you are going makes such a powerful external sense appeal that you will be sorely tested to preserve a balance between the soul within and the world without. The thousands and millions of contacts of life will tend to exaggerate in your mind the material and external, and to obliterate the sense of God and the wealth of a cultured mind and a quickened soul.

In the midst of the heavy pressure of the material world remember that the Kingdom of God is within you, that the best that is in you is God, that He is speaking to you from within through your ideals, noble impulses and an enlightened conscience. You cannot find God through strength or violence, but rather through a composed, reflective mind in quiet retreats of the soul.

The college has sought to develop within you the supremacy of thought, reason, ideals. She has emphasized the things of the mind and the soul. You should strive to keep these alive so that you will always be self-contained, with a grip on truth, culture, God. This done, you will realize happiness, joy and comradeship with high ideals whether you are alone or with the multitudes.

The Word of God will stand a thousand readings; and he who has gone over it most frequently is the surest of finding new wonders there.—J. Hamilton.

A loving trust in the Author of the Bible is the best preparation for a wise study of the Bible.—H. Clay Trumbull.

The easiest thing to find is fault, and the hardest thing to keep is still.—Ex.

FOR CHILDREN

A CHRISTMAS ALPHABET

- A is for angels who sang, "Peace on earth!"
Telling the shepherds of Jesus Christ's birth.
- B is for Bethlehem where Christ was born.
- B is for bells that ring out Christmas morn.
- C is for Christmas and candles, of course.
- C is for carols we sing till we're hoarse.
- D is for December and gay decorations.
- D is for dinner of extra large rations.
- E is for east where the bright star appeared,
Leading the wise men to Him they revered.
- F is for frankincense brought from afar
By these three wise men who followed the star.
- G is for gold likewise brought from the east.
- G is for garlands of green for the feast.
- H is for holly with berries bright red,
Hanging in windows and high over head.
- I is for inn where no room could be found,
Save in its stable with cattle around.
- J is for Jesus, that baby so dear,
Whose birthday is reason for all Christmas cheer.
- K is for King who as a baby was born,
Though few believed it that first Christmas morn.
- L is for lights on our own Christmas tree,
Emblems of light of that bright star, you see.
- M is for Mary, the meek, lowly maid.
- M is for manger where Jesus was laid.
- N is for nativity, meaning Christ's birth,
Bringing us gladness, and true joy and mirth.
- Q is for ornaments, sparkling and bright,
- P is for presents we give and receive.
Santa Claus brings them, we say Christmas eve.
- Q is for quickness with which in high glee,
Children all rush toward the gay Christmas tree.
- R is for reindeer old Santa still thinks
Better than airships and quicker than winks.
- S is for shepherds who watched on the hills.
- S is for Santa Claus; stockings he fills.
- T is for tidings of greatest joys.
- T is for the tree and for all of its toys.
- U is for us who enjoy the great day,
Wishing it might for at least a week stay.
- V is for visit the three Magi made;
Also for that of the shepherds afraid.
- W stands for our worship profound;
Also for wreath, Oh, so big and so round.
- X stands for Christmas: Thus, Xmas we find;
Using X, cross while we have Christ in mind.
- Y is for Yuletide, an old, English name;
Yuletide and Christmas are one and the same.
- Z is for zero the weather may be.
If it brings snow, children shout

with glee.—Blanche E. Wade, in the Presbyterian of the South.

A CHRISTMAS MISTAKE

Dimple and Teddy Bear looked out of the playroom window upon the roof of the porch. "I don't see any reindeer tracks anywhere," said Dimple to Teddy Bear. "And I was 'most sure I would. 'Cause Santa Claus was here. He brought my snowshoes and sled and dollie and books and dishes and you, Teddy Bear. It was funny that you should be marked, 'Merry Christmas to Elsie.' 'Course, Elsie is my real-true name. But Santa Claus has always said 'Dimple,' like every one else. Why, Teddy Bear, what's that?"

Teddy Bear looked 'way, 'way down to the ground. There were some queer-rounded tracks with little lines running crisscross over them.

"Snowshoe tracks," cried Dimple. "Could Santa Claus have come on snow shoes? Let's go see, Teddy Bear."

Dimple and Teddy Bear put on their sweaters and caps and Dimple strapped on her new little snowshoes and away they went toward town, following as well as they could the big tracks in the snow. The tracks turned off into the fields and kept just back of the house.

By and by Dimple and Teddy Bear came to the tiniest house with the tiniest box of a porch. It was all painted red. It had green shutters. Over the porch trailed a bittersweet vine. There were red and yellow berries still on it.

"Teddy Bear," said Dimple, slowly "I'm 'most sure this is Santa Claus' own house. It's all red and green like a Christmas box and it's trimmed with real berries."

The snowshoes tracks didn't stop at the house. But Dimple and Teddy Bear did. Dimple took off her snowshoes. Then she and Teddy Bear climbed the steps to the little porch, went under the bright berries, and knocked softly.

Clump, clump, clump, sounded from within. Then a little girl on two crutches opened the door. She had the sweetest little face, with fluffy yellow hair and great gray eyes. As soon as Dimple saw her, all her dimples came out.

"Oh," she cried, "are you Santa's little girl?"

"No," said the little lame girl. She looked wonderingly at Dimple in her red cap and sweater and at Teddy Bear in his red cap and sweater.

"Doesn't he live here?"

"He didn't even stop here," cried the little lame girl, sadly. Then Dimple saw that in spite of the shine in her eyes there had been tears in them not so very long ago.

"Oh, dear," she said, and stopped short—it seemed such a dreadful thing that Santa had forgotten.

"I'm Elsie Lane," said the little girl. "I live all alone with my grandmother. Won't you come in, please?" For a long, long minute Dimple did not answer. She was thinking—thinking—thinking. At last she held out Teddy Bear.

"Santa Claus just made a mistake," she said. "He meant Teddy Bear for you—he was marked for 'Elsie' just as plain. Elsie's my name, too. But there were so many other things for me. I know Santa meant him for you. He couldn't forget anybody."

If you could have seen the little lame girl's eyes as she held Teddy Bear in her arms. And if you could have seen Dimple's dimples when she told mother all about it.

"I don't wonder Santa Claus makes mistakes sometimes, do you, mother?" she said. "He has so much to do and

there are so many little girls who have the same names. But I am so glad I found out about it in time."—Alice E. Allen, in Sunday School Times.

A CHRISTMAS GOOSE

It was Tuesday afternoon, just a week before Christmas, and Jack and Teddy and Joe were down on the bank of the mill stream catching drift-stuff for firewood to surprise mother.

"Get a good pile of it," Deacon Porter sang out to them, "and then I'll take my team and haul it home for you!"

So the three little fellows worked away with their might and main until it was almost night.

"We might as well go home now, and come again tomorrow," said Joe. "I'm hungry's forty bears, and oh, Jack, what's that in that little cove there? See! he's dove now. There! there he is again!"

It was a great, gray-backed bird with a flat bill. In an instant Jack was all excitement. His cheeks burned red, and his eyes were bright as stars.

"It's a wild goose!" he cried. "Oh, boys, if we can only catch 'im! He's just what we want for Christmas! Head 'im, head 'im off, Joe! The water ain't deep! We can catch him!" Oh, dear, what a time! Into the water they all three went, floundering and splashing about like so many porpoises.

"There—there he rises! No, he's dove again!"

"There he is! there he is! Look out, Joe, don't let him get by you!"

"Teddy, Teddy, grab him! Oh, see that now!"

"He'll get away! Ja-ack, I say!"

"I've—I've got 'im!" cried Jack triumphantly.

And sure enough he had—fast by the legs—poor, frightened goose! Jack carried his prize out of the water, holding it tight in his arms, and home they all went to mother, to tell the story over and over.

"I b'lieve," said Teddy, earnestly, "I b'lieve God put that goose there a-purpose for our Christmas dinner, 'cause He knew we wouldn't have any."

"Pooh, n-nonsense!" said Jack.

"What a boy you are, Teddy!"

"Less why didn't he fly away then?" persisted Teddy. "Gooses can fly."

Sure enough! But the reason was pretty soon found out.

"His wing's hurt," said Jack. "Somebody's shot him and hurt his wing. That's why he didn't fly!"

"Poor thing!" said mother, pityingly. "Suppose we try to cure it."

So she got some warm water and soft cloth and bandaged up the hurt wing as well as she could; and the boys made a pen, with water and a box of straw in it.

"We'll keep him there till the day before Christmas," said Jack, "and get him good and fat. I just hope his wing'll get well."

It did get better very fast. In a day or two they had to hitch the big gray fellow to keep him from flying over his pen and away. He began to grow tame, and he ate "like a pig," Jack said.

"He'll make a nice dinner," said he. But Joe and Teddy said never a word. Somehow, they didn't like to talk about Christmas dinner. Mother smiled to herself when she saw the way the wind was blowing. I think she didn't feel very sorry.

"Jack," she said after breakfast, when the day before Christmas had come, "if you're going to—"

Jack knew what she meant. He

went out slowly, with a very sober face. Joe had gone on an errand. Teddy, drawing pictures on his slate, by the window, didn't look up. He did not, even when the door flew open a minute after, and Jack burst in again, but his cheeks were rosy-red.

"Oh, mother!" Jack cried, "he's gone! And I'm so glad! I couldn't have killed him, mother. If he'd always been a tame goose, maybe I could; but I couldn't kill him—poor, wild thing! It would seem just like stealing something. I'm glad he's got away, mother."

Teddy looked up then, beaming like a star.

"That's for 'cause we let him go, Joe and me did," he said. "We'd rather have 'tatoes, Joe and me would, so we let him go."

"Oh, Teddy!" cried Jack, with a laugh.

"Dear Teddy," whispered mother, with a kiss.

So their Christmas dinner had flown away, and not one of them felt a mite sorry. They wouldn't have had time to feel sorry long anyway; for pretty soon came a rap at the door. Mother opened it.

"Here's a nice fat goose for your dinner tomorrow," said Deacon Porter, "and a squash, and a turnip or two, I guess. Oh, yes, and this little kettle full o' cranberries. We've got more'n we need up t' the house, and it'll be quite a favor if you can use 'em. Morning to you."

And off the big wagon rumbled again.

How pleased they all were! "Oh, mother!" cried Jack, "how did he know about our goose?"

"Oh, I don't know!" said mother, wisely. "It is Christmas time you see, and that is when all kind of good things happen!"—Woman's Home Companion.

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IN DAYS OF OUR FOREFATHERS

Women Prepared Their Own Medicines

The wise pioneer women learned to gather, in woods and fields, the remedies the Indians used. From the



rafters of colonial houses, hung great bunches of dried roots and herbs. From these, in times of sickness, the busy mother brewed simple and powerful remedies. From roots and herbs, Lydia E. Pinkham, a descendant of these sturdy pioneers, made her Vegetable Compound. The beneficial effects of this dependable medicine are vouched for by hundreds of women.

Mrs. Wm. Kraft of 2838 Vinewood Ave., Detroit, Mich., saw a Pinkham advertisement in the "News" one day and made up her mind that she would give the Compound a trial. At that time she was very weak. "After the first bottle," she writes, "I began to feel better and like a new woman after taking six bottles. I recommend it to others and always keep a bottle in the house."

Mrs. Gust Green of 401 Lincoln Park Boulevard, Rockford, Illinois, found herself in a condition similar to that of Mrs. Kraft. "I was weak and run-down," she writes, "but the Vegetable Compound has helped me and I feel better now. I recommend it to all women who need more strength."

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THE CHRISTMASTIDE

In the immortal Christmas Carol, Charles Dickens said: "I will honor Christmas in my heart. I will live in the Past the Present and the Future. The spirits of all three shall strive within me. I will not shut out the lessons that they teach."

May we of the W. M. Society find joy in adding to the happiness of little children during this season which commemorates the birth of the Child in the Manger, the Savior of mankind. And may our hearts be full of peace, with good will to all nations.—V. C. Pemberton.

ABOUT WOMAN'S BUILDING AT MT. SEQUOYAH

Conferences of the Western Division
The Executive Committee and the Building Committee of the Elza-Stephens-Rommel Hall will hold a joint meeting early in January to make further plans for the erection of this building so dear to the hearts of the women and so essential to the progress of the missionary development at this time.

It is urged that each contributing Conference in this project send its quota to the treasurer, Mrs. E. F. Ellis, 104 College St., Fayetteville, Ark., not later than the first of January that the work may proceed.

The Jubilee Assembly must be accommodated. The missionary women have undertaken this task. They will not fail.—Mrs. F. H. Naylor, Pub. Supt.

REQUEST FROM L. R. CONF. SUPT. SUPPLIES

As we come nearer and nearer to the Christmas holidays we are also coming to the end of the last quarter. You have made my heart rejoice, with your splendid cooperation, and I feel very grateful to you. Now I know you will be pleased to send a nice big Christmas box of supplies to the Institution which has been assigned to your District. In so doing you will make many lives happy, and bring a blessing to your Auxiliary.

Please do not fail to report the amount of money or supplies sent. Also, please report to me the amount of money sent to Miss Hobson of Smackover; and the nice boxes which you have been sending our preachers.

Pray for our Schools assigned to us. Thanking you for your loyal co-operation, and wishing for you a happy Christmas,

I am, Yours sincerely,

Mrs. J. D. Rogers.

504 Wesson St., Eldorado, Ark.

NEWS FROM AUXILIARIES LEPANTO

The Missionary Society of the Methodist Church for 1928 will be led by President, Mrs. E. K. Sewell; Sec., Mrs. E. W. Cothran; Mission Treas., Mrs. C. E. Byler; Supt. Young People, Mrs. Mills; Supt. of Children, Mrs. Mullins, and other fine officers.

POCAHONTAS AUXILIARY

The W. M. S. of the Methodist Church met Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. R. J. Phillips with sixteen members present and three vis-

itors, who enrolled as members at this meeting.

A very interesting program was rendered with Mrs. J. D. Wells as leader, assisted by Mrs. Anne Martin, Mrs. Walter Pope and Mrs. Neeta Spikes. After the business session, the annual election was held. Mrs. Anne Martin is president; Mrs. W. E. Hughes, treasurer; Mrs. L. R. Pickett, superintendent of publicity and a full corps of officers.

Following the election, a dainty ice course was served by the hostess.

OKOLONA

Mrs. Fannie Pyles, Pub. Supt., writes that Okolona held her annual election and has a full corps of officers with President, Mrs. Flossie Phelps; Treasurer, Mrs. Pat McHanan; Supt. Publicity and Mission study, Mrs. Fannie Pyles.

She adds: We are studying "A Straight Way for Tomorrow," and it is interesting and thought provoking."

VANDALE ENTERTAINS ZONE

Zone No. 4, comprising Wynne, Harrisburg, Cherry Valley, Vandale, Birdseye and two other societies that are to be cultivated soon, met at Vandale on November 30, in their beautiful new church with Mrs. D. Hare of Vandale in the chair. The devotional was conducted by Mrs. H. L. Lesenberry and a splendid welcome address was given by their president, Mrs. Sam Vann. An interesting program was followed by a lovely luncheon served in the basement of the church.

The afternoon devotional was conducted by Mrs. U. L. Smith of Harrisburg. Business was entered into, committees appointed and a thorough discussion of the organization was led by Mrs. Virginia Hall, rural worker, and Mrs. E. T. Wayland. Much benefit was derived from the various discussions.

The Zone meetings are to be held once a quarter the next to be with the Harrisburg society.

Every one present voted Vandale an ideal hostess.—Mrs. Nora Jacobs.

NEWPORT AUXILIARY

The Woman's Missionary Society of the First Methodist church held its last meeting of the year at the home of Mrs. S. R. Phillips, with a large attendance of members present.

Unfinished business, various official reports for the year, and the organization's financial obligations were disposed of in a satisfactory manner.

Many expressions of heartfelt appreciation for the valuable services rendered our city by Rev. and Mrs. F. A. Lark, during their four years with us, were voiced by members of the society. We in turn extended a friendly welcome to our new pastor, Rev. B. C. Few, and family, and pledged him our loyal support and co-operation.

After the business session an interesting program was rendered as follows:

Song, "Love Divine."

Prayer—Miss Dove Erwin.

Bible lesson and comments on the Life of Jonah—Miss Mabel Stayton.

Paper, Changing Currents and the Prince of Peace—Mrs. Hugh Williamson.

Missionary Bulletin items.

Poem, dedicated to the Memory of our late member, Mrs. J. J. Garrison, was read by Mrs. E. R. Kelly.

The society was pleased to receive Mrs. Frank Allen as a new member.

During the social hour a refreshing ice course was served to the guests by Misses Dove Erwin and Esther Neill.—Mrs. James Johnson.

SYMPOSIUM ON MISSION STUDY METHODS

Mrs. Jno. W. Bell, Conf. Supt., is much gratified by good reports from the Bible and Mission Study classes in N. Ark. Conf., and from these we have an interesting symposium which may be very helpful. Our thanks are due Mrs. Bell and we join her in the request for an earnest reading of these reports.

One failed to name or locate the auxiliary, but the work and workers had been studied with profit.

Each member made a small map of the country we were studying about, and made a sort of contest by seeing who could place the provinces best.

Then each member was asked to give report on products of this country and anything they might learn about it that would be of interest. We also had posters of how the people lived and some showing the Christian missionaries teaching them.

The discussion method was used.—Mrs. Harry Jones.

MOSLEM WOMEN WERE STUDIED BY JONESBORO WOMEN

The W. M. S. of Fisher Street held an all day meeting in the church Tuesday, November 1st, in one of the most interesting Mission study classes of the whole year. The subject was "The Moslem Women" led by Mrs. H. F. McDonal.

Each chapter was previously assigned to members of the study class and each lady gave in her own way the chapter assigned to her. We had a good attendance, much interest was manifested and a very profitable and enjoyable day was spent.

A delicious pot-luck lunch was served at noon, at the home of our beloved President, Mrs. T. N. Stephens, who lives near the church.

This was indeed a day well spent as we all felt nearer the Moslem Women than we had before the study of this book. We have enjoyed all our study classes this year.—Mrs. Emma May, Publicity, Supt.

STUDIES IN PROPHECY PRESENTED BY MEN

The most profitable and enjoyable study course taken by the W. M. S. No. 1, Booneville, has been the Bible study of the past year, "Studies in Prophecy", was selected because the Bible lessons in the Missionary Voice were to be on the Prophets and would be very helpful.

A chapter was presented at each bi-monthly afternoon meeting with from fifteen to thirty-five women present. The Prophets were presented by men of the church, using the text as a guide, and were given by the Circuit Rider, the Pastor, Presiding Elder, Superintendent of Public Schools, the charge Lay Leader, a farmer, and a rural mail carrier from another church. The modern application was either made by the speaker or one of the members. The Devotional was from the "Voice," appropriate hymns, and readings from the Psalms, Scriptures, or our most beautiful of all poetry, hymns from our Hymnal were given.

The Circuit Rider started the course with the prophet Amos, such force and stress to drive his truths home, that "Amens" were heard in a usually silent missionary society.

That was the beginning of a course of study long to be remembered and to be benefited by. A sample program follows:

Hymn—"God Will Take Care of You."

Devotional—"Voice."

Duet—"My Savior Knows."

The Prophet Habakkuk.

Reading—"Ye That Fear the Lord," Ecc. 15:8.

Benediction.

The text used is short and inexpensive, yet so full of solutions for our present day troubles that the author, one of our own women, has given to us a powerful book that will help any study class or individual in countless ways.—Mrs. W. T. Bacon.

YOUNG PEOPLE IN FORT SMITH

One of the most satisfactory Mission Study Classes that I have held was that in the summer for the Young Peoples' Missionary Society. We used "The Land of the Minarets," following the suggestions for assignments rather closely. We held five sessions on five consecutive Wednesday mornings.

The girls took hold very enthusiastically and brought up each assignment exceptionally well. At the beginning of the class one girl remarked I like this because it is different from what you learn in school or Sunday School.

When the three "investigators" were given "Islam on Trek" to get up material for original letters, as they returned the book each one said, "I didn't read just the chapter for my assignment, I kept on reading, it was so interesting." At the close of the lessons we awarded the books to the one with the most complete memory book. The memory book contained pictures illustrating the different chapters and a synopsis of the lessons with news items culled from outside sources.

Last Tuesday we held an all day Mission Study Class, using the book, "A Straight Way Toward Tomorrow," for a month previous the women of the circles of the W. M. S. had been reading the book and had appointed leaders to confer with the Mission Study superintendent about presenting their chapters. Each chapter was prepared according to the plan used in Mrs. Lipscomb's class at Mt. Sequoyah this summer. The presentation also was somewhat similar.

Chapter I impersonated Destructive and Constructive Forces and used the poster, "How Many Constructive Institutions would \$186,000,000,000 Provide."

Chapter II built their program around the project "A Christian Home is the Best Starting Point for Life's Journey."

Chapter III Used the dialogue, "Starved Brains" sent out by the Christian Literature Society.

Chapter IV used the discussion method, "To show that the Sunday School needs the co-operation of the Home in the work of Religious Education."

Chapter V used a Social Congress of women to show the Oneness of the World; the Oneness of the Task.

Chapter VI had for a project, "We who desire peace must write it in the hearts of the children" and closed with original words set to "The End of a Perfect Day."

Here are the words written by Mrs. J. C. Billingsly of First Methodist Church W. M. S. to the music "The

End of a Perfect Day."

"There is breaking the dawn of a Perfect Day,
And we're glad for the joy it will bring,

For the Bright Morning Star of a Christian Love,
Guiding children the Friendship Way.

Peace does not come from the brandished sword,
Nor yet from the Council of men,
In the hearts of the children, Love's Banner unfurled
Is the Hope for a Warless World."

I am counting the membership of my class from those who read the book and attended the sessions of the Study Class.—Nellie P. Denton, Mission Study Supt. W. M. S., First Ch., Ft. Smith.

MORRILTON AUXILIARY

Our society is indeed happy to receive the gold seal. I will try and tell you of our way of study and the books. In the four circles three books are used in our Bible Study—two circles taking "How we got our Bible," by Patterson Smyth, this is conducted in the form of lecture by the leaders. The Standard School, Bible part conducted by Dr. Greene of Hendrix College, who used this book as part of his text has proved a great help to us. Another circle is studying "What We Believe," by F. N. Parker. Another circle is studying "The Story of the Old Testament," by Seay, these two conduct their study in the form of round table discussion. You get a variety in our society, we will later exchange our books in the circles, and place a copy of each in our Public Library. We meet at the homes, have a social hour and our attendance will average more than half of the membership each time. Great interest is displayed and often something of a personal nature is related.—Mrs. R. A. Baird.

CONWAY AUXILIARY

How I Conduct a Mission Study Class
By Mrs. John H. Glass

I organize my class and solicit orders for the book to be used, two weeks before I am ready to begin the study.

I never use the first chapter of the Text for my first lesson. I use for reference all books, current magazines, and daily newspapers bearing on the subject, and make frequent use of the Encyclopedia of Religious Knowledge. I read the whole text before I introduced it to the class.

I use the lecture method in beginning the study, afterwards I use the discussion. I do not do all the teaching, realizing that one is benefited according to the effort one puts forth. I select able women to lead the study, and let them use their own method in presenting the lesson to the class. I make only two requirements of the leaders; First, not to read the lesson to the class, tell it in their own words; Second, not to use more than the limited time. I confine the study class to one hour. I have a fifteen minute Devotional (using songs and Scripture bearing on the lesson), and a thirty-five minute lesson period, using the remaining ten minute for assignments and announcements.

I would like to tell you how I taught "How We Got Our Bible."

First, I studied "The Bible in the Making" by the same author. I took my first lesson from this book, in order to furnish a background for the study of the text. The class studied together the illustrations and dia-

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FOURTH SUNDAY MISSIONARY OFFERINGS

Little Rock Conference
For November
Third Report

Following is list of Fourth Sunday Missionary offerings received since the last report.

Arkadelphia District:—
Previously reported\$ 43.59
Camden District:—

Bearden\$ 6.50
Sardis (Buckner Ct.) 1.30
Previously reported 45.76

Total\$ 53.56

Little Rock District:—
Oak Hill, (Bryant Ct.) 3.05
Highland 7.00
Previously reported 90.79

Total\$100.84

Monticello District:—
Newton's Chapel 2.00
Previously reported 27.22

Total\$ 29.22

Pine Bluff District:—
Gillett 2.57
DeLuce 1.00
Previously reported 65.21

Total\$ 68.78

Prescott District:—
Mineral Springs 3.36
Previously reported 52.09

Total\$ 55.45

Texarkana District:—
Dierks 3.90
College Hill 6.00
Previously reported \$ 73.60

Total\$ 83.50

Standing By Districts

Arkadelphia 5 \$ 43.59
Camden12 53.56
Little Rock18 100.84
Monticello 7 29.22
Pine Bluff20 68.78
Prescott12 55.45
Texarkana13 83.50

Total97 \$434.94

—C. E. Hayes, Chairman.

S. S. JOIN OTHER ORGANIZATIONS IN ORPHANAGE OFFERING

Starting several years ago as a Christmas offering from the Sunday Schools for the Orphanage this movement has gotten hold of the hearts of our people until to day it has become a great church-wide movement in Arkansas in which the Sunday Schools

grams in the text portraying the early versions. I carried to the class several Versions of the Bible from my own and other libraries, and from these I read extracts appropriate to the age of the particular Version which the class was to study. I also used selections from the different Versions for my devotional reading.

All of the studies have been interesting, but no study has brought forth as many expressions of appreciation as the study of "How We Got Our Bible." I had an enrollment of fifty with an average of thirty-five studying the book, and taking part in the discussion of the lesson.

join in making a worth while offering at Christmas time. Let every Sunday School in Arkansas do its part, but let us remember also to give the League, the morning and evening preaching congregations and all other meetings of our people a chance to have their share.—Clem Baker.

THE EDUCATIONAL VALUE OF THE CHRISTMAS OFFERING

The offering given at Christmas for the Orphanage not only helps the Orphanage but it is a real blessing to every child in the Sunday Schools that give this opportunity. We are coming more and more to see that Christian character is developed not so much by studying text-books as by actually learning to do the things a Christian should do and certainly there is no more Christ-like service than this. The Christmas offering is unselfish; it is suited to the understanding of our children; it is educational in every sense of the word. And not only has it an educational value but it gives our Sunday School people the finest opportunity for "Laying up Heavenly Treasure."—Read the 25th chapter of Matthew.—Clem Baker.

A SYSTEMATIC WAY OF TAKING THE OFFERING

One of the fine schools of our Conference has adopted a systematic method of taking this offering which we offer as a suggestion: First this school in its Workers' Council sets up a goal for the amount to be raised. Second, this total amount is apportioned to the departments. Third, each department apportions its pro rata share to each class.

This covers the goal for the School and has always succeeded. The amount raised for the orphanage on this day is always a special and does not interfere with the regular Fourth Sunday Missionary offering for December.—Clem Baker.

THERE SHOULD BE NO CONFLICT BETWEEN FOURTH SUNDAY MISSIONARY OFFERINGS AND THE SPECIAL FOR THE ORPHANAGE

Several superintendents have raised

"AL SMITH FOR PRESIDENT. SHALL WE SUPPORT HIM?"

NO NEVER

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the above question since Christmas Sunday comes on the Fourth Sunday. The answer is simply to take the regular offering on Christmas Sunday for Missions and to make the Orphanage Collection on this Sunday a Special. As already indicated some Schools take the third Sunday. Other Schools take the Orphanage collection at a Christmas celebration during the week. By all means do not neglect the Mission offering for each month's work is dependent upon the Fourth Sunday offering and to neglect this would mean to place our Missionary program both at home and in Europe in an embarrassing condition.—Clem Baker.

JESS HAMILTON USES THIRD SUNDAY FOR OFFERING

Rev. Jess Hamilton of Gurdon reports that his School sets the third Sunday in December for the Orphanage so as not to interfere with the December Missionary offering. This is a splendid idea. And Jess always sends in a fine offering for the Orphanage.—Clem Baker.

NOVEMBER DUAL SPECIAL OFFERING

North Arkansas Conference

Batesville District:—	
Batesville, First Church	\$ 16.66
Mt. Hermon	.65
Gassville	2.00
Melbourne	2.10
Mountain Home	2.81
Oak Grove	2.00
Swifton	2.81

Total\$ 29.03

Booneville District:—

Booneville	6.50
Danville	5.67
Centerville	.72
Liberty Hall	1.72
Oak Grove	.80
Gravelly	3.25
Huntington	2.34
Mansfield	5.71
Paris	16.00
Caulksville	1.92
Olive Chapel	.75
Adona	.35
Bigelow	2.90
Salem	2.00
Waldron	17.16

Total\$ 66.63

Conway District:—

Austin	1.49
Cato	1.93
Conway, First Church	32.94
Union Grove	1.00
Oakland	1.26
Pleasant Valley	1.00

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Morrilton	11.51
North Little Rock, 1st Church	15.30
Mt. Carmel	2.00
Vilonia	2.18

Total\$ 72.61

Fayetteville District:—

New Home	2.00
Berryville	3.81
Elm Springs	4.06
Lincoln	3.18
Morrow	.60
Rogers	10.60
Springdale	7.26
Springtown	2.43
Winslow	3.32

Total\$ 36.66

Fort Smith District:—

Alma	1.01
Charleston	3.40
Hays Chapel	5.29
Midland Heights	7.50
Bethel	1.50
Hackett	2.15
New Hope	1.49
Gar Creek	1.86
South Fort Smith	1.00
Van Buren, First Church	2.75
Van Buren, City Heights	1.45

Total\$ 29.40

Helena District:—

Aubrey	3.30
Brinkley	11.17
Smith Chapel	.31
Wesley	1.54
Crawfordsville	3.75
Earle	8.68
Elaine	14.79
Helena, First Church	28.65
Holly Grove	7.20
Marvell	8.50
Hughes	14.50
Hulbert-West Memphis	1.87
Hickory Ridge	3.23
Turner	1.05
Tuni	2.00
Widener	3.43

Total\$114.02

Jonesboro District:—

Fifty Six	1.45
Trinity	2.42
Brookland	3.33
Mt. Carmel	1.82
Dell	3.12
Leachville	4.57
Lunsford	3.40
Rosa	.50
Manila	10.00
Macey	3.42
Monette	5.42
Osceola	10.43
Trumann	10.50
Gilmore	2.70
Turrell	4.20
Tyronza	12.38

Total\$ 79.66

Paragould District:—

Portia	1.23
Williford	1.00
Hoxie	4.53
Mammoth Spring	2.50
Marmaduke	3.27
Success	1.53
Rector	6.24
Salem	3.00
Lynn	.50
Smithville	2.65

Total\$ 26.51

Searcy District:—

Augusta	6.71
Cotton Plant	22.00
Gregory	3.00
Heber Springs	2.40
McCrary	5.70
McRae	1.62
Valley Springs	2.00

Total\$ 43.43

To Valley Springs Special

From Batesville, First Church.....\$50.00

EPWORTH LEAGUE

NORTH BOONEVILLE DISTRICT LEAGUE UNION

Our Leaguers are proud of the record which has been made in the Union organized in July of this year. Four Leagues were represented in the organization, which number has increased to eight. Six of these being represented at the last meeting held at Prairie View on Dec. 4.

The Chapters represented and the number present were as follows:

Present	Points
Prairie View .12 (possible 100)	83
Scranton	27
Paris Senior	15
Paris Hi	10
Short Mt.	26
Branch	29

New Blaine and Hagewood were not represented.

We feel that we have made a good showing as each of the six Chapters represented made 20 points each on three out of the five scores recorded. Four of them made 20 points on four of the five scores. Short Mt. has won the Efficiency Banner three out of six times—Earl W. Marquis, Sec.

CONGRATULATIONS

The following Epworth Leagues in the Little Rock Conference are to be congratulated for the fine work they are doing in keeping their Mission Pledges paid up to date.

Arkadelphia District: Oaklawn Hi, Third Street Sr., Traskwood Sr.

Camden District: El Dorado Sr., Smackover Sr., Smackover Hi., Fredonia Sr.

Little Rock District: Bauxite Sr., Capitol View Sr., Carlisle, Henderson Sr., Mabelvale Sr., Primrose Sr., Winfield Sr.

Monticello District: Hamburg Sr., Monticello Hi, Wilmot Sr.

Pine Bluff District: Faith Sr., Risson Sr.

Prescott District: Emmett Sr., Hope Hi, Nashville Hi.

Texarkana District: Ben Lomond, First Church Sr., Hatfield Sr., Stamps Sr.

Traskwood, Bauxite, Emmett and First Church, Texarkana, have even paid their pledges in full already.

With best wishes for the New Year, I am,

Yours sincerely,

Effie Bannon, Conf. Treas.

LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE NOTES

Miss Katherine Tatom passed through Little Rock Saturday, Dec. 17, on her way to Norman, Okla., to spend the Christmas holidays with her people. She was here between trains.

Presidents' Meeting.—The meeting of Conference Epworth League Presidents, Presidents of Conference Boards, Presidents of Epworth League Unions, Field Secretaries, and Conference Junior and Epworth Hi Secretaries is to be held in Birmingham, Alabama, December 26-29, 1927. Mr. C. Ray Monk, Rev. L. E. N. Hundley and Rev. S. T. Baugh are going from this Conference.

Sequoyah Building.—Dr. Mumpower informed me last week while I was in Nashville, that the work on the Mt. Sequoyah Epworth League building is progressing nicely. Enough money has come in from the participating Conferences to put on the permanent roof. We need to send in enough now to pay some bills we owe for material and to complete the inside work. The building is used by every Church agency in the several meetings held at Mt. Sequoyah each summer.

Have You Done It?—Has your Chapter paid its pledge up to date? Six

tenths of your total pledge to the Conference Budget is due now. If you are behind, send check immediately to Miss Effie Bannon, Treasurer, 2012 Wright Avenue, Little Rock.

Central Office Staff. While in Nashville last week I learned that Thursday, December 15, was the first time all the members of the Central Office Staff were in the office since Miss Tatom went to the Central Office last spring. They are a busy group trying to serve the Church.

Group Meetings. Arrangements are being made to hold Group meetings in the Prescott, Camden and Monticello Districts some time this winter. While in Nashville last week arrangements were made to make these group meetings some of the finest we have ever attempted in this Conference.—S. T. Baugh.

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NEWS OF THE CHURCHES

CHANGE IN DATE

Conway District Missionary Institute
The date of the Conway District Missionary Institute has been changed from December 31 to December 28. I understand that the presiding elder has requested that each preacher endeavor to get as many as eight representatives from each church to attend this meeting. Such an attendance would insure a wonderful meeting and would go a long way in putting over our Missionary program in the Conway District.—J. F. Simmons.

DISTRICT MISSIONARY INSTITUTES

I hope the pastors and others concerned will keep in mind the following District Missionary Institutes which will be held in the near future.

Conway—December 28.

Texarkana at College Hill—Dec. 29.

Camden at First Church, Camden, Dec. 30.

Searcy at Searcy—Jan. 3.

Fayetteville at Fayetteville—Jan. 4.

Ft. Smith, 1st Church, Ft. Smith, Jan. 5.

Booneville at Booneville, Jan. 6.

—J. F. Simmons.

USE OUR OWN EVANGELISTS

The North Arkansas Conference Committee on Evangelism, at the last session of our Conference, urged all pastors to co-operate in the effort for a Church-wide revival. We trust that this will be done in all of our charges. The whole Church needs a great revival and many of us are feeling the need of it very keenly.

Our Committee also urged that we use our own evangelists, those belonging to our Conference, as much as possible. The general evangelists belonging to our Conference are: Rev. C. N. Guice, Conway; Rev. John B. Andrews, Siloam Springs; Rev. W. H. Neal, Green Forest.

Our Conference evangelists are: Rev. Norris Greer, Conway; Rev. A. E. Goode, Conway; and Rev. C. L. Castleberry, Paragould.

These are all good men and true and have proved themselves real soul-winners in many places.

The Committee asks that you use these men whenever and wherever you can.

We trust that as many meetings as possible will be planned for the early part of the year. Mid-winter meetings have been held in many places with fine results.—A. E. Holloway, Chairman; R. E. L. Bearden, Secretary.

LAKE VILLAGE

At the last Conference we were assigned to Lake Village charge. I was pastor here once before. Many changes have taken place since we were here. But few faces are familiar. The church and town have grown much since we were here. We were surprised when we were read out to this place, but when we thought about it for a little while we decided that it was all for the best. By the time we got back to Hot Springs we decided we would not exchange appointments with any one. Now we are both delighted. We think we have a great field and a fine opportunity. The church is well organized and has the budget system. They assure us that every dollar of the finances will be raised. The Sunday School is well organized. They are working for a "B" type school. We have an Epworth League well organized and doing a fine work. The Woman's Missionary Society is doing well. They

say they are going to get on the honor roll this year. As compared with the church roll they have a large membership. The prayer-meeting is well attended. Bro. Owen and his wife have done a fine work here. They are loved by these people.

The church and the town have given us a warm welcome. They have given us such a royal welcome we feel that we must do our very best. We have never been better pleased than we are with Lake Village. The outlook was never better for a successful year than now. There is no more delightful place any where to live than here. On the lake front it is beautiful and the people are fine. We are very much in need of a new church which we hope to build during our pastorate.

We were never more surprised than on last evening after prayer-meeting. I saw some young ladies quietly leave the prayer-meeting, but thought they were going home or had another engagement to meet. We thought the crowd unusually large for Wednesday evening. After we were dismissed every one came home with us. When the light was turned on in the dining room we found the large table just loaded with every thing nice that a family needs. This was all arranged during the prayer service. It was the most thorough "pounding" we have ever received. Almost every one was represented in it. We are unusually well fixed now with nice things for the table. After a short talk and prayer we were all dismissed with a glad heart. Who would not start all over again with such favorable environments?—F. P. Doak, P. C.

THE CONFERENCE COLLECTIONS CHART

The North Arkansas Conference by resolution requested me as Conference Treasurer to prepare and have printed wall-charts and small cards showing the assessment for Conference Collections and the division among the seventeen great causes of the General and Conference Boards. The wall-charts and cards have been printed and sent to the presiding elders for distribution among the pastors of their Districts. Enough of wall-charts have been printed to furnish one for each congregation in the Conference.

The wall-charts show not only the percent of each of the seventeen causes, but also the amount in dollars that each church is asked to contribute to various claims. The pastors, of course, will need to figure out the amount of each item and insert it in the blank provided on the chart. It will be best to omit the cents, using whole dollars only. On a circuit the chart is supposed to show the amount assessed for the individual congregation and how it is divided.

It is very important that care be taken in filling in the items on the charts in order that they be attractive in appearance. The charts have been beautifully printed and should help very much in informing our people concerning the Conference Collections. Doubtless some one with artistic skill can be found in every congregation that will take great pleasure in rendering this service. A small camel's hair artist's brush and good stamping ink (do not use writing ink) will do the work. Another way is by securing calendars with the right size figures and cutting out and carefully pasting in the right numbers. This is the best plan where the artistic skill with brush is lacking. Do not be in too big a hurry, better take time and get a good-looking attractive result.

The expense of these charts and of the small assessment cards is financed by the Board of Lay Activities of the N. Arkansas Conference, Judge A. L. Hutchins, of Forrest City, Conference Lay Leader.

Kindly put the chart where it will be best and easiest seen and read. Use good-sized thumb-tacks so that the wind will not blow the chart down or tear it.—George McGlumphy, Treas.

REV. J. L. SHELBY POUNDED

Rev. and Mrs. James L. Shelby were given a pounding last evening at the East Side Methodist parsonage, by a host of their friends and members of the church. The couple received many very useful gifts. Following the pounding the official board of the church met and raised the pastor's salary from \$1,800 to \$2,000 a year.

Rev. Mr. Shelby began his fifth year as pastor of the church, Sunday, with one of the largest attendances in the history of his ministry. Both the morning and the evening services were well attended. This week's prayer meeting will be held Thursday evening instead of Wednesday. This change was made so that the Men's Chorus of the First Baptist church, could furnish special music.—Paragould Daily Press.

BINGEN

We have been kindly received on this circuit. Have started the work off nicely in all the churches I have been to yet. Have had one big pounding already by one of my churches. It is rumored in the air that more poundings are in store yet.—S. W. Johnson, P. C.

LAVACA CIRCUIT

Work starts off well. Have made plans for the raising of the Conference Collections. Planned to buy a parsonage and to place the Arkansas Methodist in every home. Quite a crowd came to the parsonage Friday night, Dec. 9, and gave the pastor's family a nice pounding, which was very much appreciated. After a good visit, a Bible lesson was read by Bro. Coker, S. School supt., and prayer by the pastor and the crowd went home, leaving many gifts and kind words of appreciation. God's blessings upon them.—Hoy M. Lewis, P. C.

FROM BRO. BARRENTINE

In other days it has been the blessed privilege of this writer to say in a little field note: After the first Sunday in our charge, that everything begins well and the outlook is good; pounding fine with many good things to eat etc. But a sad providence has come to us, and so we must say with great joy: The year begins well, a fine sermon by our pastor, Bro. Gray, yesterday. Every body delighted. This writer was never happier in the beginning of the year ahead, than yesterday, listening to that spiritual sermon. So am beginning well, with no pastoral charge, no pounding, but a hearty greeting by our old friends and parishioners of other days, at Holly Grove. We are looking ahead for a great year. My health seems to have improved just a bit since Conference. I am hoping by the opening of spring to do a bit of evangelistic work, and preach occasionally for any brother who may perchance need my service. I will write up my best year, as suggested by Bro. Wade, pretty soon, not merely for the premium offered by Bro. Wade and the good brethren, but because I think the year 1927 was one of the hardest years of my life, fraught with more difficulties and crowned with greater victories and blessings than any year of my whole ministry.

It was already in my heart at an early day, when I felt stronger, to write a field note on my experience of the year 1927 on Jelks Circuit. I very humbly ask prayers of all who read this note, and especially all who know me. May every pastor of the North Arkansas Conference have one of the best years of their ministry. To this end I shall pray often. So you are on my prayer list. This includes the evangelists and presiding elders. God bless you.—John H. Barrentine.

CENTRAL CHURCH, HOT SPRINGS

Hamp Williams, well-known capitalist and business man, was unanimously elected chairman of the board of stewards of the Central Methodist Church, at a reorganization meeting of the board last night, as is customary at the beginning of every Conference year of the church. Ray Smith was named vice-chairman; Allan Hotchkiss, secretary; Robert Neill, treasurer and Pratt Hallman, assistant treasurer. The meeting was a most enthusiastic one, many splendid short talks were made and it was the consensus of opinion that the future for Central church was never brighter.

Former Circuit Judge Calvin T. Cotham has been made superintendent of the Central Methodist Sunday School, one of the largest church schools in the city. Judge Cotham is one of the outstanding attorneys of this city and is known over the state generally, having served in the state Legislature from Drew county before coming to this city over 20 years ago. Judge Cotham succeeds E. F. Eggerman who has served the school faithfully and efficiently for some time.

Reports show that Central Methodist church is in a very healthful and spiritual condition. A total of 161 new members were added to the congregation during the year and all church debts are paid. The plant, property, building and equipment is given an estimated value of \$250,000. The equipment includes a \$20,000 pipe organ, free of all debt. There is no indebtedness on the property or church equipment. The sum of \$36,000 was raised for all purposes last year.

Rev. W. C. Watson last Sunday began his third year as pastor of Central Methodist Church. He is one of the popular ministers of the city and his work as pastor of Central church during the past two years was of such character as to warrant the board in raising his salary by an increase of \$1,000 a year. Central Methodist has the largest membership of any church in the city.—Hot Springs New Era.

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MEETING OF THE COLLEGE OF BISHOPS

By Bishop J. M. Moore, Sec.

(This was received as we were closing the forms, and consequently does not have the position to which it is entitled.—Ed.)

The College of Bishops met in Jackson, December 14 and 15, instead of in Dallas, Texas, on December 16 as had been previously arranged. The Bishops decided that, since they were to be in attendance upon the meeting of the Missionary Council on December 12 to 14, it would save time and expense to hold their meeting immediately upon the adjournment of the Council. This was done.

Three Bishops were absent: Bishop Mouzon, Bishop Ainsworth and Bishop Dickey. However Bishop Dickey did arrive just at the close of the business of the College. The Church will rejoice in the great improvement in his health. Bishop Ainsworth arrived from the Orient with Mrs. Ainsworth on December 4, and went at once to Battle Creek for rest and general recuperation. He is not ill. Bishop Mouzon was detained at home by pressing duties.

Bishop Candler presided at all the sessions under the new rules of the College. From the end of this meeting to the end of the next May meeting Bishop Denny will be the President.

Bishop Denny was chosen to represent our Church at the Tercentenary Commemoration of the founding of the Reformed Church in America to be held in New York in June, 1928.

Mr. Jo. B. Morgan, Jr., Rev. George Stoves, D. D., of Nashville, and Rev. J. T. McClure of Ardmore, Okla., were confirmed as members of the Book Committee to fill the places made vacant by the death of Mr. Jo. B. Morgan, Sr., the chairman of the Committee, by the removal of Rev. E. P. Anderson from Nashville and by the resignation of Rev. C. D. Bulla, D. D., who has become an associate editor of Sunday School literature.

Bishop McMurry was appointed to prepare the memoir of Bishop Eugene R. Hendrix who died November 11, 1927.

Mr. B. A. Whitmore, one of the Publishing Agents, was chosen Treasurer of the Wesley Memorial Fund which is being collected to aid in paneling the room occupied by John Wesley as a Fellow in Lincoln College, Oxford. The amount being collected is \$2,000.

The next Ecumenical Conference of Methodism will be held in 1931. The Bishops extended an invitation to the Continuation Committee to hold this Conference within our territory, the place to be selected by our members on this Continuation Committee. Those appointed from our Church as members of this Committee at the last Ecumenical Conference were approved by the Bishops. The Bishops on this Committee are Cannon, Beauchamp, Ainsworth, and Boaz.

Rev. J. Earl Crawford, D. D., was heard in behalf of the Laymen's Conference to be held Aug. 19-26, 1928, at Lake Junaluska, and of the proposed Stewardship Year from 1929. Both of these interests were indorsed.

Rev. W. G. Cram, D. D., and Rev. J. W. Perry, D. D., were heard in behalf of the Evangelistic Campaign for 1928. The Campaign was heartily endorsed and the Bishops will give the movement their full support. Bishops Candler and Moore were appointed to prepare a statement to the Church upon this important matter.

The following resolution relative to the Superannuate Endowment Fund was adopted:

"WHEREAS, The General Conference of 1918 gave the board of Finance authority to project a Special Effort to raise \$10,000,000 for Superannuate Endowment, beginning in 1924 and continuing for five years;

And, whereas, The General Conference of 1926 approved this program and extended the time for completing this task to include all of the quadrennium of 1926-1930;

And, whereas, The Board of Finance at its Annual Meeting of 1927 adopted a plan for a Clean-Up Campaign to raise the quota balances of the Charges by the time of the meeting of the General Conference in 1930, which plan has been approved by the College of Bishops and by the Annual Conferences at their meetings of 1927, therefore be it

RESOLVED: First, that we now reaffirm our conviction that this cause should have the special attention and loyal support of the entire Church, as called for under the plan above referred to, looking to the successful completion of this important work.

Second, that we urge the presiding elders, pastors, and lay members of the entire Church to give this matter their most faithful and enthusiastic support during the period (March, April and May), which has been agreed upon as the time for securing the cash and deferred payment subscriptions to cover the Charges' quota balances.

Third, that we pledge ourselves anew to do whatever we are able, in our respective Episcopal Districts, to give impetus to this most worthy movement."

The two Conferences in Oklahoma have taken action twice in indorsing a proposal to assume joint ownership and control and support in the Oklahoma City University, an institution of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Some questions have arisen as to the legal basis of these actions and as to the methods to be pursued in accomplishing the end sought. Bishop McMurry, Bishop Boaz, and Bishop Moore were appointed to confer with the General Board of Education looking to the settlement of all the issues involved.

Bishop DuBose and Bishop Denny were appointed to prepare a statement to the Church upon the importance of our Church papers.

The following resolution was adopted: "Resolved that it is the judgment of the College of Bishops that a probationer in an Annual Conference, appointed to one of our institutions of learning as a student outside of the bounds of his Annual Conference, and used by the Bishop in charge of the territory in which he resides as a student as a supply pastor for the Conference Year, is eligible to have the time which he serves as pastor counted on his time required for admission into full connection and for deacon's orders."

The reports of the Bishops indicated a prosperous condition of the Church.

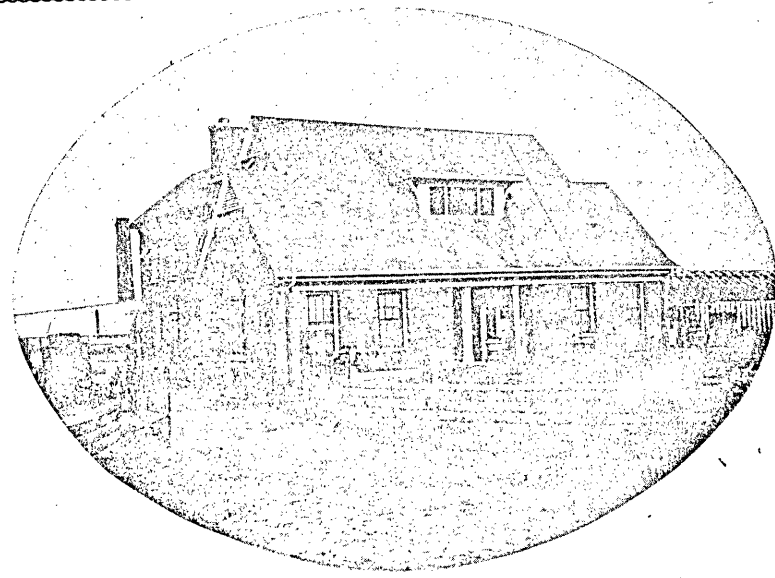
OBITUARY

CRENSHAW.—On Sept. 7, 1851, there was born to Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Winston in Tennessee, a daughter, Mary Lewis Winston. She was left an orphan when about 5 years of age and was taken to the home of her aunt, Mrs. Crenshaw at Trippe Junction, Arkansas, and there grew to womanhood. About the year 1872 Mary was married to Reuben D. Crenshaw, a young man with whom she was reared and a kinsman. To this happy union there were born seven or

eight children, but only two survive her, Winston Crenshaw of Little Rock and Mrs. S. H. Pace of Bauxite. Mr. and Mrs. Crenshaw made their residence at Trippe Junction, Searcy, Dermott, and Little Rock, where Mr. Crenshaw died in 1914. After her husband's death Mrs. Crenshaw made her home with her daughter, Mrs. S. H. Pace, at Bauxite, where she died on Nov. 23, 1927. Her loved ones and friends, with Bob Ashby, funeral director, and A. J. Christie, pastor, laid her to rest by the side of her husband in the cemetery at Dermott. Mrs. Crenshaw has been a member of the Methodist Church since childhood. In the finest sense of the word she really lived. She seemed always able to draw life's

beauties and blessings to herself, but what is more beautiful, she blessed others. Her Christian life was radiant and a beautiful example of the life and spirit of her Christ. There is a vacant place in her home, an empty pew in her church at Bauxite. By the will of God she served her generation with a fruitful life to the Glory of God. Mother Crenshaw has given us all a beautiful example of the Christian life. May we all be worthy of her love and sacred memory.—A. J. Christie, Pastor.

Remember that in that little sanctuary with the door closed, with the world shut out, God is on your side of that door.—Bishop Luther B. Wilson in the Christian Advocate.



THE VESTAL GREENHOUSE

Sixty years ago when Little Rock was a city of only some 17,000 population, when wagons frequently stuck in the mud on Main street and when the town branch was an open stream winding its way through the capital city, the floral business operated by Vestal & Son was established. At that time, what is now the city of North Little Rock, in which the greenhouses of Vestal & Son are located, was but a village in which were but a few small stores.

From the foregoing, the reader may quickly come to the correct conclusion that the Vestal establishment was the first of the kind to begin operations in Little Rock. It was even more than that. It was one of the very first—if not the first—floral establishments in the entire state of Arkansas.

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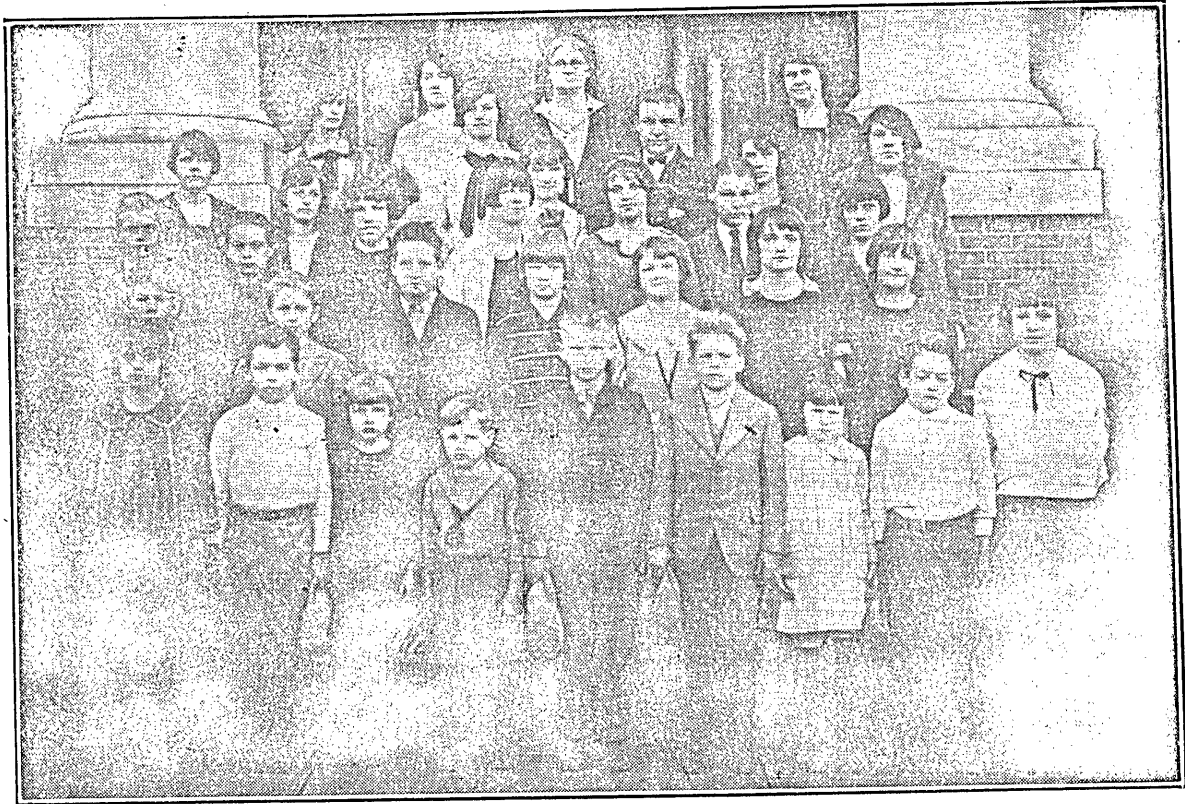
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Arkansas raises the two great cereals—rice and wheat.
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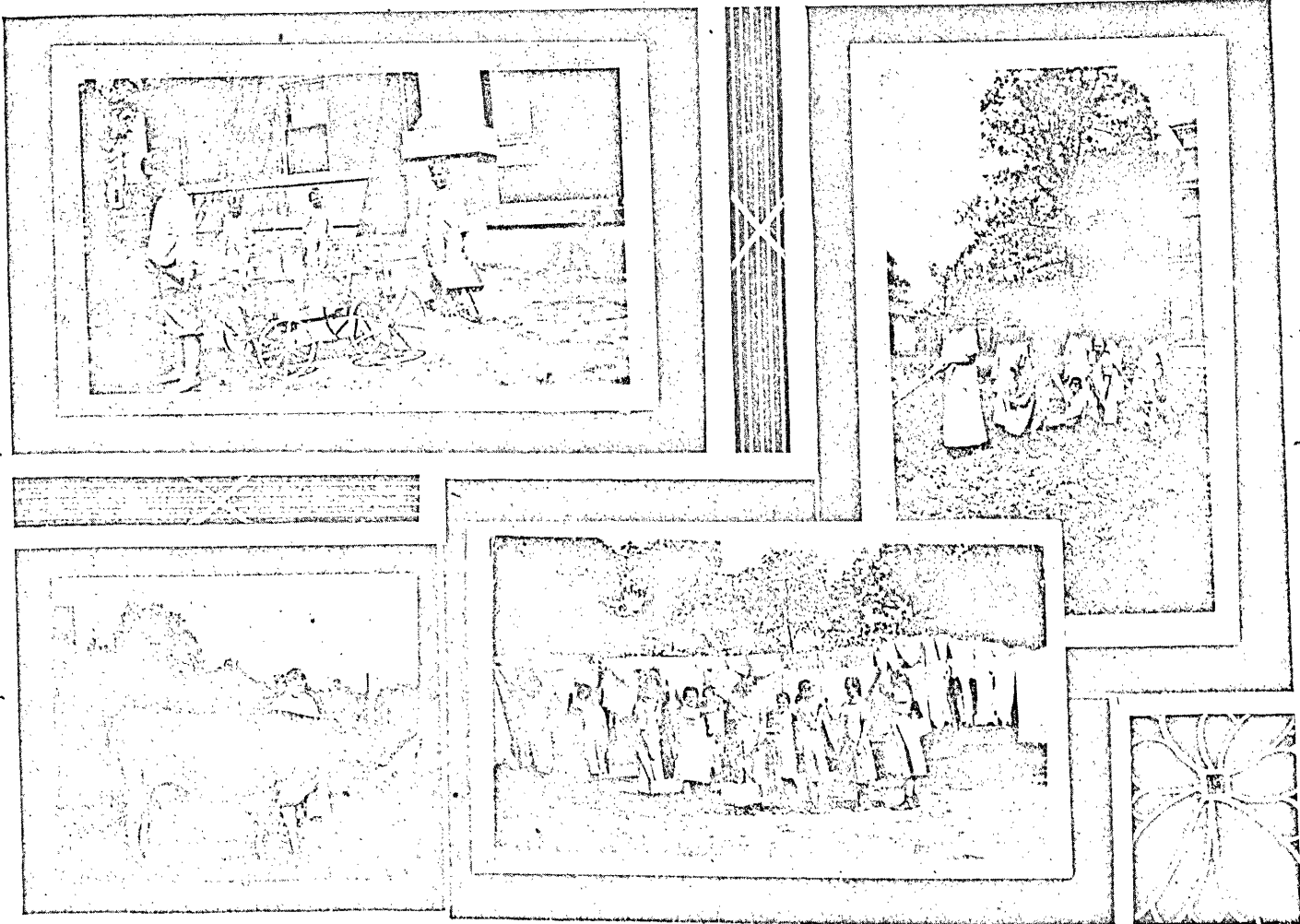
519,000 feet in 1920.
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Arkansas has a greater acreage in

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In glorious strength arrayed,
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And bids the earth be glad!
—Charles Wesley.
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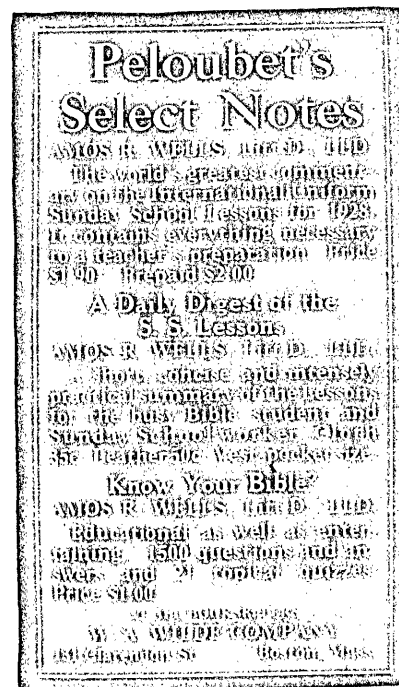
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QUARTERLY CONFERENCES

ARKADELPHIA DISTRICT
(First Round)

Holly Springs Ct., at Mt Olivet, Dec. 17, 11 a. m.
 Princeton Ct., Princeton Dec. 18, 11 a. m.
 Park Avenue Dec. 18, 7:30 p. m.
 Arkadelphia Ct., Hartsville Dec. 25, 11 a. m.
 Friendship Ct., Rockport Dec. 25, 7:30 p. m.
 Leola Ct., Leola Dec. 31, Jan. 1.
 Carthage & Tulip, Tulip Jan. 1, 7:30 p. m.
 Malvern Station Jan. 8, 7:30 p. m.
 Hot Springs Ct., Bethlehem Jan. 15, 11 a. m.
 Third Street Jan. 15, 7:30 p. m.
 Traskwood Ct., Traskwood Jan. 22, 11 a. m.
 Benton Jan. 22, 7:30 p. m.
 Pearcey Ct., Jan. 28-29, 11 a. m.
 Tigert-Lonsdale, Lonsdale Jan. 29, 7:30 p. m.

—J. W. Mann, P. E.

BATESVILLE DISTRICT
(First Round)

Laymen's Meeting, two sections, at 1st Church, Batesville, Dec. 27; and at Cotter, Dec. 28.
 Yellville Ct. at Y., 11 a. m., Jan. 1.
 Cotter, 7 p. m., Jan. 1.
 Mountain Home, Jan. 4.
 Calico Rock, Jan. 7-8.
 Calico Rock Ct., at Pleasant Grove, 7 p. m., Jan. 8.
 Mountain View Ct., at Mt. V., Jan. 10.
 Bear Ct. at Wesley's Chapel, 11 a. m., Jan. 15.
 Wiseman Ct. at Wiseman, 7 p. m., Jan. 15.
 Melbourne Ct. at Newburg, Jan. 18.
 Pleasant Plains Ct. at Corner Stone, Jan. 22.
 Stranger's Home Ct. at S. H., Jan. 25.
 Swift-Allice at A., 11 a. m., Jan. 29.
 Tuckerman Sta., 7 p. m., Jan. 29.
 Tuckerman Ct. at Hope, Feb. 1.
 Newport, 11 a. m., Feb. 5.
 Newark, 7 p. m., Feb. 5.
 Elmo-Oil Trough at O. T., Feb. 8.
 Evening Shade Ct., at Cave City, Feb. 12.
 Charlotte Ct. at C., Feb. 15.
 Sulphur Rock-Moorefield at S. R., Feb. 19.
 Batesville, Central Ave., 11 a. m., Feb. 26.
 Batesville, First Church, 7 p. m., Feb. 26.
 Missionary Institutes at Newport, Jan. 12, and at Mountain Home, Jan. 13.

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BOONEVILLE DISTRICT
(First Round)

Branch Dec. 28, p. m.
 Paris Ct. Jan. 1, a. m.
 Paris Jan. 1, p. m.
 Dardanelle Ct. Jan. 8, a. m.
 Dardanelle Sta. Jan. 8, p. m.
 Gravelly Jan. 15, a. m.
 Rover Jan. 15, p. m.
 Perry-Houston Jan. 18, p. m.
 Prairie View Jan. 22, a. m.
 Scranton Jan. 22, p. m.
 Waldron Ct. Jan. 29, a. m.
 Waldron Jan. 29, p. m.
 Plainview Feb. 1, p. m.
 Oppelo Feb. 5, a. m.
 Adona Feb. 5, p. m.
 Waltreak Feb. 12, a. m.

—F. E. Dodson, P. E.

CAMDEN DISTRICT
(First Round)

Thornton at Thornton, Jan. 1, 11 a. m.
 Louann, Jan. 1, 7 p. m.
 Wesson at Wesson, Jan. 8, 11 a. m.
 Junction City, Jan. 8, 7 p. m.
 El Dorado Ct. at Ebenezer, Jan. 14.
 Norphet, Jan. 15, 11 a. m.
 Smackover, Jan. 15, 7 p. m.
 McNeil-Emerson at McNeil, Jan. 22, 11 a. m.
 Magnolia, Jan. 22, 7 p. m.
 Buena Vista at B. V., Jan. 29, 11 a. m.
 Stephens, Jan. 29, 7 p. m.
 Chidester, Feb. 5, 11 a. m.
 Camden, Feb. 5, 7 p. m.
 El Dorado, Feb. 12, 11 a. m.
 District Stewards meet at Camden, Wednesday, Dec. 14, at 10 o'clock.—J. J. Stowe, P. E.

CONWAY DISTRICT
(First Round)

Lamar, p. m. Jan. 1, Conf. Sat. p. m. before.
 Dover-Knoxville, p. m., Jan. 1, Conf. 2 p. m.
 First, N. L. R., p. m., Jan. 4.
 Springfield at Springfield, a. m., Jan. 8, Conf. 2 p. m.
 Plumerville, p. m., Jan. 8.
 Atkins, a. m., Jan. 15.
 Morrilton, p. m., Jan. 15.
 Jacksonville, a. m., Jan. 22, Conf. 2 p. m.
 Cabot, p. m., Jan. 22.
 Conway, First, p. m., Jan. 23.
 Vilonia at Vilonia, Jan. 28-29.
 Salem at Graham's Ch., p. m., Jan. 29, Conf. 2 p. m.
 Quitman at Q., a. m., Feb. 3, Conf. 2 p. m.
 Greenbrier at Union Grove, Feb. 4-5.
 Pottsville at P., a. m., Feb. 12, Conf. 2 p. m.
 Russellville, p. m., Feb. 12.
 Rosebud at Mt. Vernon, Feb. 18-19.
 Holland-Naylor at N, Feb. -9, Conf. 2 p. m.
 Scotland-Morganton, Feb. 26.

—J. M. Hughey, P. E.

FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT
(First Round)

Decatur-Springtown, Dec. 10-11.
 Siloam Springs Dec. 11, 7:30 p. m.
 Farmington-Parkdale Dec. 18, 11 a. m.
 Winslow Dec. 18, 7:30 p. m.
 Cincinnati at C. Dec. 31 Sat., Q. C. 2: Jan. 1, 11 a. m.
 Lincoln-Morrow, at L. Jan. 1, Q. C. 3 p. m., 7:30 p. m.
 Pea Ridge-Brightwater, at P. R. Jan. 7-8, Q. C. 2 Sat.
 Bentonville Jan. 8, 7:30, Q. C. Monday night.
 Viney Grove Jan. 14, 11 a. m., Q. C. 2: Jan. 15, 11 a. m.
 Prairie Grove Jan. 15, 7:30, Q. C. after services on Monday.
 Elm Springs Jan. 22, 11 a. m., Q. C. 2 p. m.; 11 a. m., 22.
 Gentry Jan. 22, 7:30, Q. C. after service.
 Berryville Mis. Jan. 28-29.
 Green Forest Jan. 29, Q. C. 3 p. m., 7:30 p. m.
 Berryville Ct., P. Chap., Feb. 4, 11 a. m.; Q. C. 2, Feb. 5, 11 a. m.
 Huntsville, Feb. 5, Q. C. 3 p. m.; 7:30 p. m.
 Bentonville Ct., O. Chap., Feb. 11, 11 a. m., Q. C. 2: 11 a. m., 12.
 Gravette-Centeron at G., Feb. 12, Q. C. 3 p. m.; 7:30 p. m.
 Eureka Springs, Feb. 19, 11 a. m.
 Berryville Feb. 19, 7:30 p. m.
 Rogers Feb. 26, 11 a. m.
 Fayetteville Feb. 26, 7:30 p. m.
 Springdale, Mar. 4, 7:30, Q. C. after service.
 Mission Institute at Fayetteville, 10 a. m., Jan. 4.

—F. M. Tolleson, P. E.

FORT SMITH DISTRICT
(First Round)

East Van Buren Jan. 1, 11 a. m., Q. C. 2:30 p. m.
 South Fort Smith Jan. 1, 7:30 p. m., Q. C. following.
 Greenwood Jan. 8, 11 a. m., Q. C. 2 p. m.
 Hackett Jan. 8, 7:30 p. m., Q. C. 4 p. m., at Hackett.
 Kibler Ct. Jan. 15, 11 a. m., Q. C. 2 p. m., at Kibler.
 Second Church, Ft. Smith Jan. 15, 7:30 p. m., Q. C. following.
 Mulberry Jan. 22, 11 a. m., Q. C. 2 p. m.
 Alma & Dyer Jan. 22, 7:30 p. m., Q. C. 4 p. m., at Alma.
 Lavaca Ct. Jan. 29, 11 a. m., Q. C. 2:30 p. m., at Lavaca.
 Charleston Jan. 29, 7:30 p. m., Q. C. following.
 Clarksville Ct. Feb. 4-5.
 Clarksville Sta. Feb. 5, 7:30 p. m., Q. C. following.
 Cecil Ct. Feb. 11-12.
 Ozark Sta. Feb. 12, 7:30 p. m., Q. C. following.
 Ozark Ct. Feb. 18-19, Q. C., Grenade

Chapel, 2:30 p. m. Services Saturday evening and Sunday at 11.
 Hartman & Altus Feb. 19, 7:30 p. m., Q. C. 4 p. m. at Hartman.
 H. Lynn Wade, P. E.

HELENA DISTRICT
(First Round)

Marianna Jan. 1, a. m.
 Hughes Jan. 1, p. m.
 Helena Jan. 8, a. m.
 Haynes-Lexa Jan. 8, p. m.
 Elaine Jan. 15, a. m.
 West Helena Jan. 15, p. m.
 Crawfordville Jan. 22, a. m.
 Hulbert-W. Mfs. Jan. 22, p. m.
 Wheatley Jan. 29, a. m.
 Round Ponk-Heth Jan. 29, p. m.
 Aubrey Feb. 5, a. m.
 Brinkley Feb. 5, p. m.
 Parkin Feb. 12, a. m.
 Earle Feb. 12, p. m.
 Clarendon Feb. 19, a. m.
 Hunter-Hickory Ridge Feb. 19, p. m.
 Turner Feb. 26, a. m.
 Holly Grove-Marvell Feb. 26, a. m.
 District Stewards please meet at Forrest City, 10 a. m., Jan. 3. Missionary Institute and meeting of Sunday School Staff at Wynne, 10 a. m., Jan. 9.

—Jas A. Anderson, P. E.

JONESBORO DISTRICT
(First Round)

Bono 11 a. m., Dec. 31-Jan. 1.
 Fisher St. 7 p. m., Jan. 1.
 Trumann 11 a. m., Jan. 8.
 Marked Tree 7 p. m., Jan. 8.
 Luxora Ct. at Hightower, all day, Jan. 11.
 Wilson 11 a. m., Jan. 15.
 Joiner-Keiser at Joiner, 7 p. m., Jan. 15.
 Blytheville, First 11 a. m., Jan. 22.
 Blytheville, Lake St. 7 p. m., Jan. 22.
 Nettleton-Bay at Nettleton, 11 a. m., Jan. 29.
 Huntington Ave. 7 p. m., Jan. 29.
 Monette 11 a. m., Feb. 5.
 Lake City 7 p. m., Feb. 15.
 Marion 11 a. m., Feb. 12.
 Osceola 7 p. m., Feb. 19.
 Lepanto 11 a. m., Feb. 19.
 Tyroneza 7 p. m., Feb. 19.
 Jonesboro, First, 11 a. m., Feb. 26.

—Fred R. Hamilton, P. E.

LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT
(First Round)

Capitol View Ch., 7:30 p. m., Wednesday, Dec. 28.
 28th Street Ch., 11 a. m. Sunday, Jan. 1.
 Henderson Church, 7:30 p. m. Sunday, Jan. 1.
 Pulaski Heights, 7:30 p. m., Wednesday, Jan. 4.
 First Church, 11 a. m. Sunday, Jan. 8.
 Highland Church 7:30 p. m. Sunday, Jan. 8.
 Hunter Mem. Church 7:30 p. m., Wednesday, Jan. 11.
 Forest Park 11 a. m. Sunday, Jan. 15.
 Douglassville-Geyer Springs at G. S., 2:30 p. m. Sunday, Jan. 15.
 Maumelle Circuit.

—James Thomas, P. E.

MONTICELLO DISTRICT
(First Round)

Montrose & Snyder, at M., Jan. 1, 11 a. m.
 Eudora Jan. 1, 7:30 p. m.
 Fountain Hill Jan. 8, 11 a. m.
 Crossett Jan. 8, 7:30 p. m.
 Portland-Parkdale at P., Jan. 15, 11 a. m.
 Wilmot Jan. 15, 7:30 p. m.
 Tillar Jan. 22, 11 a. m.
 Hamburg Jan. 22, 7:30 p. m.
 Wilmar Jan. 29, 11 a. m.
 McGehee Jan. 29, 7:30 p. m.
 New Edinburg Feb. 5, 11 a. m.
 Warren Feb. 5, 7:30 p. m.
 Banks at Jersey Feb. 12, 11 a. m.
 Hermitage Feb. 19, 11 a. m.
 District Missionary Meeting to be held in Dermott, Dec. 21, beginning at 10 a. m. All pastors expected to be present.

—E. R. Steel, P. E.

PARAGOULD DISTRICT
(First Round)

East Side Circuit at Old Friendship, 3 p. m., Dec. 25.
 Black Rock Ct. at B. R., Dec. 31-Jan. 1.
 Portia Ct. at Portia, 3 p. m., Jan. 1.
 Biggers-Success at Biggers, Jan. 2.
 Peach Orchard-Knobel at P. O., Jan. 7-8.
 Corning 7 p. m., Jan. 8.
 Maynard Ct. at Maynard, Jan. 14-15.
 Pocahontas 7 p. m., Jan. 15.
 Gainesville Ct. at Gainesville, Jan. 21-22.
 Rector 7 p. m., Jan. 22.

St. Francis Circuit at Pollard, Jan. 28-29.
 Piggott 7 p. m., Jan. 28.
 Ash Flat Ct. at Ash Flat, Feb. 4-5.
 Hardy-Williford 3 p. m., Feb. 5.
 Smithville-R. Spgs. Ct., at Smithville, Feb. 11-12.
 Imboden 3 p. m., Feb. 12.
 Salem, Feb. 18-19.
 Mammoth Spring 7 p. m., Feb. 19.

—Wm. Sherman, P. E.

PINE BLUFF DISTRICT
(First Round)

Lakeside, 7:30 p. m., Dec. 16.
 Star City at Cornerville, 11 a. m., Dec. 18.
 Grady-Gould, 7:30 p. m., Dec. 18.
 Sherrill-Tucker, 7:30 p. m., Dec. 21.
 Swan Lake-Bayou Meto at S. L., 11 a. m., Dec. 25.
 Rowell Ct. at Prosperity, 11 a. m., Jan. 1.
 Sheridan Ct. at Oak Grove, 11 a. m., Jan. 8.
 Sheridan-New Hope, 7:30 p. m., Jan. 8.
 Althelmer-Wabbaseka, 11 a. m., Jan. 15.
 Humphrey-Sunshine, 7:30 p. m., Jan. 15.
 Roe Ct., 11 a. m., Jan. 22.
 Stuttgart, 7:30 p. m., Jan. 22.
 St. Charles, 11 a. m., Jan. 29.
 DeWitt, 7:30 p. m., Jan. 29.
 Gillett-Little Prairie, 11 a. m., Feb. 5.
 The preachers of the Pine Bluff District are called to meet in First Church, Pine Bluff, Monday, Dec. 12, 2:00 p. m.

—J. A. Henderson, P. E.

PRESCOTT DISTRICT
(First Round)

Prescott Ct. Dec. 31-Jan. 1.
 Blevins, Jan. 1, 7 p. m.
 Amity, Jan. 7-8.
 Glenwood-Rosboro, Jan. 8, 7 p. m.
 Okolona at Okolona, Jan. 15, 2 p. m.
 Gurdon, Jan. 15, 7 p. m.
 Mt. Ida-Norman at Norman, Jan. 20, 7 p. m.
 Oden-Mauldin at Oden, Jan. 21-22.
 Nashville, Jan. 29, 11 a. m.
 Murfreesboro-Delight at Murfreesboro, Jan. 29, 3:30 p. m.
 Prescott, Feb. 5, 11 a. m.
 Hope, Feb. 5, 7:30 p. m.

—J. L. Dedman, P. E.

SEARCY DISTRICT
(First Round)

Center Hill, 11 a. m., Jan. 1.
 McRae, 7 p. m., Jan. 1.
 Denard, 11 a. m., Jan. 8.
 Marshall, 1 p. m., Jan. 7.
 Leslie, 7 p. m., Jan. 8.
 Clinton, 7 p. m., Jan. 9.
 Pangburn, 11 a. m., Jan. 14.
 Heber Springs, 7 p. m., Jan. 14.
 Jelks, 11 a. m., Jan. 22.
 DeView, 3 p. m., Jan. 22.
 McCrory, 7 p. m., Jan. 22.
 Cotton Plant, 2 p. m., Jan. 23.
 Augusta, 11 a. m., Jan. 29.
 Gregory, 3 p. m., Jan. 29.
 Weldon, 1 p. m., Jan. 30.
 Searcy, 11 a. m., Feb. 5.
 West Searcy, 7 p. m., Feb. 5.
 Beebe Ct. at Antioch, 11 a. m., Feb. 12.
 Beebe, 7 p. m., Feb. 12.
 District Stewards and preachers meeting at Searcy, 10 a. m., Tuesday, Jan. 3. Pastors will come prepared to spend the night.

—W. P. Whaley, P. E.

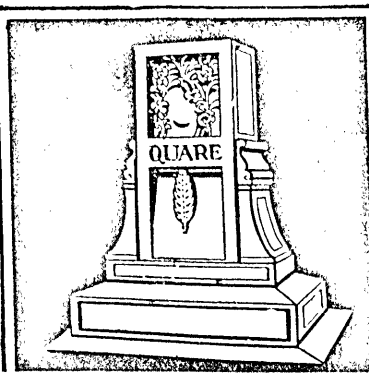
TEXARKANA DISTRICT
(First Round)

First Church, Texark., Jan. 1, 11 a. m.
 Fairview, Texark., Jan. 1, 3 p. m.
 College Hill, Texark., Jan. 1, 7 p. m.
 Paraloma Ct., at Paraloma, Jan. 8, 11 a. m.
 Richmond Ct., at Richmond, Jan. 8, 3 p. m.
 Umpire Ct. at Liberty, Jan. 14, 11 a. m.
 Dierks, Jan. 15, at 11 a. m.
 Lockesburg Com. Cen., Jan. 15, 3 p. m.
 DeQueen, Jan. 15, 7 p. m.
 Ashdown, Jan. 20, 7 p. m.
 Foreman, Jan. 22, 11 a. m.
 Horatio-Gillham at H., Jan. 22, 7 p. m.
 Mena, Jan. 23, 7 p. m.
 Lewisville-Bradley at Lewisville, Jan. 29, 11 a. m.
 Stamps, Jan. 29, 7 p. m.

—Francis N. Brewer, P. E.

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"I'm going to tell you right now, that until I have to I'm not going to worry. I'm going to try to be happy in my senior year."

CHAPTER XVIII**Cap and Gown**

The fifteen dollars, after all, were disposed of in a highly satisfactory manner. They paid for Lydia's cap and gown. Perhaps there were other members of the class to whom their senior insignia meant as much as they did to Lydia, but that is to be doubted.

In a way, Lydia's conscience smote her. She knew that her father was worrying over her attitude on her inheritance, but she continued to avoid the issue with him while the estate was being settled. Lydia was doing heavy work in college. She actually had entered all the classes in dairying possible, while carrying her other college work. And she enjoyed the new work amazingly.

Early in December, the settlement of the Levine estate was completed. John's method of "shoestringing" his property was disastrous as far as the size of Lydia's heritage went. As nearly as she could understand, one portion of the estate was used to pay up the indebtedness of another portion, until all that was left was the cottage, with a mortgage on it, and three hundred and twenty acres of land on the reservation.

"Oh, daddy!" cried Lydia, "we can't take it! Don't you see we can't?"

"I can't understand why you act so like a fool," began Amos, querulously. "And I can't see why you set your judgment up as better than mine. I swan—even your mother never did that, except on borrowing money. We won't keep the land. We'll sell it and have the money to clear up the mortgage on the cottage." He took a turn up and down the room. "I can't see what's happened to children nowadays. In my day we obeyed. Lydia, I'm not going to discuss this any longer. You've got to take that land."

Lydia sat with her thin hands clasped before her on the table, her clear eyes fastened on her father's face.

Amos looked down at his daughter grimly. "Can't you see what a fool you are!" he shouted. "The land can never go back to the Indians. John took good care of that. If you don't take it, somebody else will. Can't you see?"

"I'll do anything you want but this, dad," she said.

"But this is all I want. It's what I've wanted for years, this little bit of land. And you haven't any idea what that feeling is."

Like a flash Lydia saw again long aisles of pines, smelled again the odor of the needles, heard again the murmuring call of the wind.

"Good God!" cried Amos, tossing his pipe on the table, "poverty's hounded me all my life—poverty and death. The only two people who cared about me. Patience and Le-

vine're gone. Yet here's the chance for me to be independent. Here's a chance for me to make up for the failure I've made of life. A man with a little piece of property like this and a little bank account is somebody in the community. What do I care how I get it, as long's I can hold it? What's a lot of dirty Indians to stand between me and my future? But what do you care?"

"O daddy! O daddy! How can you talk so to me!" groaned Lydia. She put her hands over her eyes for a moment, swallowed a sob and then started for the outer door. She caught her coat from the nail and closed the door behind her.

An irresistible impulse had carried her from the house. She wanted to see Billy. It was still early and a lantern flickered in the Norton barnyard. She ran across to the shed door. Billy was whistling to himself as he began to bed down the cattle for the night. Lydia looked at him eagerly in the dim light. How big and strong he was!

"Billy!" she said, softly.

The young man dropped his pitchfork and came toward her. "What's the matter, Lydia!" he exclaimed.

"Dad and I've been having an awful quarrel."

"About the land?" asked Billy quickly.

Lydia nodded. "Oh, I don't know what to do!" And then, not having meant to do so at all, she suddenly began to cry.

"Why can't they let you alone, d—n 'em!" exclaimed Billy, furiously. "Come away from that cold doorway, dear." And he led her into the warm stable and over to a harness box. "There," pulling her down beside him on the box, and putting his arm about her, "don't cry, Lydia. I can't stand it. I'm liable to go over and say things to your father and Kent. I'll tell 'em both, some time, what I think of their bullying you this way."

A vague, warm sense of comfort and protection was stilling Lydia's trembling. She rose and looked up into his face gratefully. "I don't see why you're so good to me," she said.

"Do you want me to tell you?" began the young man eagerly.

"No! No!" Lydia began to move hastily toward the door. "Don't come home with me, Billy. I'll just run back alone."

Billy's face in the lantern light was inscrutable. "I'll obey tonight, Lydia," he said, "but the time's coming, when I won't," and he picked up the pitchfork he had dropped.

With the sense of comfort and protection sustaining her, Lydia went homeward under the winter stars. Kent's automobile was standing before the gate and Lydia's heart sank. It was the first time in her life she ever had been sorry at the thought of seeing Kent.

He was sitting before the base burner with her father and jumped up to help her take her coat off. He greeted her soberly.

"Your father's been telling me about your discussion, Lyd," he said. "You can't mean to stick by your decision!"

Lydia sat down wearily. "Oh, Kent, don't you begin at me, too."

"Now look here, Lydia," began Kent. "let's begin at the beginning and sift this thing out," and once more he began his arguments on the Indian question.

(Continued next week)

Pessimism begins with a loss of faith in God. Such faith gives true dignity to life and is the only thing which sustains believers when facing the adverse things of life.—Robert Elmer Smith in Mid-week Messages.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.**Lesson for December 25****CHRISTMAS LESSON**

LESSON TEXT—Luke 2:1-20.

GOLDEN TEXT—Thou shalt call His name Jesus, for He shall save His people from their sins.

PRIMARY TOPIC—The Coming of the Christ Child.

JUNIOR TOPIC—God Sends His Son to Earth.

INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC—The Prince of Peace.

YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC—The Promised Era of Peace.

I. The Birth of Jesus (vv. 1-7).

1. Jesus' birth foretold (Mic. 5:2). Only a little while before the fulfillment of this prophecy which was made some seven hundred years before, there seemed little likelihood that Micah's words would come true. Jesus' mother was miles away from Bethlehem in Galilee. God moved the emperor to enforce the decree of taxation which brought Mary to the village at the proper time.

2. Jesus' birth announced to Mary and Joseph (Luke 1:26-33).

Gabriel, the archangel, sent by God to the little town of Nazareth to Mary, a Jewish maiden who was betrothed to a carpenter in the village by the name of Joseph, solemnly announced that she should give birth to the Messiah and that this son should not be Joseph's, but the child of the Holy Ghost (Matt. 1:18-21). Later the angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph also, making to him the same announcement and added that the child should be called Jesus, which means that Jehovah will save His people from their sins (Matt. 1:21).

3. The prediction fulfilled (v. 7).

This took place at a most opportune time. It occurred when all systems of religion and immoral worship were tottering upon their foundations, therefore most suitable for the introduction of the gospel. The whole world being under the power of the Romans who then ruled it, made it possible for Christ's ministers to go from city to city and country to country unmolested. We can be assured that the Almighty rules in the whole universe and is never tardy in His administrations.

II. Jesus Birth Announced to the Shepherds (vv. 8-14).**1. To whom (v. 8).**

Jesus' birth was announced to the shepherds who were keeping watch over their flocks by night. The fact that the glorious message was first sounded forth to them shows that poverty is no barrier to its reception. Their humble station in life and their being busy with common duties did not prevent them from hearing this glorious message from God. Moses, Gideon, Amos and Elisha were all called of God from the activities of life. He never calls lazy people.

2. By whom (v. 9).

The first gospel sermon was preached by an angel of the Lord. We thus see them interested in men and having part in the announcement of God's plan for their salvation. No doubt the angelic beings earnestly sympathized with fallen, sin-cursed man.

3. The nature of the message (vv. 10, 11).

It was good tidings of great joy. It was good tidings because the darkness of heathendom, which had so long covered the earth, was beginning to vanish. The casting out of Satan, the prince of this world, was about to take place. Liberty was soon to be proclaimed to those who were in bondage. The way of salvation was to be open to all. No longer was the knowledge of God to be confined to the Jews, but offered to the whole

world. Truly this was glorious news; so glorious that a multitude of the heavenly host accompanied this announcement with their song of praise.

III. The Shepherds Investigating (vv. 15, 16).

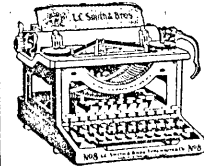
They did not stop to argue or raise questions, though these things were, no doubt, passing strange to them. They went immediately to Bethlehem, where they found everything just as represented. They had the privilege of first gazing upon the world's Savior, the very Lord of Glory. They returned with gratitude in their hearts, praising God for all these wonderful things which He had revealed unto them.

IV. The Shepherds' Witnessing (vv. 17-20).

They found things as announced by the angels. When they beheld the Lord of Glory they could not remain silent, therefore went back praising God. Those who really hear the gospel message cannot be silent. Those who really hear the gospel must tell it out to others.

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CHRISTMAS ORPHANAGE SECTION ARKANSAS METHODIST

MAKE GLAD THEIR HEARTS

In just a few days now the annual offering for the Arkansas Methodist Orphanage will be made, or should be made, in every Methodist Church in Arkansas.

What a great opportunity to show practical interest in the work of the Master.

The Apostle James said that the very test of a pure and undefiled religion was to visit the widow and the orphan in their affliction, and it can not be doubted that the word visit meant to aid.

Of all the demands for help, none can ever equal the one that comes from an orphan child.

No human aid can ever restore to one the love and kindness and ministrations of loving parents. No human agency can ever fill the heart with love and the soul with gladness, but our help in a material way can add a little pleasure to their darkened lives, can cause a few less tears to flow down sorrow's cheek and add a ray of sunshine here and there in a child's life.

One of the saddest sights in all this world is when a little orphan looks with longing eyes into the shop windows, at Christmas time, at the toys that may not be his and sees the wonderful array of good things that will be given bountifully to little boys and little girls who have mothers and fathers to provide for them.

To be deprived of all home life and home love and influence is bad enough, but when to this is added the deprivation of every material thing, life becomes hard, indeed, for those children who are orphans.

The Arkansas Methodist Orphanage in Little Rock was established and is maintained to be a home for the orphans of this State and more than 500 have gone out from its portals prepared for life—500 children that might have been left to fight their childhood battles alone, 500 children that might have been recruited in the ever swelling ranks of the criminal, the insane and the derelict.

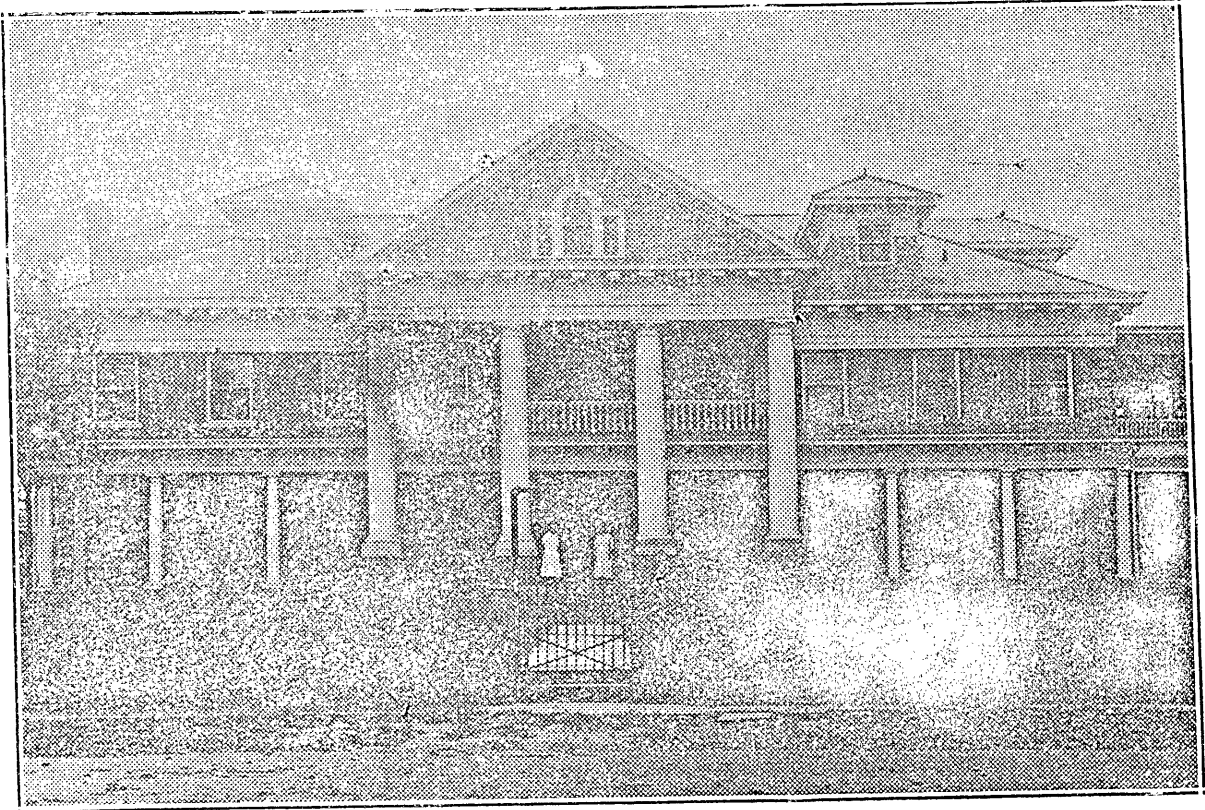
It is a great work, this work of rescuing little children from the greedy and vicious who prey upon helpless childhood, and use little children to serve selfish ends.

Guided, protected, educated, provided with bodily comforts these hundreds of children have gone forth from the Methodist Orphanage to make valuable and useful men and women—hundreds of lives saved, perhaps, and generations yet unborn benefited by the work of this institution.

Every other kind of charity may have adverse effect, every other sort of giving may be met with ingratitude, every other benevolence practiced may fall short of its object, but whoever gives a dollar or ten dollars or a hundred dollars to help in the support of an orphan has performed a kindly and Christian act that will live to bless mankind long after the donor has gone back to silence and pathetic dust. No charity is so cumulative, no aid so potential, no Christian act so near the life of our Leader.

Our Orphanage is not supported as it should be. Even twice the amount now given would not be too much,

Arkansas Methodist Home for Orphans



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and when reckoned in human life, no money ever spent can possibly do so much good.

This is an appeal to every man and woman in Arkansas. When you are seated around your happy fireside this glad Christmas with loving children about you to gladden the heart of age and make the days of your life more happy still, think of the poor fatherless and motherless children who may not have a single little pleasure on this glad Christmas Day—and you are so well cared for that you give your own children more than they need. Reduce the excess and give some of the waste to the poor little waifs who will never hear a father's voice nor feel a mother's kiss.

Make it a glad and joyful Christmas for God's orphans and feel the joy of giving for such a worthy cause.

"As ye did it unto the least of these, my children, ye did it unto me." If you would serve Christ, you must not neglect those for whom he served and those for whom he prayed.

LAKESIDE METHODIST CHURCH PINE BLUFF, ARKANSAS

The Lakeside Methodist Church, South, now located at Fifteenth and Olive Streets, has been an active organization since 1888, when it was formed in a school house situated at Eleventh and Laurel Streets and known as the Jordan high school. The organization was started with less than 10 members. Some of the first officials were A. Brewster, J. M. McCain, P. P. Byrd, J. G. Vining and Thomas Vining.

During the first year after its organization a new frame building was erected at the corner of Fifteenth and Laurel streets and was occupied by the small, but rapidly growing, congregation. This building was used un-



JAMES THOMAS, D. D., Supt.

til 1908, when the present beautiful structure was erected just across the street from the original location.

Dr. Thomas H. Ware was the first Presiding elder of the charge and the Rev. Charles B. Brinkley was the first pastor. Rev. C. B. Brinkley served the pastorate four years, the time limit, then, in the Southern Methodist Church.

The first trustees were A. Brewster, J. M. McCain, N. T. Roberts, W. Z. Tankersley, T. F. Sorrells, T. W. Vining and P. P. Byrd. The first building committee was composed of A. Brewster, G. J. Vining, J. M. McCain and P. P. Byrd.

In 1908, the congregation having outgrown the dimensions of the small frame building, the present house of worship was erected under direction

of A. Brewster, J. M. McCain, G. L. Madding, W. Z. Tankersley and W. T. Wooldridge as a building committee. This commodious and beautiful building with its improvements and, then, modern conveniences and facilities gave to the church years of prosperity and popularity. The growth in membership was exceptional and the service rendered was of high order.

Some of the great pastors and preachers of Methodism have served the church through these years of phenomenal growth. So tremendous has been its development that the new building is now inadequate for the modern Methodist program and plans are under way for obtaining needed facilities for further growth.

Lakeside is located in the center of Pine Bluff's best residential section and its membership consists of the type of people who have backed the great enterprises of both financial and religious interests.

STANDARD BRAKE SHOE COMPANY ONE OF STATE'S BIG INDUSTRIES

One of the many industries of Pine Bluff which contribute to advertising the city to all parts of the country is the Standard Brake Shoe & Foundry Co., specializing in brake shoes for locomotive driver, truck and tender, passenger and motor brake shoes.

A slogan of the foundry's sale force is: "They're braking shoes, not breaking shoes." In an effort to live up to everything implied by that slogan, the Standard Brake Shoe and Foundry Company makes a brake shoe clear of hard inserts, thereby preventing the shoes from breaking and becoming unsafe and unserviceable before they have worn thin.

The concern was organized in 1915
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ENGLAND

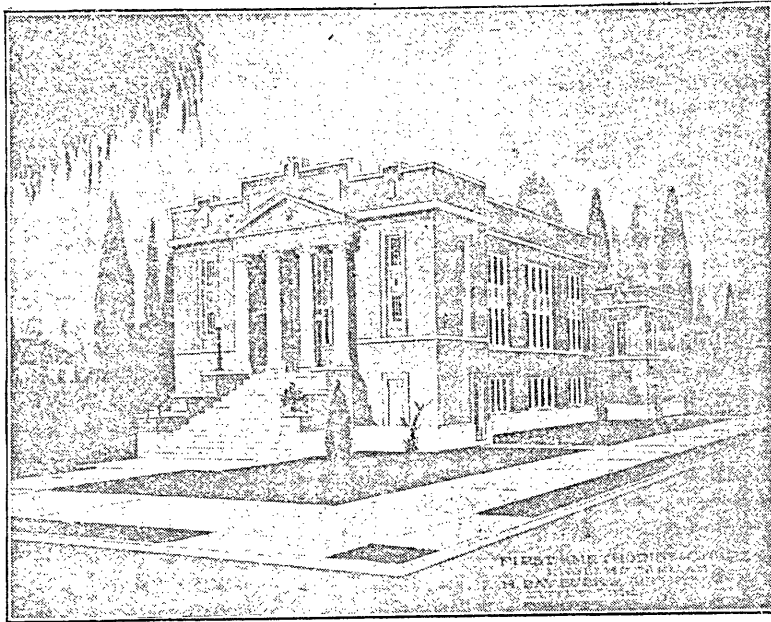
Situated almost midway between Little Rock and Pine Bluff on the Altheimer Branch of the St. Louis Southwestern Railway (Cotton Belt Route) is England, one of the historic spots of Lonoke County.

The little city of approximately 3,000 population is noted as one of the best business centers of the state, yet it is entirely without mills and factories and depends solely upon the agricultural territory which surrounds it for a distance of approximately 15 miles in all directions. So dependable is that agricultural territory as a source of steady revenue that, in spite of the fact that most agricultural districts in the state have been hard hit during the past several years, the two banks at England have combined resources of more than \$900,000 and deposits totaling more than \$700,000.00.

No Chamber of Commerce or civic clubs have been formed in the town, still there are ten blocks of paved streets, a weekly newspaper, a theater and two wholesale establishments.

Among the retail establishments of the town are: six automobile agencies, 45 mercantile firms of various kinds; five oil companies, 10 restaurants, one jewelry store, two lumber companies, two real estate companies, four insurance agencies, four barber shops.

There are, also, four cotton gins with a daily capacity of 350 bales and a cotton oil mill.



METHODIST CHURCH AT ENGLAND, ARKANSAS

England boasts of four beautiful and active churches and two school buildings for white children and one for negro children. The buildings for white children are a grade school and a high school. J. B. Stewart is superintendent and Rosco Cox is principal of the high school.

Radiating from England in all directions for a distance of some 15 miles is one of the richest farming sections in the United States, if not in the entire world. The soil is a black sandy loam, and a black waxy buckshot, of unusual depth. Experts have said that this land is equal to

the fertile land of the world famous valley of the Nile.

The first settler was Bob Hudgens, a hunter and fisherman, who located three and a half miles north of the present site of the town, his purpose being to avoid the waters of the Arkansas River during flood stage. He established what was known as Hudgen's Postoffice and was postmaster and justice of the peace for a number of years.

The present town was named for John C. England, who owned most of the adjoining lands at the time the town was founded. Considerable



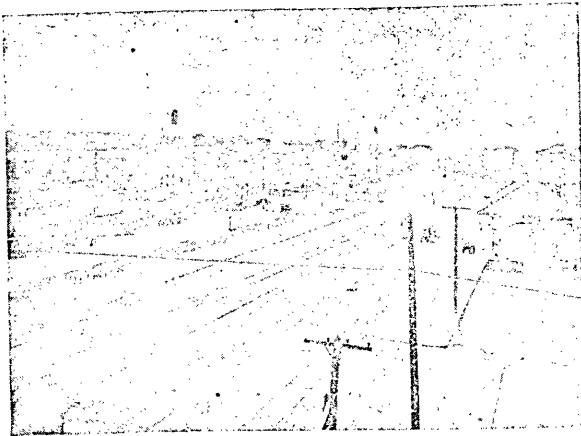
REV. J. L. HOOVER, Pastor

trouble was experienced in naming the postoffice for the town's founder because of a rule of the post office department which prohibited any office from bearing the name of a foreign country—this to avoid miscarriage of the mail. After much effort, however, the name was permitted to stand.

The first sale of town lots was made January 30, 1889. The sale had been given extensive publicity and two-thirds of the original townsite was sold in one day.

ENGLAND, Lonoke County, ARKANSAS

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PARTIAL VIEW OF ENGLAND

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BUSINESS FIRMS:

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SCHOOLS AND CHURCHES:

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LOCATION:

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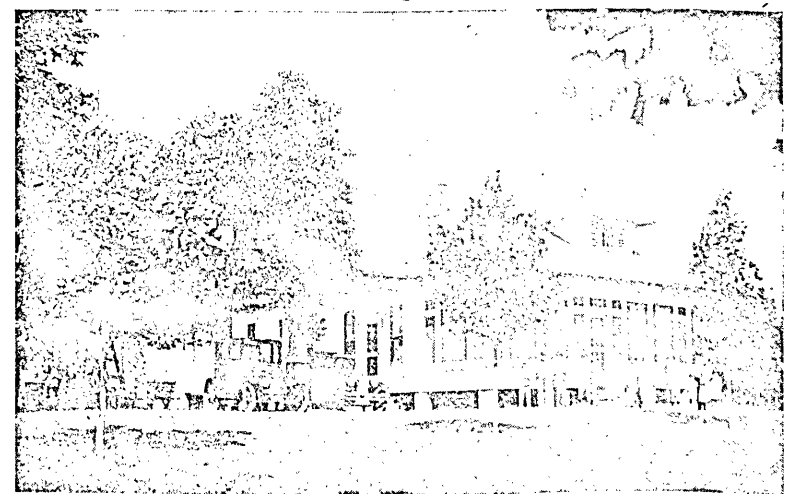
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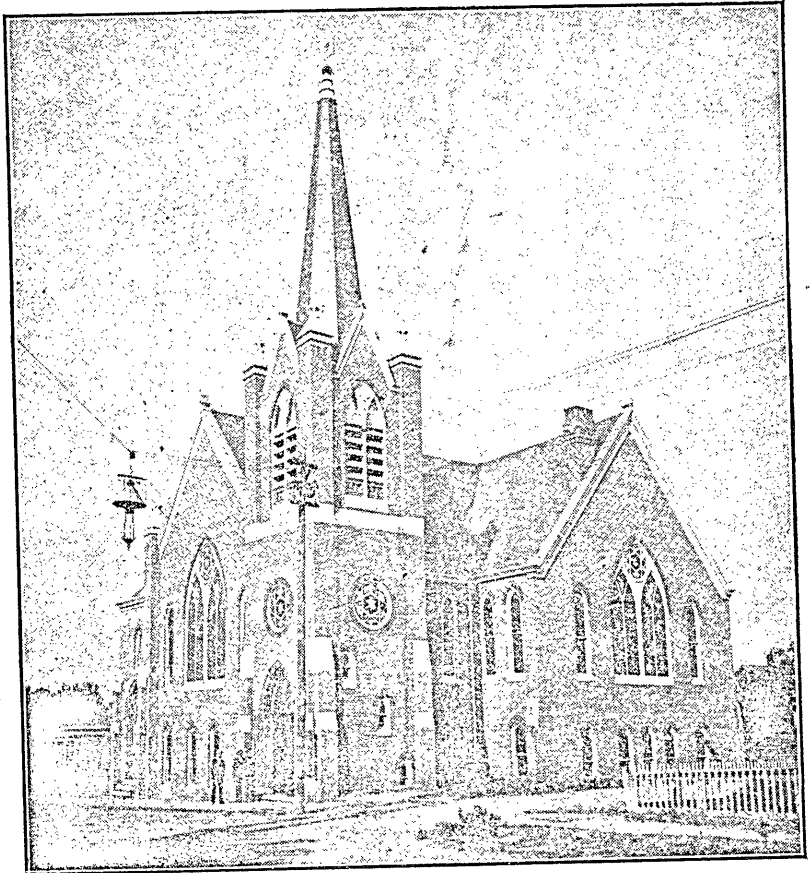
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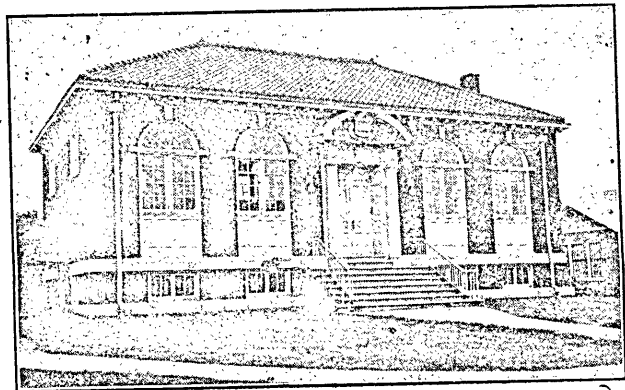
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MORRILTON METHODIST CHURCH



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MORRILTON METHODISM

The Methodist Church at Morrilton is one of the strong churches of the State. It was originally organized at old Louisburg, which was a flourishing town on the Arkansas River before the Railroad was constructed through the present site of Morrilton. When the town was moved the church also was moved. In the earlier church were such strong men as H. W. Burrow, W. W. Garland, R. A. Dowdle, J. T. Beal and others with their families. Such people always make a live and vigorous church.

This church has been served by some of the greatest preachers of Arkansas Methodism, among whom may be named Rev. I. L. Burrow, Dr. J. W. Boswell, Dr. B. H. Greathouse, Rev. V. V. Harlan, Dr. F. S. H. Johnston, Dr. J. A. Anderson, and Dr. O. E. Goddard.

The membership last year was 507. It has a strong Woman's Missionary Society, a well organized Sunday School, and an active Epworth League. The total amount paid for all purposes was something over \$10,000. The church building, erected about 38 years ago, has in recent years been enlarged and remodeled, and is now capable of accommodating the large departmentalized Sunday School.

Last year the pastor was Rev. J. B. Evans, young, active, and progressive, who had just completed a fine building at Paragould before coming to Morrilton. This year he was sent to Russellville, and was succeeded by Rev. C. W. Lester, a cultured and capable preacher and a thoroughly efficient pastor. Always a good church,

the Methodist Church of Morrilton has a bright future with the continued growth of the community.

MORRILTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS AMONG THE BEST IN ARKANSAS

Morrilton has a number of things which afford just cause for pride on the part of the residents of the city, but of all, its public school system is probably generally considered as the greatest achievement of the community.

The residents of Morrilton have at all times taken a great interest in the education of their children and today a visitor to the city will find more than 1,000 children housed in modern, well equipped buildings and taught by a corps of professional teachers.

The elementary school with Miss Rosa E. Moore as principal is located in the heart of the city. The grounds are beautiful and the building comparatively new. The modified platoon system is used and there is every evidence of thoroughness and a fine spirit.

The Morrilton high school has North Central rating and is recognized as one of the best in that section. The building is new, artistic and well equipped. It was completed in 1926 at a cost of \$150,000. H. L. Davis is principal.

The public schools of Morrilton have been under the supervision of H. A. Woodward since 1913.

Hon. Edward Gordon is president and A. V. Hembree is secretary of the school board.

MORRILTON

Supported by one of the richest farming sections of the Arkansas River valley, Morrilton, county seat of Conway County, is making a strong bid for the position of one of the leading industrial centers of Arkansas.

Already the home of numerous industrial plants of various classes, the city during the past year has added a 10,000 spindle cotton mill of which the citizenship is "tremendously proud," to use the language of one of the city's residents who adds: "It has every reason to be, as no finer mill has ever been built."

The building of the Morrilton Cotton Mill is 410 feet long and 260 feet wide, one story, concrete, daylight construction, with a total floor space of 80,000 square feet. The equipment is modern and consists of 10,203 spindles together with a full complement of machinery for twisting, weaving and other preparatory work. The plant has a normal, one shift capacity of 60,000 pounds per week.

According to a recent appraisal made by the William Crooks Engineering Corporation of Little Rock, the mill has a valuation of \$449,000, of which amount \$299,000 is represented by the vast array of machinery required to turn a bale of cotton into the finished fabric.

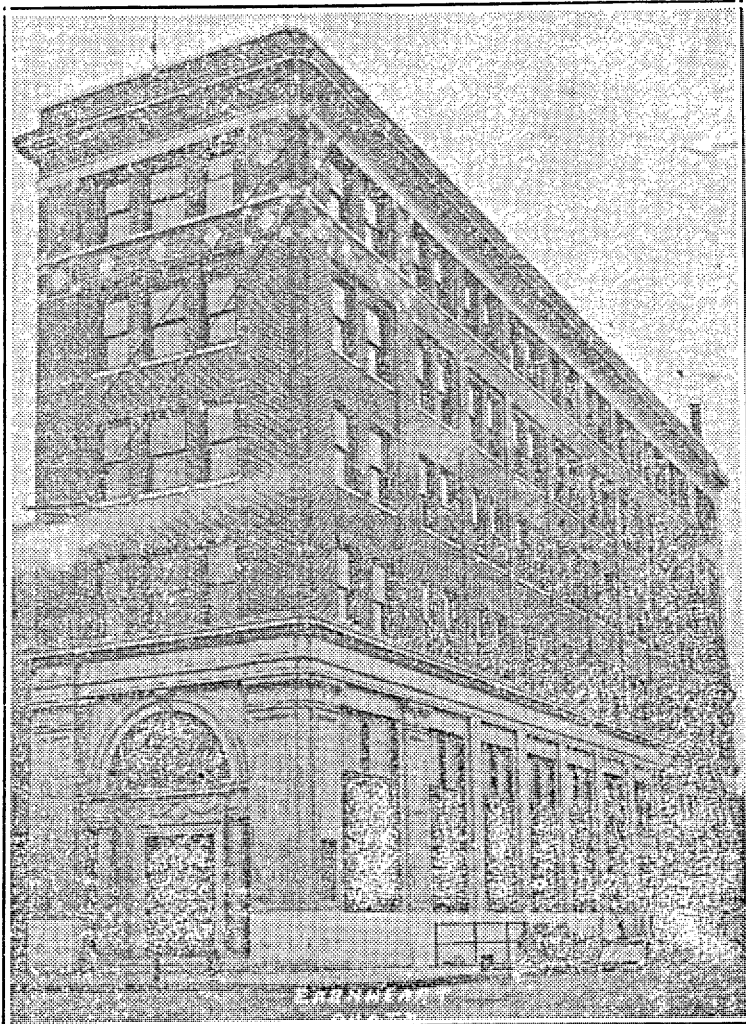
Cotton goes into the mill in the bale and comes out at the other end of the machinery finished into fabrics weighing from 12 ounces to 36 ounces to the square yard. These fabrics are used in rubber tires, belting, rubber hose and hundreds of other articles and are being shipped to nearly every state in the union.

But Morrilton's cotton mill is by no

means the city's only claim to fame as a manufacturing center.

The city has a number of wood-

HANDSOME FIVE-STORY BANK BUILDING PRIDE OF MORRILTON



recognition as an important factor in the state's educational system.

The public school system includes a grade school and a high school. H. L. Woodward is superintendent and L. C. Davis is principal of the high school.

There are six beautiful churches offering a place of worship to persons of practically all creeds.

THE CHRISTMAS STAR

Can you draw a star, or cut one from paper with a clip of the scissors, as Betsy Ross did for the first flag?

The regulation star has five points. So the Christmas star has five points. What are they? Suppose we letter them.

The first point is P, for pleasure. The angels didn't come waiting the news of Jesus' birth. They came singing it gladly; for He came to bring us joy, not sadness.

The second is E, for earnestness. We have a religion of joy; yet we must live earnestly, serve Jesus earnestly.

The third point is A, for all men. Jesus came not to save any one race or nation, but all who will accept Him.

The fourth point is C, for courage. We have the strongest friend and helper in the world when we love Christ. His strength puts courage into the most timid heart.

The fifth point is E, for everlasting life—the crowning joy of the Christian life.

Now read your points.

P-E-A-C-E—the Christmas lesson.—Selected.

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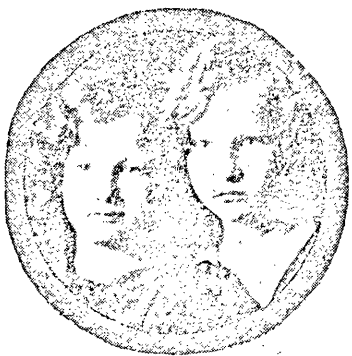
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working plants, including lumber mills, stave mills and handle factories. It also has a cotton-seed oil-mill which affords a local market for the seed taken from the cotton grown by the farmers of the vicinity for miles around. Too, there are ice plants and a number of industries of a smaller nature but which add materially to the weekly payroll distributed by the workers for their need to the business houses of the city.

Morrilton has a population estimated at 5,000 and is supported by a trade territory which extends 50 miles to the north, 30 miles to the south, 20 miles to the east and 20 miles to the west. Its retail shopping section consists of many blocks of modern stores and there are four wholesale establishments jobbing the various articles of commerce sold in the community.

The city is situated on the main line of the Missouri Pacific Railroad between Kansas City and Little Rock and is approximately 50 miles west of the last named city. Besides its industries, Morrilton is supported principally by agricultural, horticultural and dairy activities, for each of which it is ideally located.

There are three banks with combined resources of approximately \$2,000,000 and with deposits approximating \$1,500,000. There are two weekly newspapers, one theater, an active Chamber of Commerce and two civic clubs.

There are approximately five miles of paved streets, approximately 750 houses wired for electricity and 550 telephones in use.

Schools and Churches

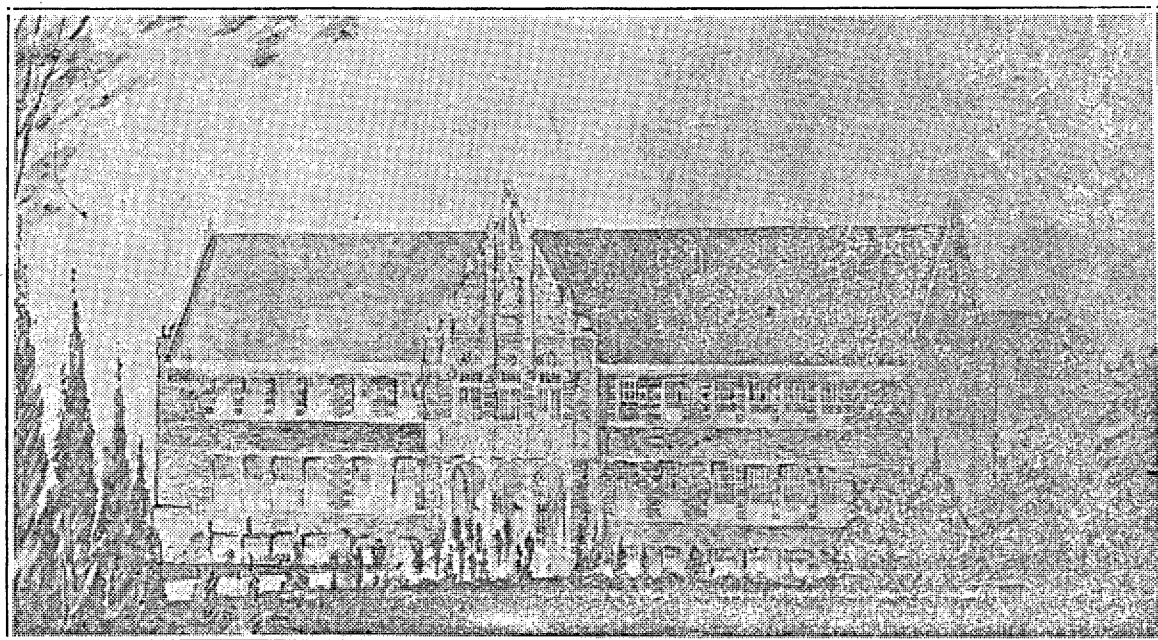
Morrilton is exceptionally well supplied with good schools and churches. It is the home of Harding College, an institution maintained as a denominational college by the Christian Church and which is rapidly gaining

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CLARKSVILLE

Situated in the heart of the finest domestic coal field in the South and with an abundant supply of natural gas, Clarksville, county seat of Johnson County, promises to become one of the most important industrial cities of Arkansas. Its location, 65 miles east of Fort Smith and 105 miles west of Little Rock, on the Kansas City-New Orleans main line of the Missouri Pacific Railroad, adds to the possibilities for future and substantial growth and the abundant supply of coal and gas for fuel is expected to be a strong factor in industrial development.

The principal resources of Clarksville and its trade territory are anthracite coal, natural gas, Elberta peaches and other fruits, vegetables and field crops. There are deposits of clay suitable for use in manufacturing brick and tile and an iron ore vein approximately 70 feet thick from the surface.

At present there are no factories at Clarksville, other than its lumber and planing mills, but negotiations are under way looking toward the establishment of canning factories to preserve the fruit and vegetables grown in the section and for a hardwood finishing plant. Dairy products and diversified farming are also being given considerable attention.

Clarksville's mine payroll is a big boon to the business interests of the city. It totalled \$1,113,543 during the year 1926. There was a total gas production within five miles of Clarksville during the year 1926 of 65 million cubic feet.

There are three banks with combined resources estimated at \$257,350 and total deposits of approximately \$1,112,567. There are two weekly newspapers, two wholesale grocery houses, two theaters, two civic clubs and an active Chamber of Commerce of which W. N. Bynum is secretary.

Retail establishments include 12 grocery stores, 12 general stores, three hardware stores, three drug stores, three lumber yards, three automobile sales and service agencies, four cafes, two cleaning and pressing establishments, one electrical supply house and four notion stores.

The trade territory extends approximately 50 miles north, five miles south, 12 miles east and 15 miles west. Building permits issued during the first 10 months of 1927 totaled more than \$66,000.

Houses wired for electric service number 739 while there are approximately 390 telephones in use.

Clarksville citizens take great pride in the churches and schools of the city. Of the former, there are six beautiful buildings representing various denominations.

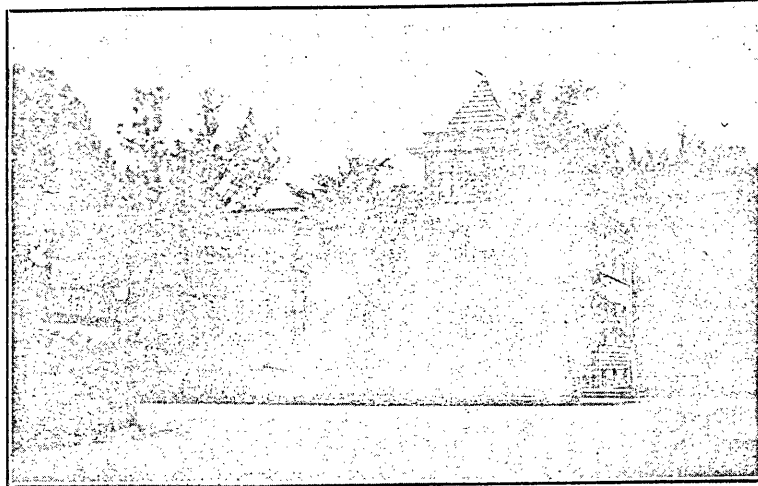
The public school system consists of two grade schools and one high school. W. I. Agee is superintendent and G. A. Dodson is principal of the high school.

The College of the Ozarks, formerly Arkansas-Cumberland College, one of the leading educational institutions of the state is located here. A story of this institution is to be found elsewhere in this issue of the Arkansas Methodist.

COLLEGE OF OZARKS PRIDE OF CLARKSVILLE

The College of the Ozarks, one of Arkansas' leading educational institutions, is the pride, not only of the people of Clarksville where it is located, but, also, of the residents of all that section of Arkansas.

That the institution has accomplish-



FIRST METHODIST CHURCH, CLARKSVILLE, ARK.



REV. W. V. WOMACK, Pastor
Clarksville, Arkansas

The present pastor at Clarksville, Ark., is a graduate of the University of Arkansas. He has been a member of the Conference seventeen years and has served the following charges: Springdale, Hartford, Dodson Ave., Ft. Smith, Ozark, Corning, Siloam Springs, and Forrest City.

At the present time he is chairman of the First Yr. Exam. Comm. and chairman of the Conference Board of Education.

ed something of real worth-while merit is evidenced by recognition given it by Lawrence F. Abbott of the Outlook Magazine who referred to the college as a "coming Dartmouth of the South."

The work of Dr. Wiley Lin Hurie, president of the college, has been of such a nature as to entitle him to the highest praise from all who are interested in providing better educational facilities for the young men and young women of limited means. Dr. Hurie has demonstrated exceptional ability in stretching funds and by that means has increased greatly the scope and extent of the work of his institution. Concreting Dr. Hurie, a writer recently said: "He has proven his ability to make two students live and thrive with scarcely enough money for one."

With reference to the institution, the Dixie Magazine said recently:

"While it ministers primarily to the college educational needs of its own section, its doors are open and its facilities are cheerfully afforded to every student, no matter where from, that can be accommodated within its halls.

"We of Arkansas are sometimes un-

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH, CLARKSVILLE, ARK.

The first Methodist Church was built in Clarksville in 1843. A second building, of brick, was erected in 1859. This was used by the Federal troops in 1863 as a Commissary building and then burned when they left. The U. S. Government later allowed \$4,400 for this loss. A new brick edifice was constructed on the same lot after the war. It was dedicated in 1872 by Bishop Wightman. This building was torn down in 1909 and the erection of the present stone building was begun. The corner stone for this new building was laid in 1912 by Bishop J. H. McCoy and the building was dedicated by Dr. Stonewall Anderson in 1917.

Clarksville has been a station since 1872. It has entertained the Annual Conference five times: 1843, Bishop Roberts presiding; 1870, Bishop Keener presiding; 1883 Bishop Granbery siding; 1918, Bishop E. D. Mouzon presiding; 1918, Bisop E. D. Mouzon presiding.

The names of the following pastors appear in the long list: Geo. W. Hill, Stonewall Anderson, J. H. Glass, Henry Hainesworth, J. J. Galloway, H. L. Wade, J. B. Evans, J. T. Wilcoxen, S. M. Yancey, and Lester Weaver.

Judge Hugh Basham, chairman of the Board of Stewards, has been an official member of the Church for 35 years.

The Church now has a membership of 604.

appreciative of all the things we have. We are too near. Better get back a little and look into the perspective of our own minds—find out these enterprises of great purpose and moment within our borders and assist them to carry on their work."

LARGEST HATCHERY IN STATE LOCATED AT CLARKSVILLE

The largest hatchery and poultry farm in Arkansas is at Clarksville and is owned by Dr. Earle S. Hunt and S. S. Stout. It is managed by Mr. Stout, professor of poultry husbandry at the University of Arkansas during the past 11 years.

The farms are located two and one-half miles west of the city limits. There are eight poultry houses, the smallest of which is 16 by 30 feet and the largest 20 by 160 feet. One large house 34 by 60 feet is used as a brooder and storeroom. The percent capacity of the farm is sufficient for 5,000 laying hens.

The hatchery is located on the square at Clarksville and, therefore, is in position to care for local trade as well as to entertain visitors. It has a capacity of 104,000 eggs every three weeks.

Baby chicks are shipped by the thousands every Monday and Thursday during the hatching season.

At present the farms keep three breeds: single-comb White Leghorns, barred Plymouth Rocks, and single comb Rhode Island Reds. It is the plan of Dr. Hunt and Mr. Stout to add two more breeds, White Wyandottes and Buff Orpingtons. This will make the farm produce the five most popular breeds.

All birds are pedigreed and trapped.

W'EN CHRISTMAS COMES.

Ain't got no stockin' big enough for
C'rismus—tried 'em all;
Hung one up by the chimneypiece, an'
nuther on the wall;
But grandma says that ain't the way,
fer Santa Claus prefers
To jest have one big stockin', an' so
she'll lend me hers!
Fer I want two drums
W'en C'rismus comes,
An' a bran new slate fer doin' sums,
An' firecrackers an' rockets, too,
An' a horn that's most as tall as you—
That's what I want fer C'rismus!
I'm jest so good the whole day long 'at
grandma says 'at she
Is 'fraid some angel'll come along an'
fly away with me.
I go to bed at 9 o'clock, I'm up w'en
daylight stirs;
An' ain't no boy—so mother says—
'at's half as good as hers!
Fer I want two drums,
W'en C'rismus comes,
An' a bran new slate fer doin' sums,
An' I want a sled
That's painted red,
An' a six-blade knife, like 'pa gave
Ned—
That's what I want fer C'rismus!
—Frank L. Stanton.

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CLARKSVILLE, ARKANSAS

CLARKSVILLE JOHNSON COUNTY

Some Facts of Johnson County and Clarksville

LOCATION: Clarksville is located 65 miles east of Ft. Smith and 105 miles west of Little Rock on highway No. 64 and the Missouri Pacific Railroad.

COUNTY: Total land area432,000 acres
In farms220,538 acres
Improved acres120,869 acres
Value of farm property\$10,399,766.00
White farmers2,946
Colored farmers21
Population21,062

FIELD CROPS: .in 1926, this county produced:
Corn yield 21 bu. per acre\$ 479,472.00
Cotton yield 137 pounds per acre1,367,000.00
Hay yield 1.20 tons per acre209,445.00

LIVE STOCK: Live Stock value for 1926\$628,536.28

EGGS & POULTRY: (1924 latest figures) Eggs ...\$86,782.00
Poultry\$81,718.00

COUNTY SCHOOLS:

	Male	Fem.	Total
Enumeration (White)	3,925	3,825	7,750
Enumeration (Colored)	58	40	98
Teachers (White)	85	81	166
Teachers (Colored)	1	1	2

85 School Districts.
Total value school property\$208,885.00

NATURAL GAS: There is a production of about 60 million feet of Natural Gas within five miles of Clarksville. Efforts are being made to secure this fuel for domestic and commercial use.

CLARKSVILLE—POPULATION 3,500

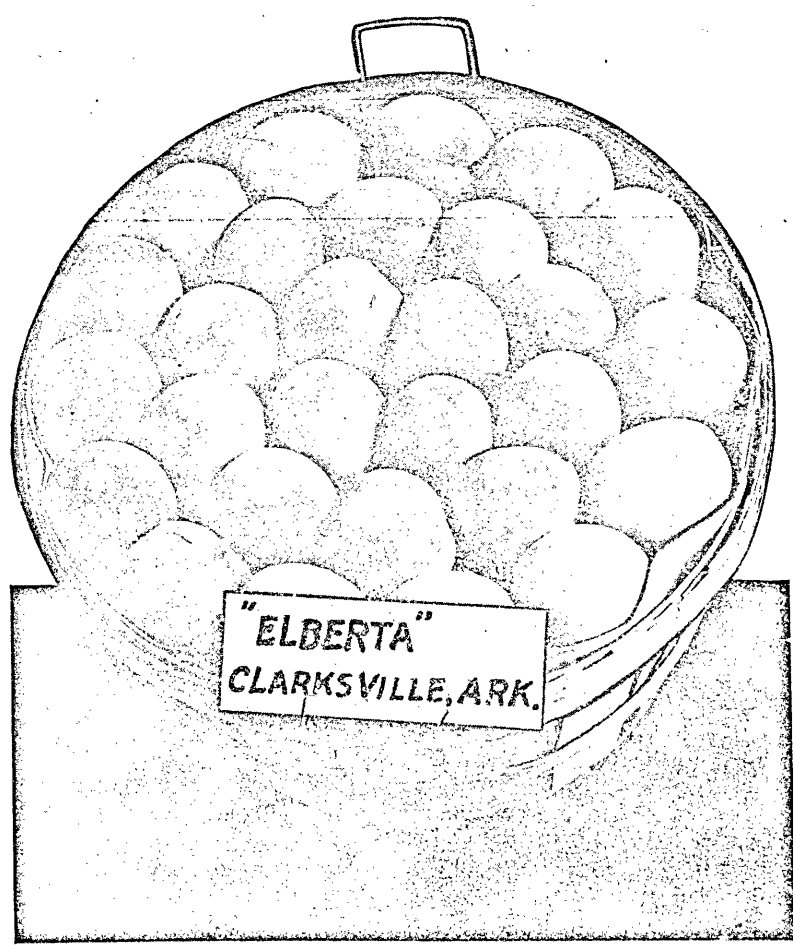
CHURCHES: Clarksville is a Church going little city with five churches to attend, viz. Methodist, Presbyterian, Baptist, Church of Christ and Catholic, has total membership of about 1,500 with an investment in church property of \$215,000.00

SCHOOLS: Our college and public schools have an enrollment of 1,153 with an investment of \$815,000.00.

BANKS: Clarksville has three banks with

Capital Stock	\$ 185,000.00
Surplus and profits	72,350.70
Deposits	1,112,567.45

The Peach that makes Arkansas Famous



JOHNSON COUNTY FRUITS

The above are some of Johnson County Peaches. The soil of this county is especially adapted to the growing of the ELBERTA PEACH. In 1927 this county shipped 560 cars of 224,000 bushels of Elberta Peaches which brought to the county \$470,400.00 and this, in spite of the fact that the crop was reduced to about one half.

We have about 5,000 acres of producing orchard and about 2,000 of young trees that will come in bearing in the next two years and additional new acreage being set each season.

It must be remembered that in this country there is a total area of 432,000 acres, of this amount only 120,869 acres is improved, or only 28.2 per cent of our land in cultivation. A great part of our land could be cultivated to fruit of the kind usually grown in this state and almost all kinds of vegetables are produced in abundance.

This space made possible by the following Clarksville business men:

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| The Farmers National Bank | W. V. Harris Lumber Co. |
| Ragon-Hardwick Company, Inc. | Hotel Main |
| Arlington Hotel | Joe B King |
| R. A. Morgan & Son | Fred Russell |
| The Herald-Democrat | Martin-Arrington Motor Co. |
| McKennon House Furnishing Co. | First National Bank |
| Arkansas Hatcheries | Main Cafe |
| Bryant Coal Company | Dunlap Theater |
| Clarksville Steam Laundry | Bank of Clarksville |
| | Royal Cafe |

College of the Ozarks

The College of the Ozarks is an institution that all citizens of Johnson County point to with pride. Now has more than three hundred pupils in attendance and offers to the student—

DEPARTMENTS: College, Academy, Music, Expression, Art, Home Economics, Commercial with Pre-medical and Normal Training courses. Accredited work in all departments.

DEGREES OFFERED: Bachelor of Arts, A. B.; Bachelor of Science, Sc. B.; and Bachelor of Science in Home Economics, B. S. H. E.

The Music, Art, and Expression Departments grant diplomas upon completion of required work in these departments.

Dr. Wiley Lin Hurie, President, enjoys the respect and love of his student body as well as all who know him.

Johnson County has 26 Coal Mines

In Johnson County is located the only anthracite coal field west of Pennsylvania. Has 26 producing mines that employed 1,043 men in 1926 and produced 371,181 tons of high grade coal valued at \$1,731,322.00. The pay-roll for all mines last year was \$1,113,543.00.

This offers to manufactures high grade fuel without the expense of transportation and a location where there is plenty of labor.

ELDORADO, "The Oil City"

El Dorado, Arkansas' oil metropolis, has passed well beyond the stage of a "boom oil town" to a permanently built city of more than 30,000 population; from the typical hill county seat of seven years ago to one of the most progressive cities to be found in the entire southwest.

When one considers the up-to-the-minute appearance of El Dorado, with its many beautiful homes and impressive business buildings, it is hard to realize that just seven years ago today it was merely a county seat town with a population of less than 3,000 depending on timber operations and a farming country for support.

The first oil well of the South Arkansas fields was brought in January, 1921, and the development of El Dorado was begun.

From the country town pictured above, the oil metropolis has developed in seven years to a city with more than 30 miles of the best paved streets; with three banks boasting combined resources of more than \$12,000,000 and with deposits of approximately \$11,000,000; with 12 wholesale establishments, six theaters and one of the best daily newspapers in Arkansas.

Many Industries

Many industrial plants contribute to the weekly payroll which supports, in a large measure, the business houses of El Dorado.

There are oil refineries, brick plants, cotton gins, ice and ice cream factories, sheet metal works, an oil mill, a mattress factory, an iron foundry, a flour mill and many other industries of less importance but which contribute to a certain extent to the city's payroll.

Three railroads enter the city and maintain extensive yards employing hundreds of workmen. They are: the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific; the Missouri Pacific; the El Dorado & Wesson.

An active Chamber of Commerce of which P. G. Anderson is secretary, is working constantly in an effort to locate new industries and add other things which will contribute to the growth of the city.

Two civic clubs—Rotary and Lions—also are working for the advancement of El Dorado.

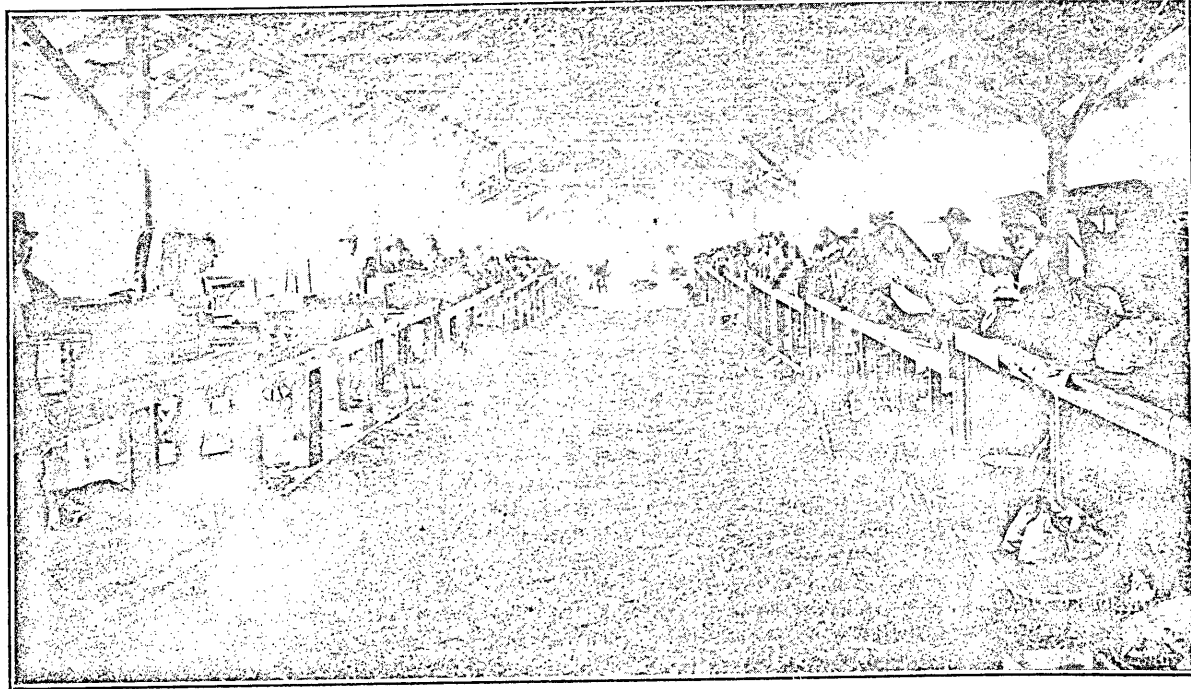
The principal resources of the territory around El Dorado are oil, natural gas, agriculture, clay and timber.

Excellent Schools

El Dorado boasts of an excellent school system consisting of eight grade schools and two high schools. The superintendent is Donald MacQueen and the principal of the high school is Crawford Greene.

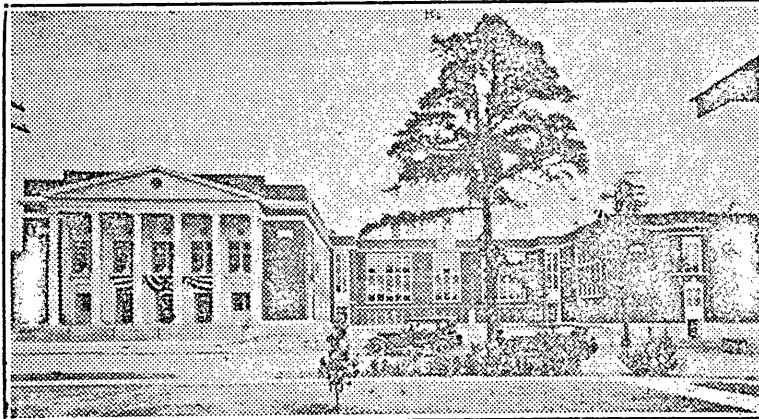
Keeping the educational advancement of the community going at a pace to compare with the industrial development has been no small task. Because of the rapidly increasing population which followed the discovery of oil, the number of school pupils grew so rapidly that it was difficult to find funds with which to erect school buildings and provide teachers necessary to take care of the demands. But, proving the old adage about "where there is a will, there is a way," El Dorado today displays a

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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE CURB MARKET—Does average business of \$50,000.00 per year.

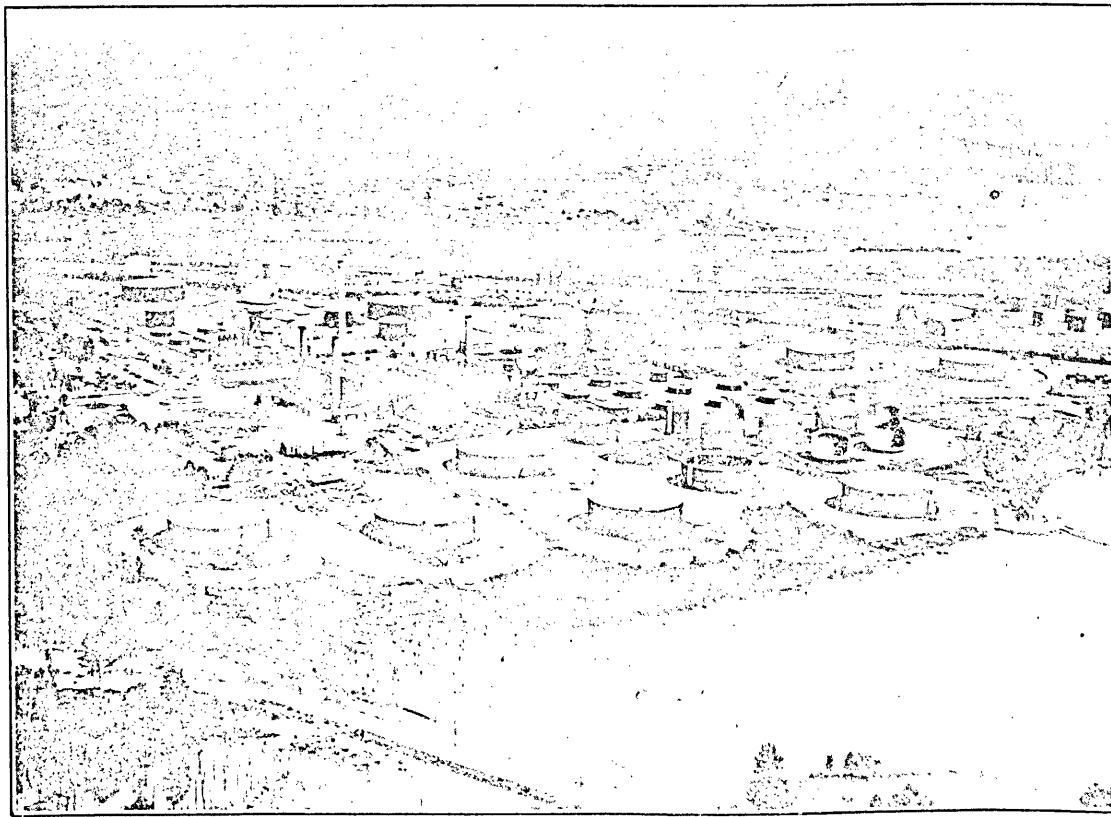
EL DORADO \$410,000.00 HIGH SCHOOL



A High School building with a capacity of 1,200 pupils, said to be the sixth largest school building in the state. In this building there is a very handsome auditorium with a seating capacity of 1,375. A two year junior college course has been added to the courses in this school.

Good graveled surface highways run in seven directions from the city. These are Federal-Aid State Highways. There are 16 miles of paved and 6 miles of graveled streets within the city limits.

The Fire Protection of El Dorado consists of a well equipped Station, with an organized force of 18 paid men, and a Volunteer organization of 12 persons.

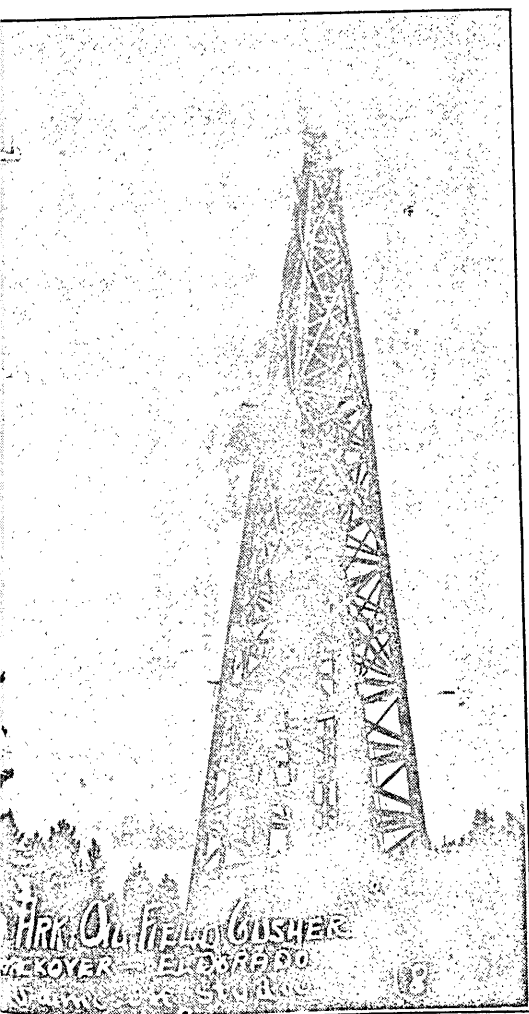


LION OIL REFINING COMPANY—Largest Refinery in Arkansas, 10,000 Barrel Capacity.

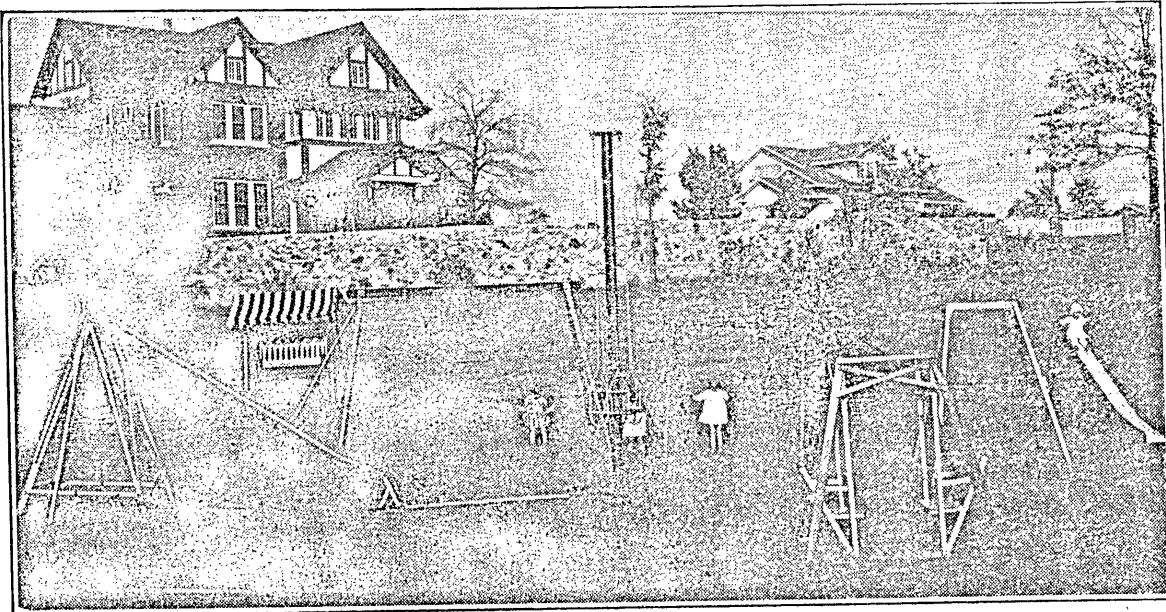
Invites Industries and Home-Seekers

Facts about El Dorado

El Dorado is in the center of one of the largest Oil and Gas fields in the world. There are producing wells in the field and six Oil Refineries. Refining plants have a combined capacity of 20,000 barrels of oil per day. One of them has a capacity of 10,000 barrels. These refineries produce, gasoline, naphtha, kerosene, distillate, fuel oil, road oil, paving and roofing fluxes, and petroleum cake. The products of these plants are used in the United States as well as in the Southwest and are exported to foreign countries.



ONE OF THE MANY OIL GUSHERS



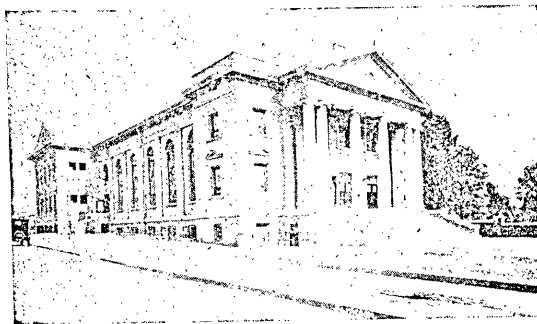
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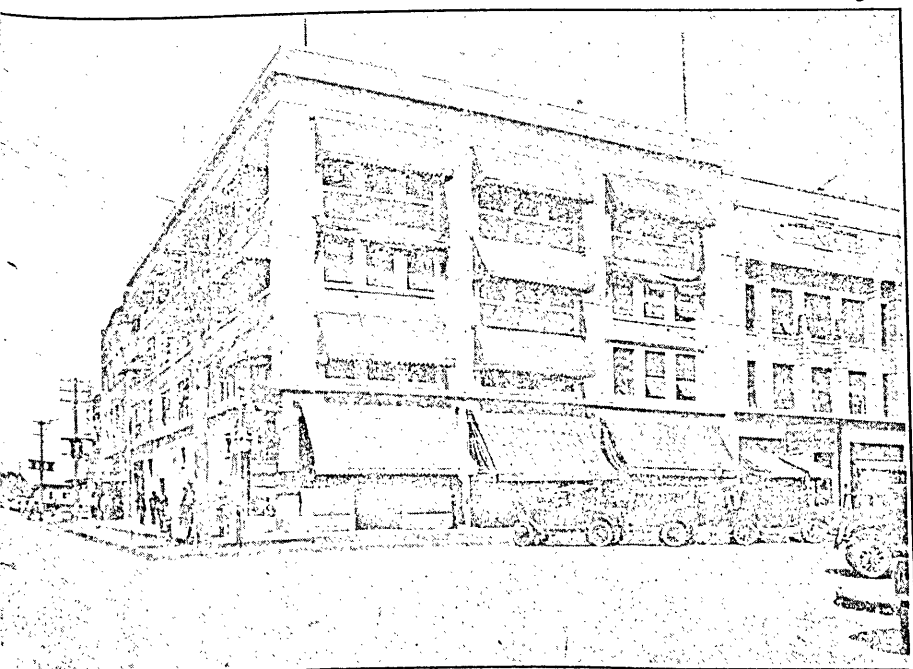
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ONE OF EL DORADO'S BEAUTIFUL CHURCHES

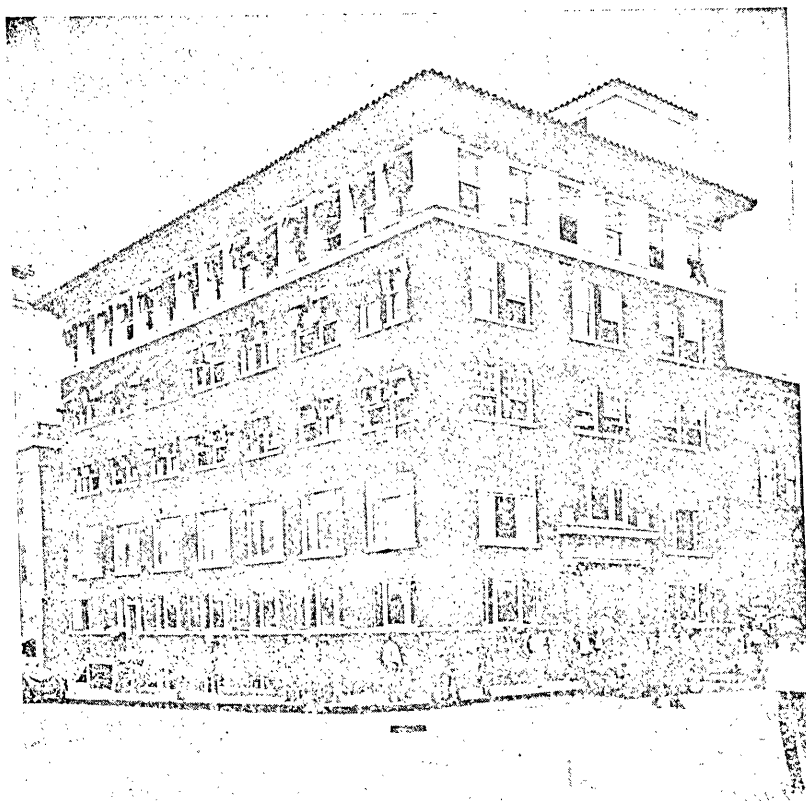


FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

Churches representing all the larger denominations are located here. Despite the enormous growth in five years there are a number of church edifices here which would be a credit to older and larger cities. Four churches have been built representing a total cost of \$541,000.00. The above is a picture of the First Methodist Church, cost of building and pipe organ \$161,000.00.



ARMSTRONG BUILDING



FIRST NATIONAL BANK BUILDING

EL DORADO

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school system which does credit to its other establishments.

Much Construction

As is to be expected in a growing city, much construction marks the past, the present and the future of El Dorado.

During the first nine months of 1927, \$586,940 was spent in building activities.

There is under construction at this time a new city hall to cost \$125,000 and a new court house to cost \$450,000.

Sixty per cent of El Dorado's population consists of home owners. There are 2,671 houses wired for electric service and 3,761 telephones in use.

The city also boasts of three hospitals containing 130 beds.

The assessed valuation of the city is \$10,400,000, an average of \$346 per capita.

The trade territory extends for thirty miles in all directions.

EL DORADO CHURCH IS OLDER THAN STATE; 12 MEMBERS OF 35 YEARS STANDING

The first Methodist Episcopal Community Center was organized a few miles south of the city limits of El Dorado in 1833. On the first roll we find such names of distinction as John H. Cornish and wife, whose descendants are now members of First Church, William Lucas and E. R. Brown and his wife; John Henry Askew and family and Warner Brown and wife. Warner Brown and wife were the parents of Col. Paul Brown a distinguished Methodist and a citizen of St. Louis, who died recently at the ripe age of 82 years. On this roll are also the names of Rev. W. M. Hayes, wife and family, and Col. H. G. Hickman.

In 1845 this loyal little band erected a church building on the lot where the First Methodist Church now stands. This site was purchased from Warner Brown for the sum of \$30.00 cash. Mr. Brown donated a bell which is still in the hands of first Church.

In 1871 a second building was erected at a cost of \$1,200. In 1902 a third building, a brick veneer was erected at a cost of \$7,000. This was built during the pastorate of Rev. J. A. Sage. In 1922 this building was torn down and the present building was erected at a cost of \$150,000. It has an auditorium which seats eleven hundred, and all modern Sunday School facilities. This building was erected during the pastorate of Rev. Paul Q. Rorie. All indebtedness has been paid. There is in this church one of the largest, if not the largest organ, in any church in the Southwest, having been installed at a cost of more than \$30,000.00.

Among those who are members now, having joined more than thirty-five years ago, are the following: Mrs. A. J. Cornish, received by certificate in 1882; Samuel T. Hays, received by vows in 1883; Mrs. Jennie (H. C.) Johnson, received by vows in 1883; Mrs. Nettie Norris Langston, by vows in 1886; Mrs. W. J. Pinson, by certificate in 1890; Mrs. J. B. Kinard, baptism in 1890; Mr. O. A. Miles, vows in 1890; Miss Retta Brown, certificate in 1891; Mrs. O. A. Miles, certificate in 1886; Jesse J. Craig, certificate in 1892; Walter J. Miles, certificate in 1893; Mrs. W. M. VanHook, certificate in 1893.

There have been four Conference sessions held in El Dorado, in 1855,



J. D. HAMMONS, D. D., Pastor
First Methodist Church, El Dorado



JOHN F. ROBERTSON, Organist
First Methodist Church, El Dorado

when Bishop G. F. Pierce presided; in 1865, when Dr. Andrew Hunter was elected president; 1903, when Bishop E. E. Hoss presided; 1924, with Bishop S. R. Hay in the chair. The present membership of the church is 1,795, six hundred and fifty-nine of this membership having been added during the past two years. In the last seven years El Dorado has grown from a city of 3,000 to a metropolitan city of 35,000. The membership of First Methodist Church El Dorado is a group of as loyal and faithful members as can be found anywhere.

The church is supporting a missionary in Europe, three paid workers to assist the pastor and has a vision of greater things in the future.

A list of the pastors of the Church since its organization follows:

1833 Henry Cornelius, 1834 N. Keith, 1835 no record, 1836 Fountain Brown, 1837 Enoch Whatley, 1838 Peter Gorman, 1839 James C. Goss, 1840 Ethan E. Brown, 1841 Arthur W. Simmons, 1842 A. Avery, 1843 J. Eastabrook, 1844 Nathan Taylor, 1845 Samuel D. Aiken, 1846 Mason B. Lowery, 1847 Calvin M. Slover, 1850 Lewis P. Livey, 1851 J. H. Blakeley, 1852 William Moores, 1853 C. P. Turrentine, 1854 J. C. Aiken, 1854 John J. J. Crouch, 1855-56 John M. Bradley, 1857 A. B. Winfield, 1857 A. Chamberlin, 1858 Thomas A. Graham, 1859 E. A. Stephenson, 1860 James P. Hulse, supply; 1861-62 J. L. C. Aikin, supply; 1863-64 M. C. Manley, 1865 Burton Williams,

THE METHODIST CHURCH AT NASHVILLE

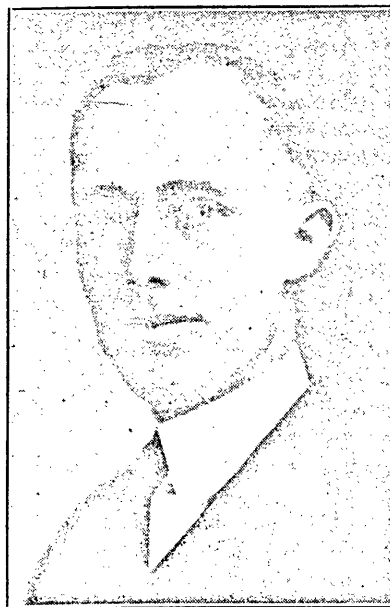
According to the best historical data available, the church at Nashville was organized and the first building erected in 1885, under the pastorate of Rev. E. N. Watson. This building served the small but growing congregation for a number of years until the site was changed and a new building erected on the present location, which in turn was replaced by the present splendid brick structure erected in 1923 under the pastorate of Rev. J. E. Cooper.

Besides being served in its early day by Revs. E. N. Watson and J. A. Biggs as pastors, the church was included in the itinerary of Dr. Andrew Hunter. The roll of pastors includes some of the Conference leaders for the past twenty-five years. Since 1895 the roll of pastors is as follows: J. S. Clower, W. A. Steel, J. C. Rhodes, J. F. Lawlis, J. W. White, A. P. Few, Z. D. Lindsey, W. M. Hayes, M. K. Irvin, J. H. Cummins, F. P. Doak, J. E. Cooper and O. L. Walker. Rev. Roy E. Fawcett is the present pastor.

The church has a membership of 467, with more than 300 enrolled in the Sunday School. During the last

1866 J. H. Hall, 1867 Burton Williams, 1868 J. R. Harvey, 1869 J. Turrentine, 1870-71 J. A. Parker, 1872-74 D. H. Linebaugh, 1875-6 F. D. VanValkenburg, 1877-78 A. C. Biggs, 1879-80 J. R. Sherwood, 1881 R. P. Wilson, 1882-83 J. M. G. Douglas, 1884 J. C. Rhodes, 1885-87 J. H. Gold, 1888-90 J. H. Bradford, 1891 G. W. Logan, 1892-93 C. D. McSwain, 1894-95 W. J. Hearon, 1896-99 L. B. Hawley, 1900-03 J. A. Sage, 1904-05 J. W. Harrell, 1906-07 B. A. Few, 1908-09 J. W. Harrell, 1910-13 W. A. Steel, 1914-17 W. C. Hilliard, 1918-19 S. F. Goddard, 1920-21 J. A. Henderson, 1921-23 Paul Q. Rorie, 1924—J. D. Hammons.

Popular Pastor of Methodist Church,
Nashville, Ark.



REV. ROY E. FAWCETT

Conference year a total budget of almost \$10,000 was raised, an approximate payment of twenty dollars per member. The budget for the new year has already been provided for, in addition to plans for raising \$2,000 in cash for the adding of further Sunday School equipment. Mr. T. A. Hutchinson is chairman of the official board; Mr. C. G. Hughes is superintendent of the Sunday School; and Mrs. J. W. Scoggin is president of the Women's Missionary Society.

This church would have made a wonderful contribution to Methodism, had it done nothing more than give to it its matchless preacher-pastor, Dr. Forney Hutchinson. It has also sent out another, Rev. Paul Stephenson, who is rapidly becoming one of the outstanding young preachers of the North Texas Conference. Through the cooperation of the Missionary Society, and one of the organized Bible Classes, a life service volunteer is now being supported in Henderson-Brown College.

With its fine type of members, the church at Nashville bids fair to become one of the strongest centers of Methodism among the small towns in the entire Conference.

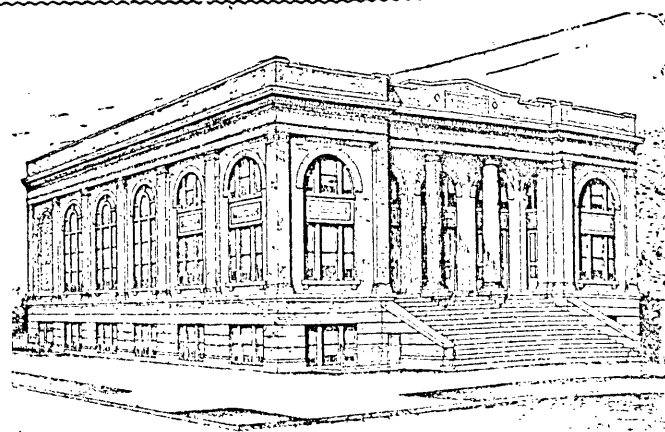
STANDARD BRAKE SHOE CO.

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but its owners were well established in Pine Bluff and other foundry centers long prior to that date. F. L. Dilley is president, E. S. Dilley is vice-president and S. F. Dilley is treasurer of the company.

The name of Dilley has been associated with railroads almost ever since that form of modern transportation was a recognized success. In 1850 George M. Dilley started on his railroad career carrying the surveyor's chain during the day and attending high school at night. In 1855 he was station agent and telegraph operator at Shelbyville, Ill., on the old Bee Line, now a part of the Big Four system. From there he went to Missouri as trainmaster on the old North Missouri Railroad, now a part of the Missouri Pacific system. In 1870 he went to Texas as representative of the contractors and in full charge of construction of the railroad now known as the International & Great Northern. Construction work started at Houston in 1873. At this time he established in Palestine, Texas, a foundry which is still operated by G. E. Willey. While operating the Palestine foundry in later years, Mr. Dilley built under contract a part of the Southern Pacific along the Rio Grande afterwards constructed his own railroad, the Houston, Central Arkansas & Northern, now part of the Missouri Pacific system.

With help of his two sons, F. L. Dilley and G. E. Dilley, he established a foundry at Tyler, Texas, in 1881; one at Pine Bluff in 1886; one at San Antonio in 1890. They also operated under lease the M. K. & T. foundry at Parsons, Kansas.



METHODIST CHURCH, NASHVILLE, ARK.

NASHVILLE IN ARKANSAS

"Home of the Famous Highland Peach Orchards"

One can hardly think of Howard County and Nashville, the county seat, without almost tasting the luscious peaches and other fruit which grow in super-abundance there. Especially is that true if it happens to be his or her good fortune to be at some time a visitor to Nashville during the peach season.

The Highland Fruit District, as that section around Nashville is commonly known, in many particulars is one of the most interesting sections of Arkansas.

The Highland Fruit District now has planted orchards of more than 11,000 acres of Elberta peaches; more than 500 acres of early apples and over 150 acres of plums and nectarines. For many years the fruit crop of the section has paid the growers between \$500,000 and \$1,000,000 annually. The fruit is sold in 28 states and has on an average brought more money per package than fruit from any other section of the country.

Other Resources

But one must not get the idea that Nashville and Howard county depend entirely on the fruit crops for revenue. For from it.

The section is by no means insignificant when viewed from the standpoint of the grower of cotton. Nashville, alone, handles some 15,000 bales of cotton yearly and the grade is high.

The first history of the town of Nashville consists of the erection in 1836 of a Baptist church on the present site of the town. A few years later a post office was established by Amasial Lewis and the new town named Nashville by some former Tennesseans who had settled in the district.

The town is doing much internal improving, including paving and new business and residential buildings. Good roads radiate in all directions, making the town an important commercial center as well as a delightful home center.

The city has fine schools, including a grade and a high school; splendid churches with prosperous congregations; good mercantile establishments and excellent banking facilities. The combined banking resources amount to more than \$1,300,000. The post office, said to be the best second class office in the state, serves more than 3,000 city patrons and approximately 3,500 rural patrons residing on five rural routes.

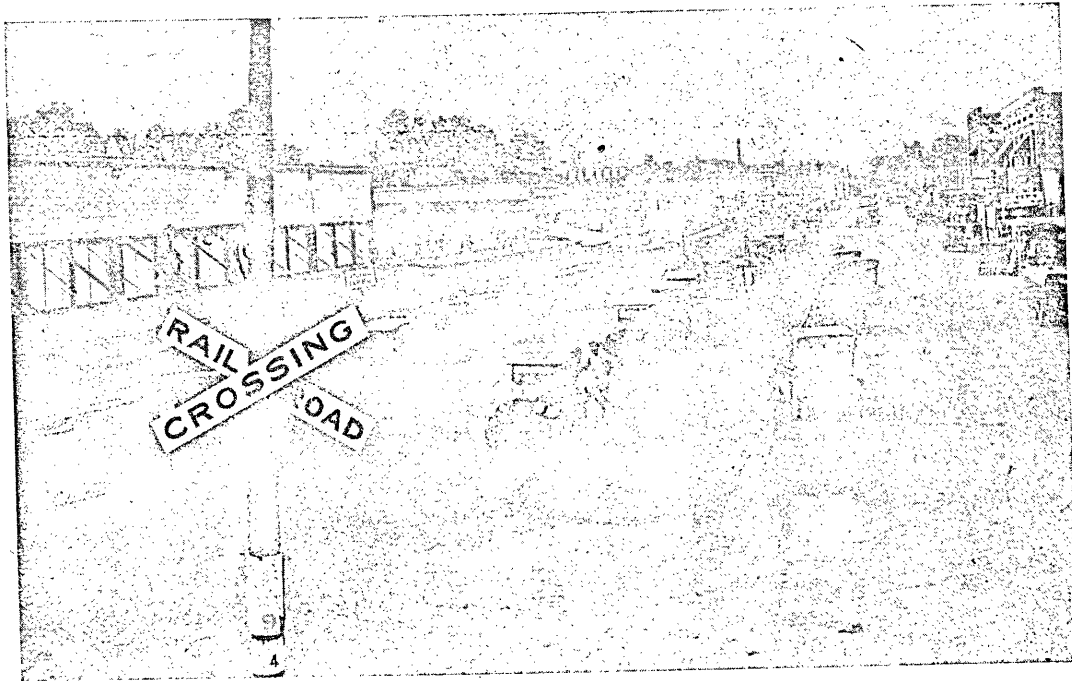
Active Chamber of Commerce

The Nashville Chamber of Commerce of which L. C. Honeycutt is secretary, is wide awake and is rendering excellent service to the community.

The Southern Ice & Utility Company's \$300,000 plant is one of the industries which contributes to the success of the city. It has a storage capacity of more than 10,000 tons of ice to be used during the fruit shipping season.

The Missouri Pacific Railroad Company has recently spent approximately \$300,000 in improvements at Nashville and the Grayson, Nashville and Ashdown Railroad Company is constantly making improvements necessary to meet the requirements of the community.

Nashville and Howard County offers golden opportunities—there is no need to seek further for a location that will provide more ideal living conditions, churches and schools with opportunities for wealth and advancement. The section immediately surrounding Nashville affords a wide range of agricultural possibilities with much of the lands being particularly adapted to orchards.



STREET SCENE IN BUSINESS SECTION OF NASHVILLE

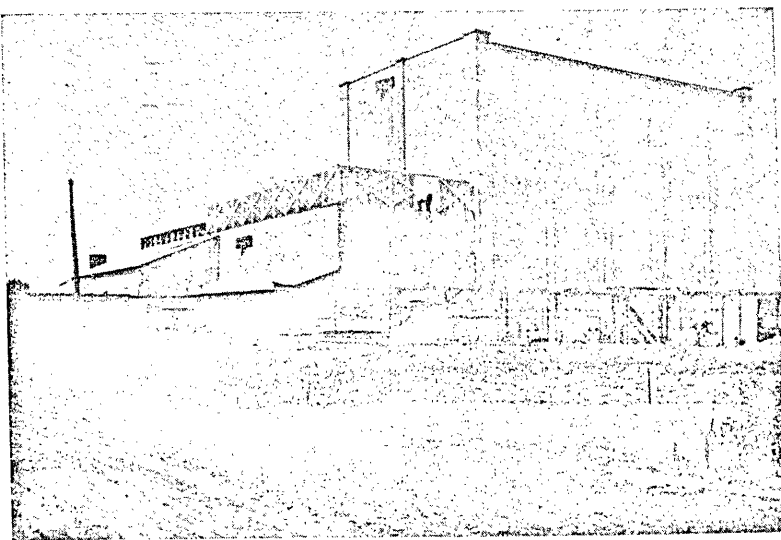
Whether you are seeking a location for Factory, Business or Home, investigate Nashville.

FOR INFORMATION WRITE

NASHVILLE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

GEO. H. BELL, President

H. C. HONEYCUTT, Secretary



Southern Ice & Utilities Company's \$300,000 Plant at Nashville

This page contributed in interest of Nashville by the following liberal firms and individuals:

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The above firms wish Arkansas Methodism and Orphans a

Merry Christmas



BERT JOHNSON INC., ORCHARD, NASHVILLE IN ARKANSAS

MALVERN

Malvern, the county seat of Hot Springs county is a city of more than 5,000 population, situated 42 miles southwest of Little Rock and 22 miles from Hot Springs, the world famed health resort.

The city has a trade territory extending for approximately 15 miles in all directions and is supported by many important industries and an agricultural section capable of producing abundant crops of practically every variety known to this latitude.

The principal industries at Malvern consist of lumber mills and brick plants, but these are by no means all the lines represented.

The lumber mills are: The Wisconsin and Arkansas Lumber Company; the Moline Timber Company; the Malvern Lumber Company; the McCormack Lumber and Supply Company; Van Veneer Company; and Fuller Brothers Lumber Company.

The Brick plants are: the Acme Brick Company (3 plants) and the Malvern Brick and Tile Company.

Other industries are: The Malvern Roller Mills; the Southern Ice & Utilities Company; the Clem Mill & Gin Company and the Clem Bottling Works.

Light and power is furnished by the Arkansas Power & Light Company from the big electricity plant at Rammel Dam. The Arkansas Natural Gas Company furnishes gas for both heating and lighting and the city owns its water plant. The Southwestern Bell Telephone Company maintains a modern system.

There are three banks—The First National, The Bank of Malvern and the Farmers & Merchants Bank—with total resources of more than \$1,500,000 and combined deposits of almost as much.

The city is situated on the main line of the Missouri Pacific Railroad between St. Louis and Texarkana and on the Malvern-Camden Division of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railroad.

The retail business district includes five hardware stores, seven furniture stores, three bakeries, one 10-cent store, five drug stores, four confectioneries, five barber shops, five tailor shops, 20 grocery stores, five cafes, 19 drygoods stores, two men's furnishing stores, one shoe store, two jewelry stores, two millinery shops, three shoe shops, seven garages, a news stand, a hospital, a cabinet shop, three insurance agencies, a photo studio, two plumbing shops, a tin shop, a machine shop, four blacksmith shops, and many other businesses.

There are two wholesale grocery concerns—the American Grocery Co., and the Plunkett-Jarrell Company.

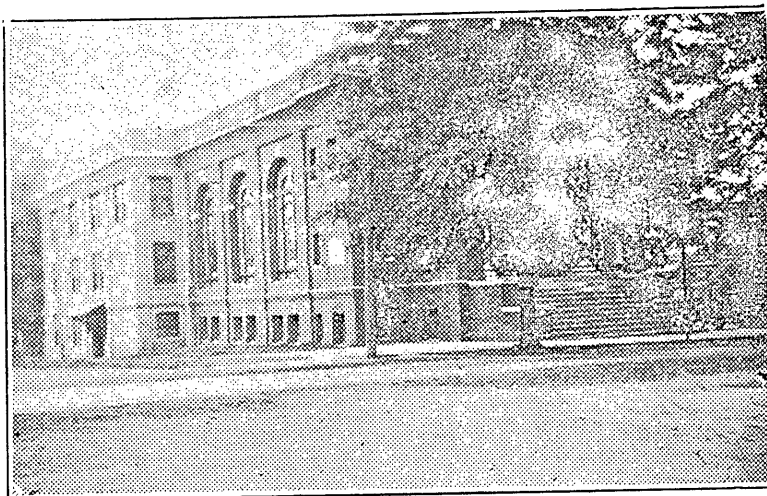
Malvern has three newspapers: the Times-Journal, the Meteor (weeklies) and the Daily Record.

Malvern's playhouse, the Pastime Theatre, is one of the most beautiful in the state.

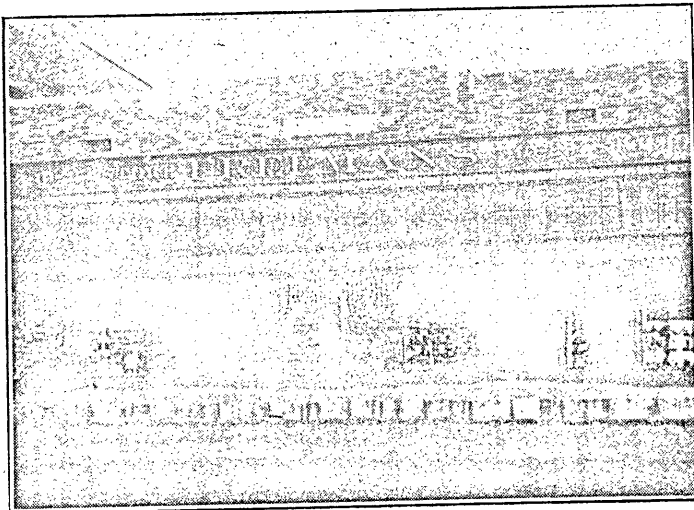
The public school system consists of four grade schools and two high schools. J. L. Pratt is superintendent and Bernard Glover is principal of the high school.

There are six active churches to meet the religious needs of the community.

The Malvern Chamber of Commerce, R. P. Bowen as secretary, is given material aid in its efforts to build up the city by three civic organizations—Rotary Club, Laymen's Club and Women's Club.



METHODIST CHURCH, MALVERN



ONE OF MALVERN'S NEWEST STORES



REV. A. W. WADDILL,
Pastor Methodist Church

WISCONSIN & ARKANSAS LUMBER COMPANY ONE OF BIG INDUSTRIES

The Wisconsin & Arkansas Lumber Company was organized in 1901 and commenced producing lumber in the fall of 1902. In 1921 they purchased the Arkansas Land & Lumber Company, giving them an annual production (operating ten hours per day) of seventy-five million feet of Pine and Hardwood, there being only a small percentage of Hardwood. In acquiring the Arkansas Land & Lumber Company, this gave the Wisconsin & Arkansas Lumber Company two distinct operations, the plants being located at the same place but the logging at different places about sixty-five miles apart.

In 1925 the Wisconsin & Arkansas Lumber Company purchased a tract of Hardwood from the Hamlen Stave Company. This tract of Hardwood is located along the Saline River, and

it is considered one of the finest tracts of Hardwoods in the South. In September, 1925, the original plant of the Wisconsin & Arkansas Lumber Company was converted into strictly a Hardwood operation. This plant is known as Mill No. 1 and produces about twenty-five million feet of Hardwood a year. The plant acquired from the Arkansas Land & Lumber Company in 1921 is strictly a Pine operation, cutting about thirty million feet per year. The Hardwood operation not only manufactures rough lumber, but refines considerable of that product, making Oak Flooring, Oak Trim and Gum Trim, and also have a battery of kilns and do considerable kiln drying of Hardwood. They also operate a Hickory Dimension mill, making automobile spokes, etc.

The Wisconsin and Arkansas Lumber Company is considered one of the largest lumber operations in the South. They have a pay-roll at present of about one million dollars per year and they employ about one thousand men. They operate eighty-five miles of standard gauge railroad to handle their two logging operations, one Pine in the mountains between Malvern and Hot Springs and one Hardwood Southeast of Malvern along the Saline River, or what is called Saline bottom. The product of this concern is shipped into about thirty states.

I believe that man to be wretched whom none can please.—Martial.

Men deal with life as children with their play,
Who first misuse, then cast their toys away. —Cowper.

Egotism loves masks. Self-pity is one of its most detestable roles.—Dr. Frank Crane in The American Magazine.

MALVERN CHURCH

The First Methodist Church of Malvern is housed in a beautiful building valued at \$50,000 paid out with the exception of \$8,000. This valuation includes a three story annex built to the church in 1924 at a cost of approximately \$20,000.

The present church is the outgrowth of a church founded in 1836 as a part of what was known as Clark Circuit which embraced a large territory including Rockport on the east to Benton and from Brush Creek (now Lono) north to Glacier's Pool, north of Hot Springs.

Minutes of Clark or Rockport Circuit in 1850 show that the congregation worshipped in a log church at that time. Later a better house was built. In 1877 the church was moved from Rockport to the present site of Malvern. A brick building was erected in later years and the old wooden church was moved back to Rockport. The brick was destroyed in the storm of 1908.

The addition of the three story annex in 1924 made the Malvern church plant one of the best in the conference. Every department in the Sunday School has its separate meeting place and every class above the primary department has its separate class room.

The present pastor, Rev. A. W. Waddill, was transferred from the Louisiana Conference and took charge of the work at Malvern, Dec. 1, 1924. During the years of his pastorate, Rev. Mr. Waddill has seen 200 names added to the church roll and funds amounting to \$41,221 raised for all purposes. The present church membership is more than 800.

Malvern station was established in 1880 with A. B. Winfield as pastor. Malvern circuit had been cut off from Rockport circuit in 1877 and George Hare was the first pastor of the circuit.

VAN VENEER COMPANY

The Van Veneer Company of Malvern is one of the largest woodworking plants of its kind in the state and contributes heavily to the weekly payroll which is such a big asset to the Hot Spring county seat.

The plant was established in 1914 and has operated continuously without a shutdown from that year until the present with the exception of a short time following a fire which destroyed the plant in 1923. Parts of the plant are operated 24 hours daily.

The concern manufactures commercial veneers and fruit packages including canteloupe, sweet potatoe, banana, cabbage and onion crates, boxes, bushel hampers and diamond market baskets.

The company employs from 70 to 100 men and women and has a weekly payroll of from \$1,000 to \$1,200. There are 80,000 square feet of floor space and the plant covers approximately 22 acres. It is located on tracks of both the Missouri Pacific and Rock Island railroads and is electrically equipped throughout, the current being manufactured by the company.

Annual shipments to door and furniture factories in the north total more than 150,000. Among the cities to which shipments are made are Muscatine and Debuque, Iowa, Rockford, Ill., and Jamestown, N. Y.

The company is incorporated under the laws of Arkansas and all its products are made from material coming from this state. In addition to the crates, boxes and baskets, the company manufactures gum, yellow pine, elm, basswood and white holly veneer, face stock, center stock, cross bandings and drawer bottoms.

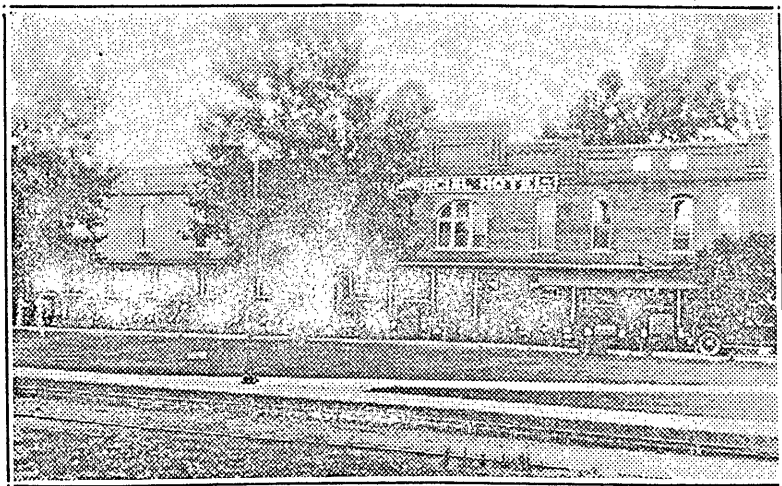
MALVERN HOT SPRING COUNTY

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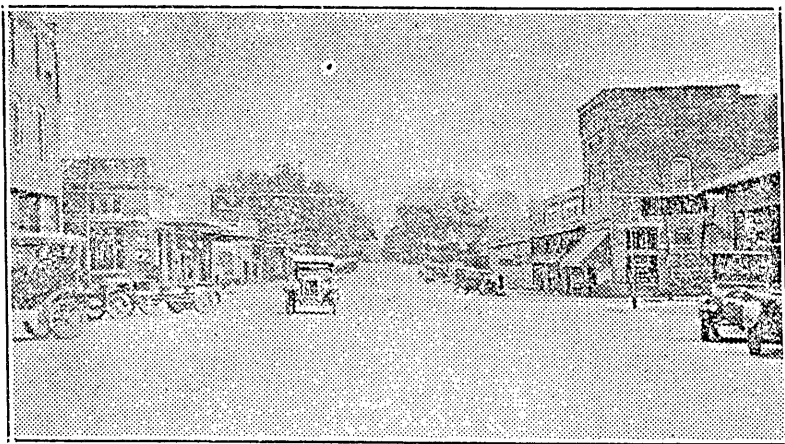


SCENE AT THE MILLS OF THE WISCONSIN-ARKANSAS LUMBER COMPANY

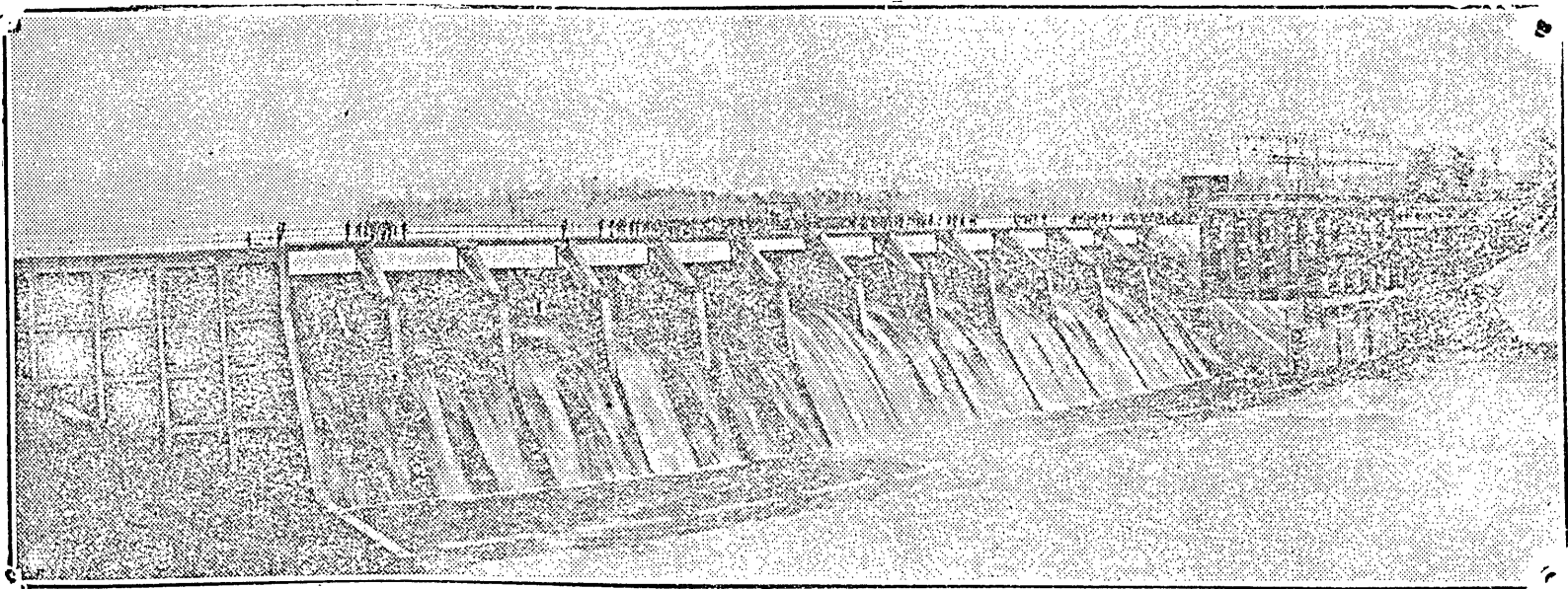
Churches of many denominations; Many live, progressive and energetic civic organizations; Chamber of Commerce; Modern High and Grammar Schools; Up-to-date business firms; Modern garages and Automobile Agencies. Malvern's Industries are many and varied. Ideal location for manufacturing center.



COMMERCIAL HOTEL



MAIN STREET



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Malvern is on the trunk system of the greatest electric power development. Just eight miles from Rempel hydro-electric station, it has the advantage of being nearer the Ouachita river hydro-electric development than any other industrial city, and is on the trunk high voltage line interconnecting the Rempel power station with the immense power station at Sterlington, Louisiana, in the world's largest natural gas field and with the Pine Bluff, Pieron, Little Rock and other power stations of large capacity.

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PINE BLUFF

The market place of 16 counties in Southeast Arkansas.

That brief sentence right accurately describes the city of Pine Bluff, the county seat of Jefferson County and the third largest city in the state.

The city is located on two trunk lines of railroad, the St. Louis Southwestern (Cotton Belt) and the Missouri Pacific main line from Kansas City to New Orleans. It is a terminus of the Missouri Pacific branch line extending through Benton to Hot Springs and has the principal shops of the Cotton Belt lines. These shops employ more than 2,000 men and pay 3,000 men monthly through Pine Bluff banks.

Although one of the principal agricultural centers of the south, Pine Bluff is also well supplied with industries. These include, besides the Cotton Belt shops, a cotton-mill manufacturing cotton yarn and knit underwear and employing some 350 people; two of the largest cotton compresses in the state, with adequate facilities for handling the cotton crop of all Southeast Arkansas; three cotton-seed oil mills, employing 400 men; a plant manufacturing steel locomotive and car castings, steel back brake shoes, grey iron locomotive and car castings, shipping the entire Southwest and employing 150 men; ten large lumber manufacturing and wood-working plants, including two oak-flooding plants; an automobile body plant employing 600 men; a brick plant making common building brick and shipping to a large territory.

22 Wholesale Firms

The wholesale district of the city includes 22 firms, handling practically every class of article sold in Southeast Arkansas with a wholesale and jobbing business worth \$25,000,000 annually. Its retail district consists of 14 blocks of modern and well-stocked shops.

There are five banks with combined resources of approximately \$17,000,000 and total deposits of more than \$14,000,000.

There are four theaters, including the Saenger, the largest in Arkansas and said to be the finest in the Southwest for legitimate drama. Pine Bluff has also the home offices and central power station of the Arkansas Power and Light Co., serving 116 cities and towns.

There are two daily newspapers, the Graphic published mornings and the Commercial, published afternoons.

The city boasts of a very active

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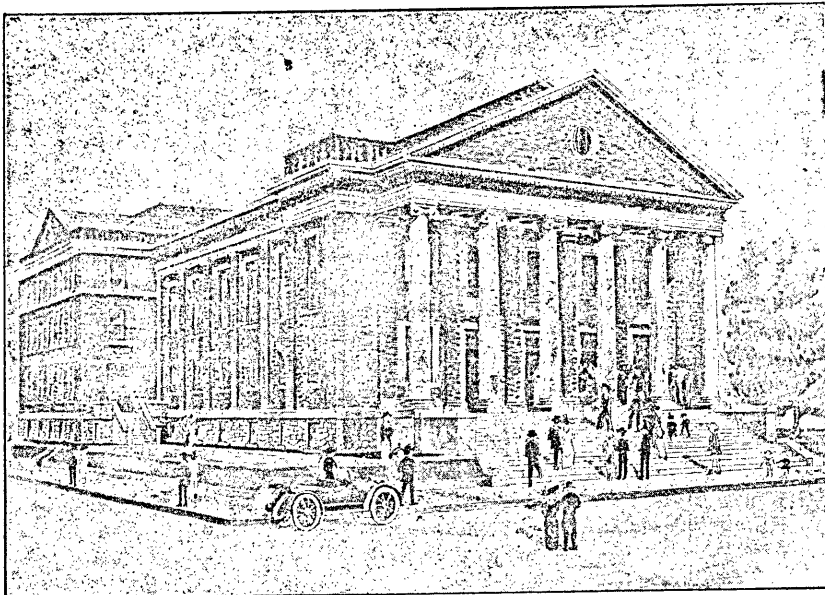
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H. R. Turner & Wife, Prop.

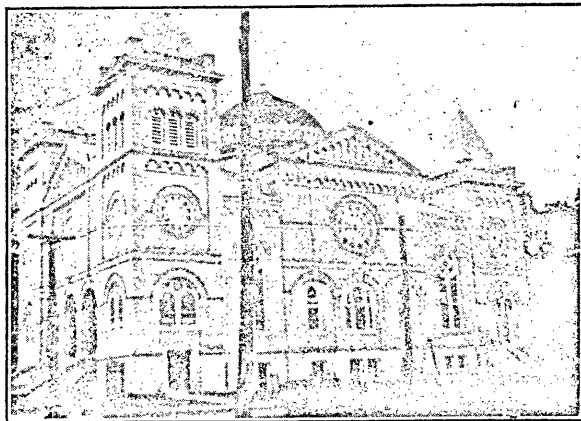
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Jas. A. Tarbit, Clerk.

TWO OF PINE BLUFF'S BEAUTIFUL CHURCHES



FIRST METHODIST CHURCH, Sixth and Pine Streets



LAKESIDE METHODIST CHURCH, Fifteenth and Olive Streets

Chamber of Commerce, of which Charles E. Taylor is secretary, and of enthusiastic Rotary, Ad Club and Civitan organizations.

Fine School System

"The state's most progressive school system" is the term often applied in describing the Pine Bluff public schools.

There are eight grade schools and three high schools with a total enrollment of approximately 6,000 students. The high school center embraces three buildings and an athletic field, the total value being a million and a half dollars.

In addition to the public school system, there are three state educational institutions located at or near the city. They are the Arkansas Agricultural, Mechanical and Normal College, the Negro Boys Industrial School, and the White Boys Industrial School. There are 23 white and 30 negro churches to take care of the religious needs.

The city also boasts the best water supply in the state, clear, cold water, soft and pure, from deep wells.

Natural gas is furnished to domestic consumers and to the factories at reasonable rates. This gas is piped from the northwest Louisiana fields.

Jefferson county produces approximately 60,000 bales of cotton annually and Pine Bluff affords a market for 150,000 bales each year.

The industrial pay roll of Pine Bluff is more than \$5,000,000, yearly.

The man who is delivered from the demon of bad temper can move serenely among his brethren from whom he differs very radically, and have no word of bitterness escape his lips. —Frank M. Goodchild in The Watchman-Examiner.

FIRST CHURCH

The First Methodist Church of Pine Bluff has been an active factor of the community since its organization in 1830 when it was established in what was then a remote wilderness. The first pastor of whom there is a record was Rev. John A. Henry, sent to Pine Bluff by the Missouri Conference.

The church rose to the dignity of a station in 1848 with Rev. A. M. Barrington as pastor.

As the community developed into a town and finally into the city of Pine Bluff, the church changed its location several times and has worshipped in three or four church buildings and two rented places of worship. The old building which stood so long at Sixth and Main streets was built

in 1888 under the pastorate of Rev. John F. Carr.

The present structure, of which the entire Conference is justly proud, was built under the psatorate of Dr. E. R. Steel and stands as a magnificent monument to his devotion and efforts. Dr. Steel served First Church as pastor for eight years and, perhaps, no other man has so permanently stamped himself upon the life of the church.

Rev. W. C. House, the present pastor, came to the church two years ago from the Jonesboro District of the North Arkansas Conference. He is a graduate of Southwestern University, Georgetown, Texas, and of Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tenn. He has served important charges in Texas, Oklahoma and Arkansas. He is now entering upon his third year with First Church and everything is starting off favorably for another great year. New members during the present pastorate total 203 and a total of \$69,174 has been raised for all purposes.

First Church has three children in the city of Pine Bluff: Lakeside, of which the Rev. L. E. N. Hundley is pastor; Hawley Memorial, of which the Rev. R. E. Simpson is pastor; Carr Memorial with the Rev. J. T. Thompson as pastor.

Officials of First Church are: Miss Ouita Burroughs, church secretary; Mrs. J. B. Talbot, president Woman's Missionary Society; Miss Georgia Evans, president Epworth League; Jerry L. Patterson, superintendent Sunday School; Mrs. P. F. Crutcher, president Young Ladies Club; Mrs. E. Russell Lambert, president First Methodist Service Club.

The official board is composed of W. W. Taylor, chairman; N. J. Gantt, vice-chairman; Roy G. Custer, secretary, F. E. Renfrow, treasurer; C. L. Whyte, chairman finance committee.

THE PRESIDING ELDER

No story of Methodism in Pine Bluff would be complete without mention of the Rev. J. A. Henderson, presiding elder of the Pine Bluff District.

The Rev. Mr. Henderson is now serving his fourth year as presiding elder and ministers and laymen regret to see his term of office drawing to a close.

His reputation as a safe and sane leader is wide and the Pine Bluff District has gone forward along all lines under his administration.

The Bible is a window in this prison-world, through which we may look into eternity.—Timothy Dwight.

Some of the largest Churches in the state, also some of the smallest have been seated by us.

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THE RECORD

Agricultural

Jefferson County produces 60,000 bales of cotton annually, cotton being the principal crop.

Industrial

Has a textile mill, which manufactures cotton yarn and knit underwear; employing 350 people.

The Seaman-Dunning Corporation plant, manufacturing automobile bodies for the Nash Auto Company; employing 650 men. Has three cotton seed oil mills, working 400 men.

Has two large cotton compresses.

Produced 59,624 bales of cotton last year.

Has market for over 200,000 bales annually.

Has the Cotton Belt repair shops, working 2,000 men, and paying 3,000 men monthly, through the Pine Bluff banks.

Has an industrial payroll of \$5,000,000 annually.

Has a plant manufacturing steel locomotive and car castings and brake shoes; working 150 men.

Has eleven large lumber manufacturing and wood-working plants, including two great oak flooring mills, in which industry Pine Bluff is second in the United States; one barrel heading mill; one spoke factory; one stave factory; one coffin factory; one automobile body plant; one hardwood specialties company.

Business Activities

Has five banks, with deposits of \$16,000,000 and resources of \$20,000,000.

Has the home offices and central power station of the Arkansas Power & Light Co., serving 116 Arkansas cities.

Has the new Saenger Theatre, the largest in Arkansas.

Has the finest hotel in South Arkansas.

Has a wholesale and jobbing business of \$25,000,000 annually.

Has the third largest city in the State; population, 30,000.

Has the second largest county in the State; population 65,000.

Has the A. M. & N. College, the leading State-maintained negro college.

Has the \$300,000 Arkansas Boys' Industrial School.

THE REASON

Location

On the St. Louis Southwestern; Missouri Pacific; Pine Bluff Western and Pine Bluff Arkansas River Railways. Head of low water navigation on the Arkansas River. About 46 miles southeast of Little Rock.

Raw Materials

Center of the greatest lumber producing area in the South. The greatest producing section and the widest diversification of resources in the state.

Transportation

Main lines of Missouri Pacific and St. Louis Southwestern and motor-bus stage lines.

Power & Gas

Abundance of electric power at low rates. Has natural gas, furnished for domestic consumers and factories, piped from Northwest Louisiana fields.

Available Sites

Excellent locations for all classes of industries available at reasonable cost.

Municipal Conditions

Low tax rates, excellent housing conditions, progressive city government providing ample facilities for industrial expansion.

Opportunity

A sound, prosperous, expanding section of Arkansas with ever increasing markets.

Water

Has the best water supply in the state, pure, clear, cold water, from deep wells.

Churches and Schools

There are 23 white and 30 colored churches in Pine Bluff and eight grade schools and three high schools.

Pine Bluff Welcomes Industrial Development

THE FOLLOWING LIBERAL FIRMS EXTEND CHRISTMAS GREETINGS TO ARKANSAS METHODIST ORPHANS:

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Ralph Robinson & Son
Pine Bluff Cotton Oil Mill
Riley Feed Manufacturing Co.
Fox Brothers Hardware Co.
Simpson & Webb Furniture Co.

Mann-Tankersley Drug Co.
Hall's Cash Stores
Peoples Cafe
The Hat Box, 714 Main St.
W. K. Putnam, Auto Repairing
Adams Printing Company
G. R. Kinney Co., Inc.

Pine Bluff Monument Works
Seaman-Dunning Corporation
Pine Bluff Lumber Co.
Arkansas Light & Power Co.
Collingworth Beauty Shop
Arkansas Seating Co.
The Hotel Jefferson

For Further Information Write the Above Business Firms or
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NEW INDUSTRIES BUILT: There is no doubt that interconnected power has made it possible for new industries to come to our State, which could not have been served by isolated plants.

INCREASED OPPORTUNITIES FOR WORKERS: Thousands of our citizens have found new positions and opportunities because of

interconnected power, and its inducement to new industries and improvements in the old.

FREEDOM FROM HOUSEHOLD DRUDGERY: Electric service lines have helped thousands of housewives in our State to free themselves from the drudgery of housework.

MONEY PAID IN LOCAL AND STATE TAXES: Much of that which is paid to us for service goes back to our cities, communities, and State in taxes paid on our millions of dollars worth of property used in serving you.

ADVERTISING OUR STATE IN THE EAST AND NORTH: Magazines such as Manufacturer's Record, Commerce & Finance, and many other National publications carried page ads this year advertising our State and its opportunities.

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HELPING BUILD ARKANSAS

CHRISTMAS ORPHANAGE SECTION ARKANSAS METHODIST

A WONDERFUL HOME

During the thirty years since its establishment in 1897, the Arkansas Methodist Orphanage, located at Sixteenth and Elm streets, Little Rock, has made a record which is highly pleasing to the Church and which is a tribute to the untiring work of the late Col. George Thornburgh and to his successors as head of the institution, Dr. James Thomas, as well as to the eleven matrons who have had immediate charge of the institution from its beginning until the present day. Also, there is great credit to be given to the Rev. J. R. Cason and the Rev. J. E. Godbey, first and second presidents of the Board and who directed its affairs prior to the election of Colonel Thornburgh as president.

Some 500 boys and girls, left destitute in a cold world without father or mother, have passed through the halls of this God-sanctioned home and have been strengthened and lifted by it.

The building is one of the most beautiful in the city of Little Rock. It is located on a commanding hill in the West End, near the Fair Park car line, and is but a few blocks from the Highland Methodist Church, where its children attend religious worship, and the Robert E. Lee School, one of the leading grade schools of Little Rock. The building is 120 feet long and 116 feet wide. It has a wide basement, two full stories and an attic which is practically a third story. It has upper and lower porches and its great columns give it the appearance of a colonial mansion. The property is valued at \$100,000.

The Home is the property of the two Conferences in Arkansas, the Little Rock and the North Arkansas. The institution was incorporated in 1899 in the second division of the Pulaski county court, Judge Joseph W. Martin, presiding. The incorporators were: Rev. J. R. Cason, Col. George Thornburgh, Dr. James Thomas, Dr. F. S. H. Johnston, Rev. E. A. Taber, Dr. Stonewall Anderson, Rev. M. M. Smith, Rev. W. B. Ricks and George W. Culberhouse. The original officers were: Rev. J. R. Cason, president; Rev. W. B. Ricks, secretary; Col. Thornburgh, treasurer. Today the officers are: Rev. James Thomas, president and treasurer; Rev. C. M. Reyes, secretary.

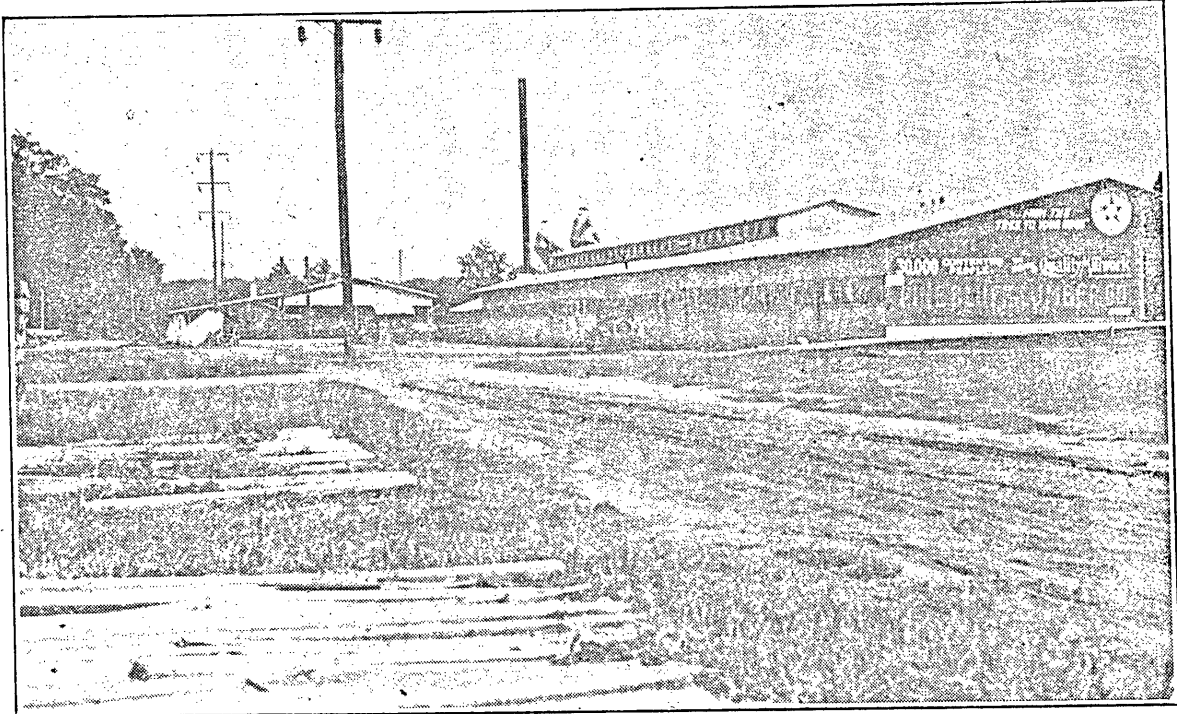
Spiritual Atmosphere

The spiritual atmosphere surrounding the home is excellent. The Rev. J. H. Cummins, pastor of Highland Methodist Church, says that his church is wonderfully blessed by having the "Methodist Orphanage Family."

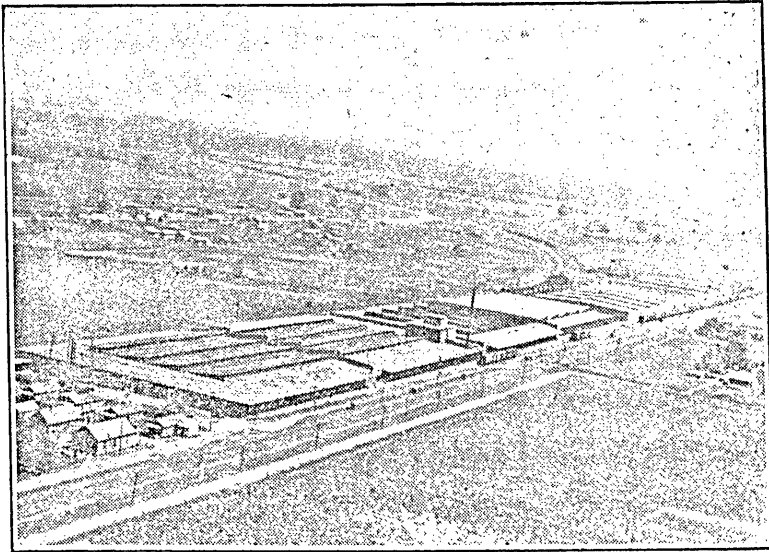
The staff and children attend Sunday School regularly, take an active part in the Epworth League and are faithful in attendance at the regular preaching services.

In the Home, the spirit of kindness prevails. There is not the slightest semblance of discord or selfishness. Truly, it is a big "old-fashioned" family.

The mission of the Home is to seek homeless orphans and find loving homes for them. To make it possible for persons without children of their own to adopt, without fear of inter-



PINE BLUFF LUMBER COMPANY



PINE BLUFF COMPRESS AND WAREHOUSE

ference, a child that will be a blessing to the household.

In outlining the purpose of the Home, a folder recently published by the institution says:

"The Christian home is the unit of a perfect civilization. It is God's ideal for the race. The purpose of placing our dependent children is to secure for them the advantage of genuine home life. This means that they are not to be placed out as menials, but are to be considered as entitled to all the rights of members of the family. No child goes out from here for service alone. Whoever takes one, does it not to treat it as if it were a servant, but to give it the love and protection which are the sacred heritage of every child."

The Matron

No story of the Home would be complete without reference to the matron. Mrs. S. J. Steed, present matron, acts in a very peculiar role. Often it is very delicate and very difficult. She is called upon to be a mother to a large group of children not her own. That task requires a fund of tact, for-

bearance, broadmindedness and good common-sense not possessed by every woman. It also demands a love big enough to cover a multitude of faults. Mrs. Steed plays this role with great success. Her devotion to the children is wonderful. She fully understands how to get the best out of her charges by appealing to the best there is in them.

It seems hardly necessary to say that Mrs. Steed is a woman of culture, refinement and remarkable executive ability. She has the mother heart and the inspirational touch.

For many years Mrs. Steed has been an active worker in both Conference and local church circles. She has served as vice-president of the Little Rock Conference Woman's Missionary Society, and was a member of the first Juvenile Missionary Society in Arkansas. Despite her many duties at the Home, she teaches a Sunday School class at Highland Church and is president of the Woman's Missionary Society.

She is also active in educational work, believing that all boys and

girls are entitled to a good education. She holds membership in the Parent-Teacher Associations at the Robert E. Lee Grade School, the West Side Junior High and the Senior High School.

The President

Dr. James Thomas, president of the Home, fits exactly in the position.

He has been a prominent church leader for more than a quarter of a century. He is a member of the General Board of Church Extension the Board of Managers of the Arkansas Pastors' School; vice chairman, secretary and treasurer of the Little Rock Conference Board of Missions; secretary of the Arkansas Methodist Commission; chairman of the Board of Trustees of Hendrix College; president of the Little Rock Conference (Continued on Page 36.)

ACQUIRES CONTROL OF COMPANY

J. A. McLeod, vice president and general manager of the Pine Bluff Lumber Co., has just acquired complete control of the company by purchasing all holdings of the other stockholders, approximately \$200,000 being involved in the deal. The Pine Bluff Lumber Co. and the Stout Lumber Co., operating twenty-six retail yards in Arkansas, will be closely associated in the future, it is announced, and several officers of the Stout Lumber Co. will have official connections with the Pine Bluff Lumber Co.

Mr. McLeod will be president and general manager of the company; W. C. Chamberlin vice president; Henry H. Jones secretary, and J. M. Robinson treasurer. The stockholders whose interest were acquired are M. H. McGehee, Mrs. F. O. McGehee, widow of the founder of the company, Roy G. Custer and Mrs. C. J. McGehee.

This deal means that a large part of the millwork necessary to the business of the Stout Lumber Co.'s yards will be manufactured here at the Pine Bluff Lumber Co.'s plant, which will be enlarged.

PRESCOTT

Situated 96 miles southwest of Little Rock and 48 miles northeast of Texarkana on the main line of the Missouri Pacific Railroad is Prescott, a town of approximately 3,500 inhabitants and the county seat of Nevada County.

The little city is situated in a fertile farming section and in addition to its agricultural interests is supported by lumber and flooring mills. Truck growing and fruit contribute materially to the town's business.

The industrial district includes many wood-working plants among which are a large lumber mill, the plant of the Bruce Hardwood Flooring Company, planing mills, saw mills, heading and stave mills. Also there are ice factories, ice cream factories, a broom factory and bottling works.

Besides the Missouri Pacific Railroad, Prescott has the Prescott and Northwestern, a short line operating between the Nevada County seat and the famous Highland Orchard country. These orchards shipped last year a total of 1,431 carloads of peaches over the Prescott & Northwestern. Besides the peaches, the road handled 419 cars of canteloupes, 68 cars of watermelons, 64 cars of radishes, 20 cars of cucumbers, eight cars of sweet potatoes, one car of Irish potatoes and one car of apples, a total of 2,012 carloads of fruit and vegetables.

There are two banks, and the public school system consists of three grade schools and two high schools. O. M. Corbell is superintendent of schools and T. M. Rowe is principal of the high school.

There are 10 churches, two weekly newspapers and one daily newspaper.

Building activities during 1927 include a 2-story brick Masonic Temple; approximately 100 new residences; a \$50,000 post office building; a new hotel and the ice plant of the Southern Ice & Utilities Company. Municipal improvements include paving several blocks of streets.

The Prescott Chamber of Commerce with Randolph P. Hamby as secretary and an active Rotary Club are alert in their efforts to build up the community.

The retail business district covers many blocks and two wholesale concerns supply the needs of the territory. The town has two theaters.

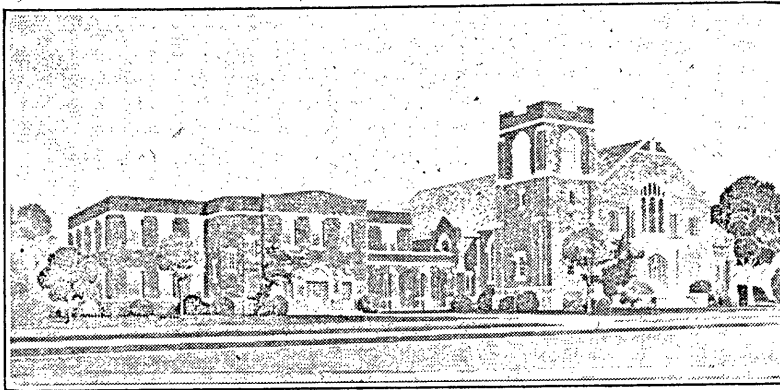
The trade territory of Prescott extends for a distance of approximately 20 miles in each direction.

The paving program for 1928 includes more than five miles of streets. The city owns its water, light and sewer systems.

A \$10,000 floral shop, said to be the handsomest in the south, is located here. There are two modern brick hotels and two ice manufacturing plants. The Cora Donnell Hospital is the pride of Prescott.

The city is located on the Bankhead Highway and has approximately 600 houses wired for electric service with about the same number of telephones.

Schwab once bluntly told an audience of college students: "You can make up your mind to do one of two things: You can have a good time in life or you can have a successful life. But you can't have both. You have got to make up your mind at the start which of the two you are going to have. There is no royal road to a successful life, as there is no royal road to learning. It has got to be hard knocks, morning, noon, and night, and fixity of purpose.—Ex.



PROPOSED NEW METHODIST CHURCH, PRESCOTT

PRESCOTT TO BUILD NEW METHODIST CHURCH SOON

Immediately after the first of the new year, the congregation of the First Methodist Episcopal Church, South, of Prescott will see construction begin on a new house of worship. Blue prints and plans are already complete.

The location is to be at the corner of West Second and Walnut Streets, the property having a frontage of 190 feet on Second street and 50 feet on Walnut. The old building, which stands on the same corner, is to be salvaged and the suitable materials used in construction of the new.

The proposed building is planned to accommodate 500 persons in church and Sunday School and will be built in two units. The auditorium unit will house the church congregation and the adult department of the Sunday School, pastor's office, choir room and two Bible class rooms to be built to accommodate approximately 85 persons, each. A new action for the pipe organ will be purchased and the old organ will be installed.

The educational unit will accommodate all departments of the modern Sunday School, up to the adult department. The young people's department and the ladies' parlor are to be so arranged that they can be turned into a banquet hall that will accommodate 200 persons and with kitchen adjoining.

The two units will be joined together by an arcade which will make it possible to pass from one unit to the other under shelter.

Construction will be of brick and stone. The plans were drawn by Mr. Witt of Texarkana and corrected and approved by Mr. Sensabaugh of the Sunday School Board and Mr. King, architect for the Board of Church Extension. This is believed to guarantee that the building will be up-to-date in every respect. The estimated cost, exclusive of furnishings, is \$50,000.

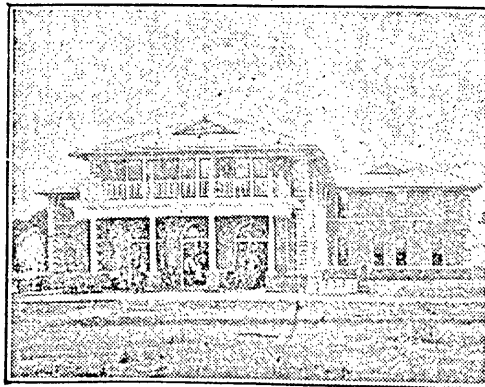
The building committee consists of M. W. Greeson, chairman; J. W. Teeter, secretary; J. C. Woodul, treasurer; J. W. Bostic, A. H. Smith, N. B. Nelson, Blake Scott, Dr. G. A. Buchanan, A. M. Westmoreland, C. C. Calhoun, Martin Guthrie.



REV. FRED G. ROEBUCK, Pastor Methodist Church, Prescott

The First Methodist Church of Prescott was organized 60 years ago and is occupying its third building which has been in use about 27 years. The membership, which has been loyal from the beginning, now numbers 451. The church has been served by many able ministers among whom were: Rev. R. W. McKay, Dr. J. E. Godbey, Rev. J. R. Dickerson, Rev. J. M. Hawley, Rev. W. A. Steel, Rev. F. D. Scott, Rev. B. A. Few, Rev. A. M. Shaw, Rev. J. A. Parker, Rev. J. A. Sage, Rev. F. F. Harrell and the present pastor, Rev. Fred C. Roebuck, who is serving his third year with the church.

The progress of the church has been rapid during recent years, along all lines. There has been an increase in finances of more than \$2,000 in salaries and conference claims during the past two years. A splendid meeting was held by the membership and the pastor last year and every organization of the church is in a healthy condition. The present year promises to be the best in the history of this



HOTEL SAXON, PRESCOTT

church. Every member has the "forward look."

The Methodist Messenger, a weekly publication, is distributed to every home in the city each Saturday afternoon. This paper is ably edited by Hon. H. B. McKenzie, editor of Candid Opinion. Mrs. John A. Davis is circulation manager and Miss Ruth Sewell is business manager.

The janitor of this church, Uncle Jordan Hamilton, a reliable colored man, served the church for 50 years and, because of age infirmity, was superannuated a few months ago. He will draw half pay the remainder of his life.

Prescott has entertained the annual conference three times, in 1880, 1894 and 1910.

Following is the church directory: Bishop—Hiram A. Boaz, D. D. Presiding elder—Rev. J. L. Dedman. Pastor—Rev. Fred G. Roebuck. Trustees—M. W. Greeson, H. B. McKensie, F. E. Murrah, J. C. Woodul, A. H. Smith, Sam T. White, M. L. Moore. Stewards—J. C. Woodul, chairman; W. B. Murrah, treasurer; A. M. Westmoreland, Secretary; Hartwell Greeson, vice-chairman; A. H. Smith, chairman finance committee; C. C. Calhoun, chairman hospitality committee; Watt W. White, recording steward; N. B. Nelson, Marion Guthrie, M. W. Greeson; J. A. White, J. W. Bostic, Lee Montgomery, George F. Cress, Fred Gordon, Wells B. Hamby, Dr. G. A. Buchanan, J. D. Cornish, H. J. Wilson, Fletcher Parker, Dr. O. G. Hirst, E. Reichstadt, F. C. Inman, J. O. A. Bush, J. W. Teeter. Superintendent Sunday School—J. W. Teeter. President Woman's Missionary Society—Mrs. I. A. Blakely; President Epworth Hi League—Marie Smith; President Epworth Junior Society—Lucy Lee Montgomery. Lay Leader—C. C. Calhoun. Church Organist—Mrs. Cornelia Regan.

A WONDERFUL HOME

(Continued from Page 33.)

Board of Trustees; presiding elder of the Little Rock District, one of the leading Districts in the Southern Methodist Church.

Asked what he considers his outstanding achievement, Dr. Thomas said: "Looking back over my ministerial career, the thing that really brings joy and peace to my heart is the service I have rendered in behalf of our great Methodist Home for Orphans. In my judgment the greatest things a man can do for his Heavenly Father is to be kind to some of His children.

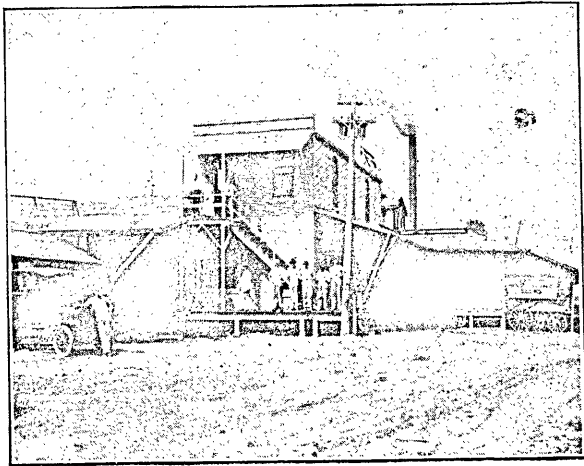
For his services as president of the Home, Dr. Thomas receives no salary. In fact, the salaries for the entire institution barely exceed \$2,000 annually.

No one can visit America as an impartial, unbiased observer and retain the misconception that American prohibition is a joke and a hopeless failure, is the conviction of Mark Goulden, editor of the Eastern Morning News, expressed in an address to the Rotary club in Hull, England, recently. "I am certainly not a prohibitionist and England may not need prohibition," he said, "but I am courageous and honest enough to say from what I have seen that America has reason to be thankful for it." His experience has been that although moneyed classes could get liquor, "just as they could get almost anything by paying dearly for it," the poorer people could not, and there was consequently not the sordid drinking and public-house squalor which is part and parcel of the slum life of Great Britain.—Union Signal.

PRESCOTT, ARKANSAS

County Seat of Nevada County---Wants and Welcomes Industries

Prescott is the trading center for Nevada County and is in the heart of a very productive farming section—it is a city of happy people, offering a hearty welcome to industries or home-seekers—offering as good churches and schools as are to be found elsewhere. There are many facts and figures available to show that Prescott is a live, rapidly growing city.



PRESCOTT ICE COMPANY PLANT

PRESCOTT—

Has a population of 3,500. Located on the Missouri Pacific main line 96 miles south of Little Rock, and the Prescott & Northwestern Railroads. It has good transportation facilities.

power, a plentiful supply of natural gas for fuel, abundant labor and a plentiful supply of raw materials in immediate vicinity.

PRESCOTT—

Is a strong banking center and is noted for agricultural diversification. It has good water, fine schools, beautiful homes, making it an ideal residence city.

Raises plenty of fruit and vegetables for their own people and have a surplus to sell. This means cheap living conditions.

PRESCOTT—

Has cheap and dependable electric

PRESCOTT—

Has an aggressive Chamber of Commerce, ready to welcome and aid those seeking locations for industrial opportunities.

Prescott Facts

PRINCIPAL RESOURCES:

Farming, Truck growing, Lumber, Fruit growing.

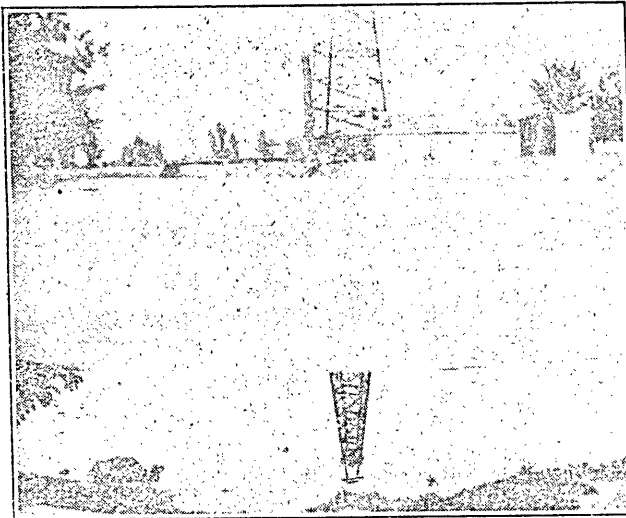
FACTORIES AND MILLS—

Bruce Hardwood Flooring Mill, Planing Mills, Saw Mills, Heading Factories and Broom Factory.

RETAIL TRADING AREA—

Approximately 20 miles in each direction. Has a Municipally owned water, light and sewer system and has a hospital equal to that found in much larger cities.

Is the home office of the Prescott & Northwestern Railroad which handled 2,012 cars of fruit from the Highland orchards in 1926.



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INVESTIGATE PRESCOTT
We want and will welcome Industries—ideal location for Textile Mills

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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
Randolph P. Hamby, Sec.
Prescott, Ark.

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A STREET SCENE IN PRESCOTT

HOPE, ARK.

Hope is one Arkansas city which stands out both as an agricultural center and as a leader in industry. It is the metropolis of Hempstead County, one of the oldest and most historic in the state, and has a population of approximately 8,000.

While its factories ship wares to all parts of the world, Hope is probably given more publicity from the mammoth watermelons grown in the section and the annual watermelon festival than from any other one source. Melons weighing far more than 100 pounds are not at all uncommon. They have been exhibited at various places over the country and always have attracted wide attention.

An abundance of raw materials and labor coupled with dependable power at a low cost and excellent transportation facilities have contributed greatly to the industrial development of the city and it is on these advantages that far greater industrial expansion is anticipated.

Three railroads—Missouri Pacific, St. Louis & San Francisco and the Louisiana & Arkansas—afford everything needed in the way of rail transportation. A supply of pure American labor among which strikes and other labor troubles are unknown, makes Hope a desirable place for factories and the presence of raw materials in almost unlimited quantities adds to the inducements.

Agriculture and dairying also are important factors in the community life. The latter is being rapidly developed while the former has for years produced an abundance of general field crops, fruits, vegetables, watermelons, cantaloupes and other farm products.

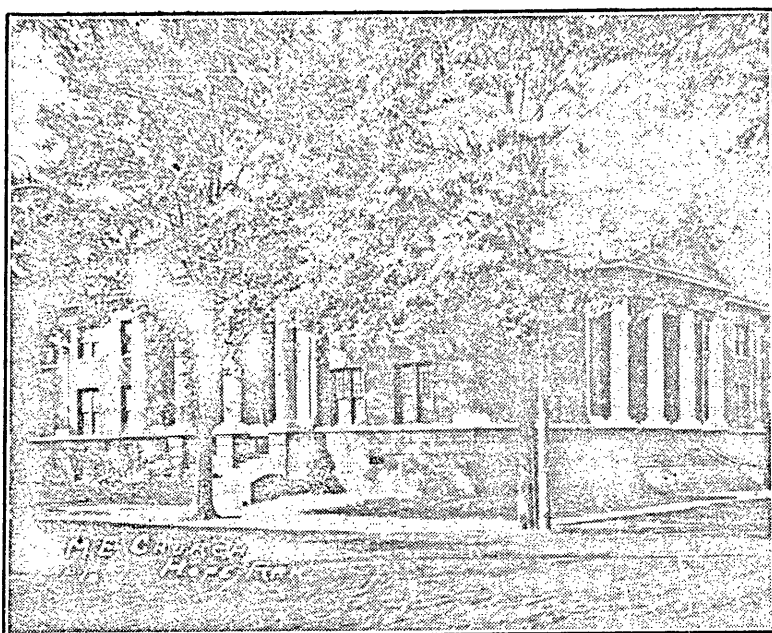
Among the industries which contribute to Hope's huge payroll are: Hope Fertilizer Company, Hope Brick Company, Ivory Handle Factory, Hope Heading Company, Hope Basket Factory, Eagle Foundry Company, Cox-Cassidy Foundry Company; Temple Cotton Oil Company, Hope Lumber Company; Haliburton Sheet Metal Works, Hope Cotton Compress.

There are three banks with total deposits of approximately \$3,000,000; two daily newspapers and one weekly; three theaters—The Saenger, the American Amusement Co., and the New Grand.

The Hope Chamber of Commerce, of which W. Homer Pigg is secretary, is recognized as one of the most active and progressive in the state, four civic clubs and four Parent-Teacher Associations are working actively in efforts to build up the city.

The public school system consists of five grade schools—three white and two negro—and two high schools—white and negro, besides a junior high for white children. D. L. Paisley is superintendent and Miss Beryl Henry is principal of the high school.

Eight churches take care of the religious needs of Hope. There are two Christian and two Baptist with each of the following denominations hav-



METHODIST CHURCH, HOPE

ing one church: Catholic, Methodist, Presbyterian and Episcopal.

There are four wholesale establishments: American Grocery Company of Arkansas; Ritchie Grocer Company; Plunkett-Jarrell-Dilby Company; Southern Grain & Produce Company. The retail business district covers 15 blocks and the trade territory extends for approximately 30 miles in each direction.

The 1927 building program was approximately \$1,000,000 including a beautiful new municipal building, and the Saenger theatre built at a cost of approximately \$200,000.

HOTEL BARLOW

The leading hostelry at Hope is the Hotel Barlow, the meeting place of three civic clubs. The Clubs holding regular weekly meetings at the hotel are the Rotary Club, the Firemen's Club, and the Business Men's Club.

The hotel was established in 1885. It is an American plan with a first-class dining room in connection and has 50 modern rooms. It is located at the corner of Elm and Division Streets and is close to the stations of both the St. Louis & San Francisco and Missouri Pacific Railroads.

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH, BEEBE, ARKANSAS

"The Church of Comradeship and Counsel"

W. J. LeRoy, Pastor

The church here was organized about 1872 and worshipped in the old school house. In 1875 the church and the Masons built a two story house, the upper story used as a lodge hall. Rev. G. A. Dannelly was P. E., and R. G. Brittain was the first pastor.

The original membership was largely transferred from Oak Grove and the charter membership was about twenty-five. Only a few of the charter members are living today and only about two or three hold membership in the church as it stands today.

About 1921 the Sunday School interests had grown until it became nec-

essary to build in order to care for this need. It was decided to build a separate educational unit and this was done, which today fairly cares for the Elementary Department of the Sunday School. This department has its own general superintendent and secretary.

In 1925 the old building was torn down and a new and modern little church plant was built on the same site. The new Church is equipped with good heating plant, electric lights and electric fans. It also has separate Sunday School room for classes and adequate space for both an orchestra and chorus choir.

The church now has every department organized and all are functioning fairly well. The Sunday School under the general superintendency of Dr. Hugh Garrett and his teachers is making progress and plans to attain a high standard as set for them by the Conference Sunday School Board. The Epworth Leagues, both Senior and High League are doing splendid work and have good membership. The Woman's Missionary Society is one of the best in the whole conference—about the liveliest bunch in our church.

Early in last Conference year it was decided to remodel and repair the old parsonage. The whole church it seemed "had a mind to work" and in a short time the old building was so transformed inside and outside that it looked like and practically was a new parsonage home. Along with this improvement the balance of debt on the new church was paid and about one thousand dollars—cost of parsonage improvement was also paid. Today our people have a good comfortable home for the pastor and his family, a fine small educational building well equipped for the religious training of its boys and girls and a beautiful and comfortable house of worship. There is no debt at all on any of the buildings.

The present membership is 308 and if we can have a good revival this year our membership should easily reach 400 or more. The church is

working out through its regular Boards and Committees a unified program to conform to the general program handed down by the Annual Conference.

The present pastor and his wife, who is his daily assistant, have been with these good people one year. We are beginning our second year with them and are happy to serve such a devoted people and are praying to be used in the interests of Christ's church this year so as to bring a greater measure of spiritual life to all God's people and to bring many unsaved ones to Christ.

CHRISTMAS LEGENDS

As the happy Christmas season approaches, we recall many customs and legends associated with this time of rejoicing and good-will.

One of the most pleasing of Yuletide legends is "Santa Claus." How often have children all over the world hung up their stocking on Christmas Eve night! No recollection of childhood days compare with scurrying out of bed, early on Christmas morning to examine that bulgy stocking. And who did not search in the ashes for Santa's tracks! Often, in later life, weary of the monotony of Christmas festivities, we regretfully long for our belief in Santa.

The legend of St. Nicholas is of Dutch and German origin. A wealthy man named Nicholas, once befriended three needy sisters. People began calling him St. Nicholas and children came to consider him the patron saint of Christmas, and to hang up their stockings.

A peculiarly beautiful legend taken from German lore, relates that the Christ-child comes to every home on Christmas Day. If He is welcomed He will sit at the table of the family. So, at the board of many simple-minded German peasants, was placed on Christmas Day, an extra chair, and they would treat His imaginary person with the greatest honor and reverence.

A rather weird myth of like nature, is that at midnight on Christmas Eve, all the cattle kneel down to pray. It is also said that on this night, no fairy or witch's spell is of any avail, as it is such a holy, peaceful time.

Holly and mistletoe are closely associated with this festive season. Under the magic shadow of the waxen-berried mistletoe, the Druids of ancient Briton held their religious services, or cut it from the great oaks with golden scythes.

The Christmas tree, which has become an almost universal symbol, and is by most persons supposed to have originated in Germany, has its origin in Egypt, at a period long before the Christian era. The palm tree puts forth a branch every month and a spray of this tree, with twelve shoots on it, was used in ancient Egypt at the time of the winter solstice, as a symbol that the year was complete.—Ex.



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Hope, Ark.

HOPE, ARKANSAS

"THE CITY OF INDUSTRIAL OPPORTUNITY"

Hope has a population of 8,000 people, splendid schools and churches, natural gas, water and sewerage systems, paved streets and beautiful homes. Natural resources and a succession of highly profitable crops add an annual income of tremendous importance.

TRANSPORTATION—

Hope has unexcelled transportation facilities. It has four railroads, giving splendid outlets in all directions.

POWER—

Hope offers dependable Electric Power at very reasonable rates.

LABOR—

Hope has an abundance of pure American labor. Strikes and other labor troubles are unknown.

RAW MATERIALS—

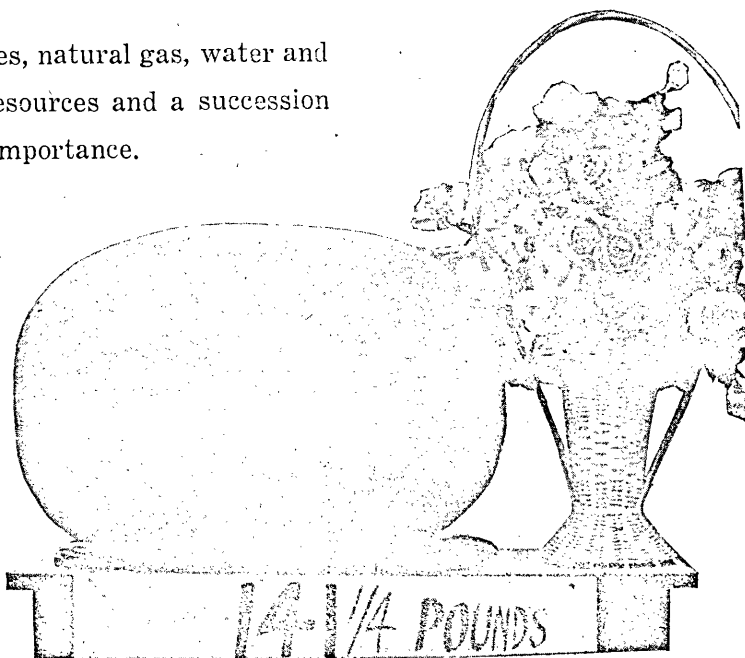
Hope is situated in the heart of a large section supplying an abundance of cotton and other raw materials.

AGRICULTURE—

Hope is situated in a very fertile section producing an abundance of general field crops, fruits, vegetables, watermelons, cantaloupes, etc., assuring food products at very reasonable prices.

DAIRYING—

This section offers unusual opportunities for the dairy industry which is experiencing a rapid development.



THE FRUIT THAT MADE HOPE FAMOUS

HOPE BOASTS OF--

A \$1,000,000.00 Building Program for 1927.

Business good and growing better—money aplenty to spend.
Dependable electric power to develop industry; farms flourishing

Center of huge agricultural and lumbering area.

Varied Industries—cotton, fruit, livestock, poultry, forest products, diversified farming—cash coming in all the year.

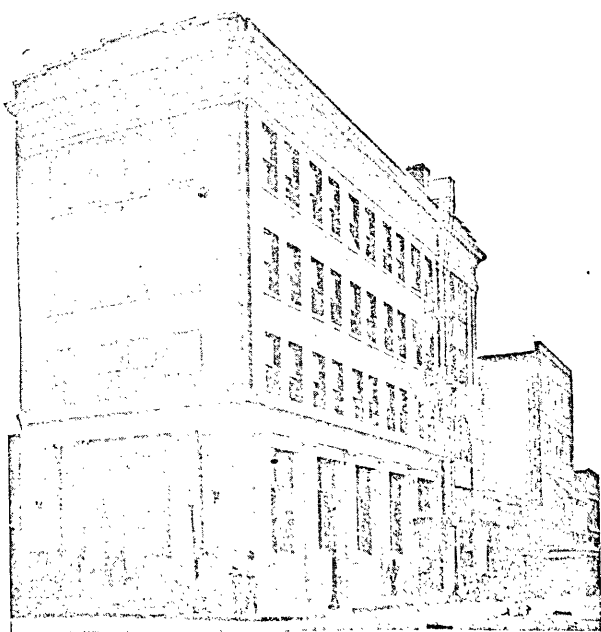
Distributing center of a large territory.

An industrial payroll of more than \$550,000.00 per year.

A \$200,000.00 Theater and many beautiful homes.

Good schools and splendid churches.

An annual watermelon festival.



A MODERN BANK BUILDING IN HOPE

This publicity is made possible by the following liberal firms and citizens, co-operating in giving publicity to the Methodist Orphanage

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Hope Chamber of Commerce

W. HOMER PIGG, Secretary

STUTT GART

Stuttgart, the rice metropolis of Arkansas, is a thriving city of about 6,000 population situated in the Grand Prairie country, Arkansas County.

Rice is the principal product of the territory around Stuttgart, but it is by no means the only thing of great importance to the business life of the city. Stock raising and dairying have an increasingly important place; wheat, corn, cotton, alfalfa, potatoes and other crops are grown in abundance. Hay is one of the principal articles of shipment.

The industrial section of Stuttgart is composed of five large rice mills. The town is located on two railroads—the St. Louis Southwestern (Cotton Belt) and the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific.

There are three banks with total resources of approximately \$400,000 the combined deposits of some \$2,500,000.

Two grade schools and two high schools compose the public school system of the city and ten churches administer to the religious needs of the community. L. D. Griffin is superintendent of Schools.

Stuttgart's trade territory extends approximately 50 miles to the south, 20 miles north, 15 miles east and 20 miles west. Its retail business section covers several blocks and there are three wholesale concerns to take care of the needs of the city and surrounding territory.

There are three newspapers, two weeklies and a daily, and two theaters cater to the amusement desires of the inhabitants. The 1927 building activities included many modern residences and two churches—Christian and Methodist.

Besides the Stuttgart Chamber of Commerce with L. K. Buerkle as secretary, there is an active Rotary Club contributing to the growth of the community. Paved streets total about six miles.

There are about 1,000 houses wired for electric service and approximately as many telephones in service.

Land in Arkansas County is available at a figure that, unless signs fail, is cheaper than it will ever be again and farmers from the north and west are being brought to the county through the live-wire real estate men of Stuttgart. These farmers are buying the land and are making money out of their investment.

STUTT GART PUBLIC SCHOOLS

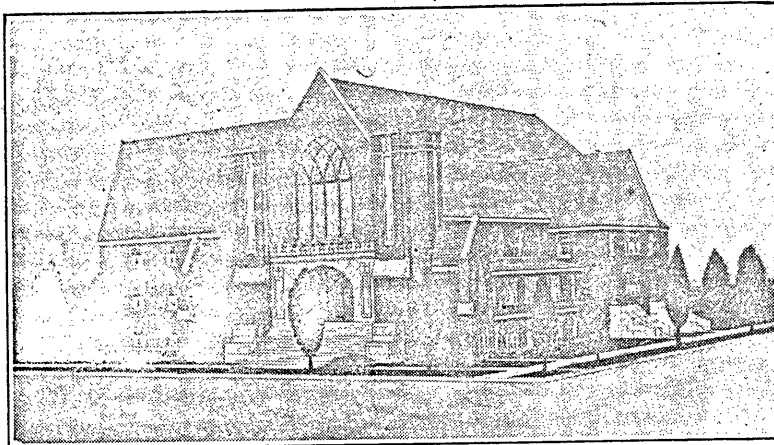
Within the past ten years the schools of the entire State of Arkansas have come rapidly to the front. The schools in Grand Prairie have been a part of this rapid advancement.

With the county as the unit of educational administration, with uniform text books and with an up-to-date course of study, Arkansas has advanced very much in her comparative standing with the sister states.

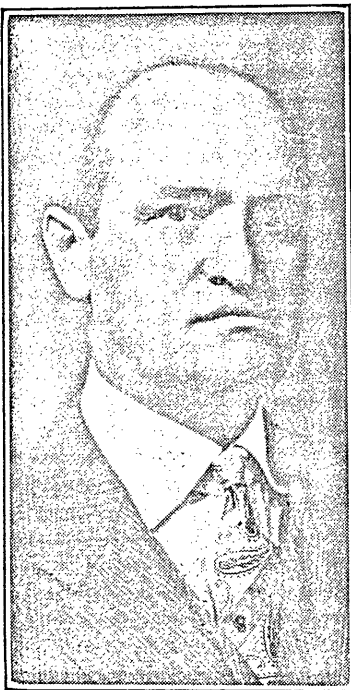
In the rural districts the schools are on an eight-grade basis and the course of study follows very closely that of other states. When a pupil completes this course he is ready to enter High School.

The schools in Stuttgart are organized on a modified form of the Gary, Indiana, Platoon School program. Such a plan has been adopted to bring about greater educational opportunities to the child and results in a far greater return to all concerned for each dollar invested.

The white schools present a large



METHODIST CHURCH, SOUTH, STUTT GART, ARK.



REV. O. E. HOLMES, Pastor
Methodist Church, Stuttgart

The Rev. O. E. Holmes, pastor of the Stuttgart Methodist Episcopal Church, South, was engaged in school teaching in Tennessee for 15 years prior to entering the ministry.

He was educated at McMoresville Collegiate Institute a junior college in Tennessee, where he received his L. I. degree. He later attended the West Tennessee Teachers' College at Memphis and the University of Tennessee at Knoxville.

The Rev. Mr. Holmes joined the Little Rock Conference in 1923 and served as pastor at DeWitt; Hunter Memorial, Little Rock; and is now serving his second year at Stuttgart. He is 41 years of age. His family consists of his wife and four children, three sons and a daughter.

enrollment, with a teaching corps composed entirely of normal school and college trained teachers. Each teacher is a specialist in his or her line of work.

In connection with the regular academic and vocational instruction, a school health-unit is maintained under the direction of a graduate nurse. The school nurse is a regularly employed member of the faculty.

Courses are offered in the High School as follows: a college preparatory course, known as the "Academic Course"; a commercial course offering Commercial Arithmetic, Book-keeping, Typewriting, Shorthand, Commercial and Industrial Geography and Commercial Law; and the General Course for those pupils who have not yet "found themselves."

"Broadening and finding" courses are provided for the pupils of the up-

per grades or junior high-school age, in order that they may find themselves, and hence be able to do better those worth while things they will do anyway.

The school is a member of the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. This makes it possible for a graduate of this school to enter any of the leading colleges and universities without conditions or entrance examinations.

The high school is housed in a splendid building, modern throughout. It has a large gymnasium, a splendid library, shops, and auditorium of large seating capacity.

A splendid new building is to be built in the very near future, more adequately to provide for the social and educational needs of the boys and girls—the State's biggest asset.

HISTORY OF ENGLAND CHURCH

The First Methodist Church of England was organized on July 31, 1890, Rev. K. W. Dodson was the pastor and Rev. E. N. Watson was the Presiding Elder. Prior to this date even before the town of England was built, this section was "ministered unto" by Methodist circuit riders who defied swollen streams and blazed the way through virgin forests in order to carry the light of the gospel to the people of this and adjoining communities. Tomberlin, Mulberry, Barnes Chapel and Holly Grove were the churches of this original charge and were served by Pastors Parker, Cline, Davis and Leake. These were pioneers indeed. Dr. Leake closed his career just a few weeks ago passing away from the home of his noble son "Bish."

In 1890, the railroad being built and England becoming a town, the churches of Mulberry and Holly Grove were finally consolidated and became the nucleus around which the present church organization was built, of these charter members only two survive, Mrs. J. E. Hicks and Mrs. Frances Harrington, both of England. Messrs J. H. Temple, J. M. Morris, R. A. Mickleberry, a local preacher and R. B. Carl Lee were the first stewards of the church. None of these are living at the present time, all were consecrated men and have left an influence that is beneficent, even to this hour.

The church has been served by the following pastors: 1890, K. W. Dodson; 1891, —Thweatt; 1892, J. W. F. Scott; 1893-94, W. C. Watson; 1895, E. Garrett, who built the first parsonage, a modest little manse of two rooms; 1896-98, R. L. Wozencraft who died during the last year of his pastorate and who is tenderly remembered by the people of this town today. In 1896, England became a half station, 1899, G. M. Hill; 1900-01, W. W. Nelson; 1902-04, J. A. Henderson; During 1903 the church was rebuilt.

Three men—J. E. Hicks, J. B. Duncan and G. W. Morris, who were on the board of stewards at that time have served continuously from that date until the present in that capacity. 1905, L. M. Daley; 1906-07, J. D. Hammons; 1908, M. K. Irvin; 1909-10, Barnett Wright; 1911, J. H. Glass; 1912, W. M. Hayes; 1913-14, T. P. Clarke; 1915, L. E. N. Hundley; 1916, J. A. Parker; 1917-19, R. R. Moore; 1920, J. W. Harrell; 1921, T. O. Owen; 1922-24, S. T. Baugh. In 1923, the present church building was erected. It is a model of beauty and completeness and is not only an expression of the loyalty and consecration of this cultured people, but will stand as a monument, silently testifying to the efficiency and worth of the ministry of Rev. S. T. Baugh in this town. 1925-28, John L. Hoover who enjoys the high privilege of being the only pastor remaining on the work for four years.

It will be of interest to Methodist people at large to know that since Conference our church debt has been reduced to less than \$10,000. Between six and seven thousand in cash has been raised for this cause alone. Our people are justly happy over this accomplishment.

Going back again to beginnings, we might make record of the fact that the first Sunday School was organized on July 1, 1890 in the Baptist Church where our work was continued until the erection of our own church. There were forty-nine students enrolled in this school. Dr. R. A. Mickleberry was elected superintendent; G. W. Melton assistant superintendent; Mrs. J. E. Hicks, secretary and treasurer; G. W. Morris, Mrs. R. B. Carl Lee, and Mrs. J. E. Hicks, were elected teachers. A long list of worthy men have served as superintendents among whom are, Frank M. Hankins, J. B. Curlee, J. E. Hicks, G. W. Morris, J. C. Tankersley, E. A. Carl Lee, R. B. Carl Lee, Paul Simmons and Charles Giessen. The Bible School has made great progress down the years, but we are not unmindful that our work today is the outgrowth of consecration of people like Mrs. M. L. Brodie, Mrs. Joe Favers, Mrs. A. F. Carl Lee, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Morris, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Hicks and others who "despised not the day of small things" but treasured every opportunity as of God who has richly rewarded their efforts.

Today our church is a great church. Our people are a noble and consecrated folk. As we recall those whose lives have been ministrant to righteousness, a multitude of faces pass before our mind's eye. There are the Duncans, Dickies, Crows, Normans, Lockes, Highs, Harrises, Wards, Grays, Huttoes, Simmons, Caseys, Allens, Portises, Webbs, Watts, Workmans, Adams, Ryes, Whites, Wilburns, Williams, Lipscombs, Harmons, Dews, Goldsby, Goelzers, Leakes and many others. Mrs. B. K. Leake has served the church as organist for many years and is the most faithful woman in this particular that I have yet met during my pastorate of twenty years.

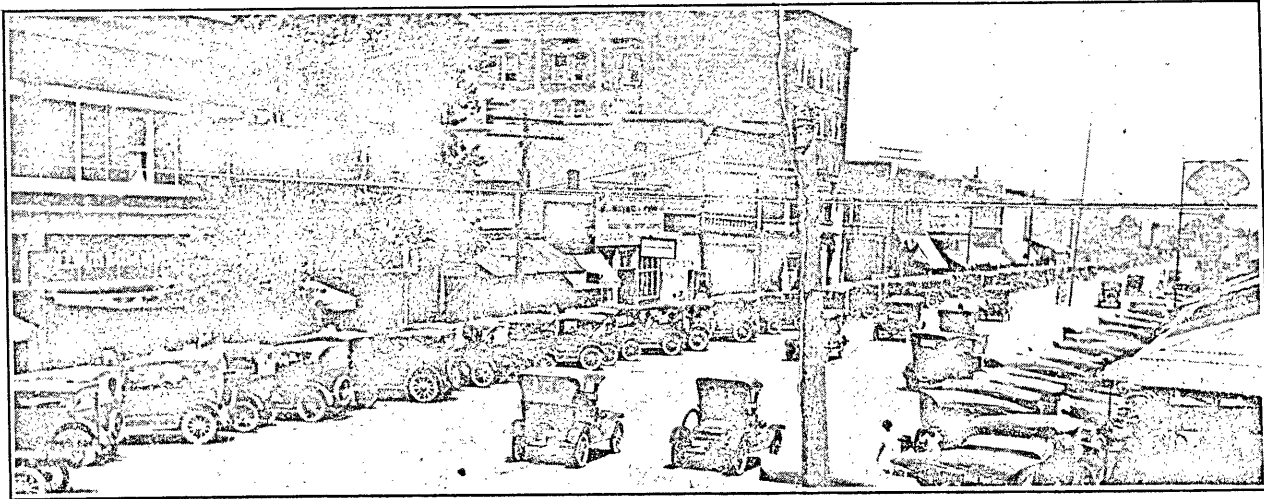
The church is making substantial progress along all lines and we confidently expect this to be one of our great years.—J. L. Hoover.

A young man was being urged to give his life to missionary work. He answered that he felt no call to such service. His friend assured him, "Are you sure you are within calling distance?" May this not account for the fact that so many people feel no call to holy service. It may be they are not living in calling distance of their Lord and Savior.—Methodist Protestant.

STUTTGART

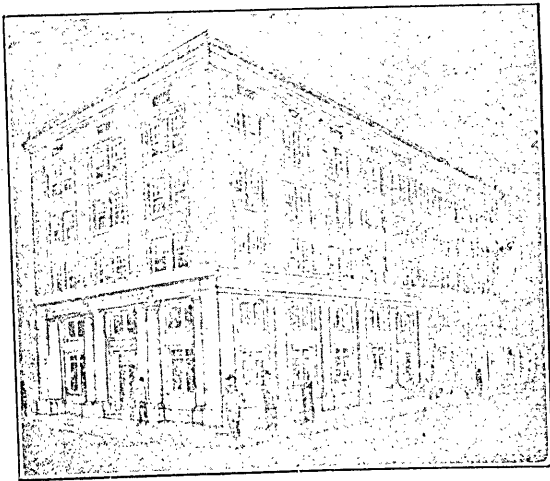
["The Heart of the Rice Belt"]

The World's Greatest Rice Growing Country



VIEW OF MAIN STREET LOOKING NORTH

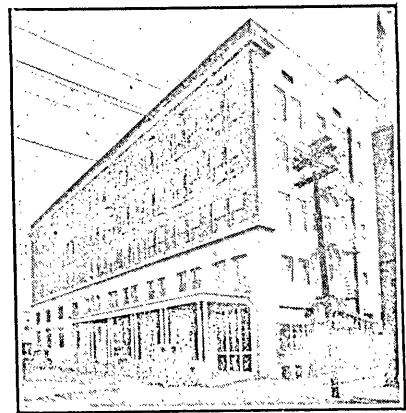
Showing some of the activity of the business life in the heart of the Grand Prairie region. With three large Banks, Railroad service in six directions, five large Rice Mills, Creameries and other industries, make Stuttgart one of Arkansas' busiest cities.



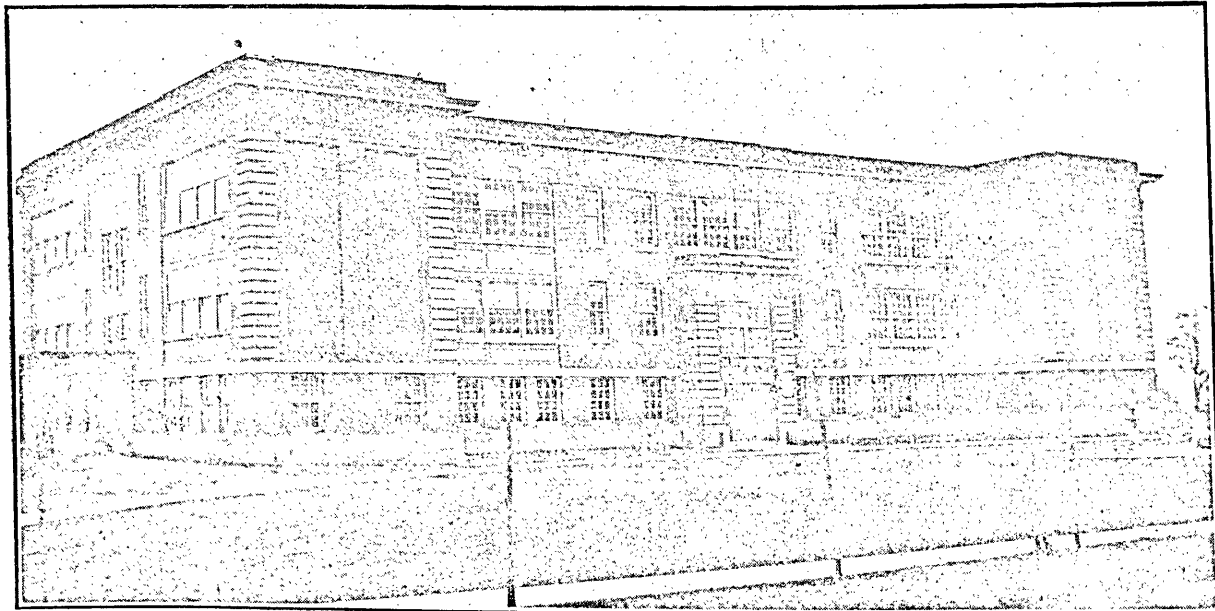
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THE HOTEL RICELAND—one of the many beautiful buildings which make Stuttgart a beautiful city.



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HOT SPRINGS

Hot Springs, known as the "Nation's Health Resort," is now making preparations for one of the biggest seasons in the history of the city. While there are thousands of visitors at the resort at all times, the busiest season comes after Christmas and continues until late spring each year. These visitors, numbering more than 300,000 annually, come from all corners of the civilized world, every nation on the map, seeking health and recreation.

It has been said that Hot Springs, officially designated as Hot Springs National Park, is better known to persons residing in other states and even in foreign countries than to the people of Arkansas. That statement may be overdrawn to a certain extent but there is a degree of truth in it and this story will attempt to tell readers of the Arkansas Methodist some of the things which citizens of other states and countries hear and know about Arkansas' great resort.

The First National Park

In 1804 President Thomas Jefferson commissioned two explorers, Hunter and Dunbar, to visit what was then known as Ouachita Hot Springs, instructing them to determine the medicinal properties of the hot waters, map up the region and ascertain what ownership of the springs then existed. Even at that early date these health giving waters had been famous for centuries, praised in the tales of the "Fountain of Youth" and as the "Abode of the Great Spirit"—legends brought down through succeeding generations in recounting stories of the quests of Ponce de Leon, Hernando, De Soto and still earlier of primal days of the American Indian.

In 1832 Congress appropriated and set aside more than 900 acres surrounding the 46 hot springs as our first national park, dedicating it for all time to the health and pleasure of the American people.

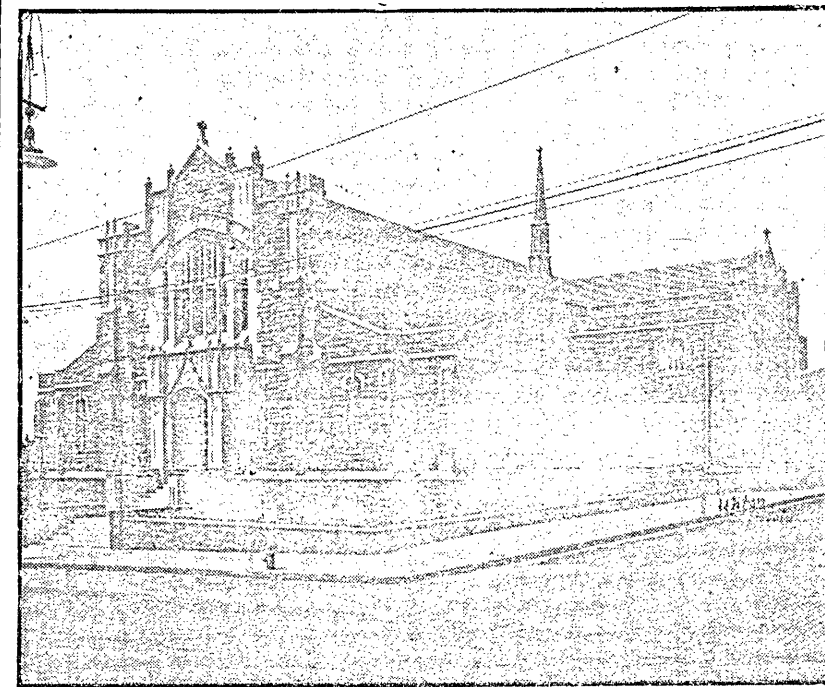
The resident population of Hot Springs is approximately 25,000 but that is but the beginning of the actual population of the city which at all times has a transient population larger—at times many times larger—than the number of its citizens.

All roads lead to Hot Springs—Pershing, Bankhead, Lone Star, Albert Pike, Missouri-Arkansas, Lee and the Arkansas Louisiana Highways will carry the autoist directly to the resort on modern hard-surfaced roads. Two trunk line railroads, the Missouri Pacific and the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific, deliver visitors to Hot Springs in excellent equipped modern trains.

Once at Hot Springs, the visitor has available accommodations of any class and at any price to suit his purse or fancy. More than 200 hotels and bath houses are waiting to receive him and afford him the entertainment for which he is looking, be it expensive or moderate cost. These hotels offer the visitors choice accommodations on either the European or the American plan.

The climate at Hot Springs is almost ideal. The air is soft and caressing and soothes with an all-embracing sensation of complete relaxation. Altitude discounts humidity, yet it is free from that excessively dry quality characteristic of the plains. Breathing it deeply, one thrives on the ungent tang of pine forests, inhaling the sweetness of utter purity.

For recreation and amusement there is nearly anything which one



CENTRAL METHODIST CHURCH, HOT SPRINGS, ARK.

may desire: golf, tennis, hiking, horse-back riding, motoring, boating, swimming, fishing, hunting, or any other diversion which is most pleasing.

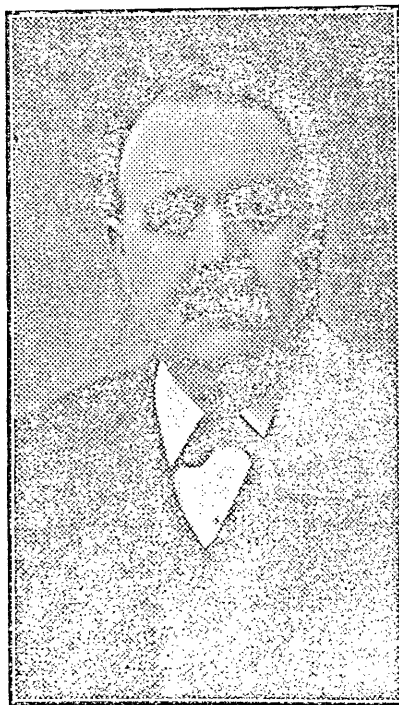
Within six miles of Hot Springs is beautiful Lake Catherine, created by the construction of Rammel Dam on the Ouachita River, one of three dams which are to furnish hydroelectric power generated by the Arkansas Power & Light Company and distributed throughout the entire state. When the other two dams are complete, Lake Catherine will be a body of pure, clear water some 70 miles in length.

If one is seeking health and recreation, there is no better place to go than to Hot Springs, the world-famed health and pleasure resort situated in the heart of Arkansas.

GRAND AVENUE METHODIST CHURCH

Grand Avenue Methodist Church was organized in 1887, forty years ago, but was then known as South Hot Springs. Rev. W. A. Steel was the first preacher and the first member was Mrs. C. L. Bowen who is still working in connection with both Sunday school and Church, having charge of a splendid young men's class upon which she is making a fine impression. Brother Steel has gone to his reward, but his name is still fragrant amongst the old people who are left.

Twenty years ago the name was changed to Third Street, the congregation having moved into a larger building, the first having been destroyed by fire, and some of the best preachers in the Little Rock Conference have been proud to be the pastors of this friendly and lovable people. W. R. Harrison has twice served this church for three years each time. J. H. Cummings served four years, and other preachers who are gratefully remembered are R. M. Holland, A. M. Robertson, W. M. Hayes, J. A. Biggs, J. W. Thomas, and F. P. Doak who served the last four years, doing a monumental work, and paving the way for a great advance movement. A new \$75,000 church has been commenced on a splendid site which is to be named "Grand Avenue Methodist Church", which will be more in keeping with this large and growing section of the city. The new pastor, Rev. W. T. Wilkinson, has had a large experience in building churches and parsonages, and will doubtless bring the needed stimulus and encouragement necessary, that will enable them to put over what to them is a large task.



REV. W. T. WILKINSON, Pastor Grand Avenue Church, Hot Springs

The new pastor of Third Street, which will soon be changed to "Grand Avenue Methodist Church" was educated in Lancashire, England, in the public and private schools of that great County, and preached for several years there with great acceptance. He came to Arkansas 16 years ago, and has served with marked success such charges as Cabot and Jacksonville, First Church, North Little Rock, Russellville, Camden, Magnolia and McGehee. When he went to First Church, North Little Rock the church was about to be sold for debt, but he was instrumental with the fine cooperation of the people, in preventing the sale and reduced the debt from \$12,000 to \$3,000 which was all provided for when he left. New parsonages were built at Cabot and Magnolia, and a splendid new church at McGehee. His church at Magnolia was the second in the State to pay out on Centenary, and he collected half the full quota on five years Superannuate Endowment in one. Only twice in his entire ministry has he failed to bring up his Conference claims in full, and these were years in which it was humanly impossible. Nor is the spiritual side neglected. Every church will show a great advance in membership, not from worked up revivals, but

HOT SPRINGS METHODISM

Members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in Hot Springs worship in three churches, the Central Methodist, Grand Avenue Methodist and Park Avenue Methodist. Each has a wide-awake membership and contributes materially to the religious activities of the "Nation's Health Resort."

The Central Methodist Church is housed in a very beautiful structure which architects say if built under present conditions and material prices would cost approximately \$125,000.

Hamp Williams, prominent business man of Hot Springs and a candidate for governor in the primary of 1924, is chairman of the board of stewards of Central Methodist Church. Other officers of the board are: Ray Smith, vice-chairman; Robert Neill, treasurer; Allen Hotchkiss, secretary; W. A. Woodcock, lay leader. The board of trustees is composed of M. K. Biggs, E. H. Eckler, C. W. Dodson, Dr. V. H. Hallman, A. C. Jennings, J. O. Langley, F. M. Sigler, Dr. F. M. Williams and Fred Woodcock.

Mrs. C. T. Cotham is president of the Woman's Missionary Society. Other officers are: Mrs. C. T. Drennen, vice-president; Miss Francis Hicks, corresponding secretary; Mrs. H. King Wade, recording secretary; Mrs. J. N. Coppock, treasurer. Judge C. F. Cotham is superintendent of the Sunday School; Mrs. Hazel Dyer is president of the Young Ladies Missionary Society and also secretary of the Epworth League.

The Rev. W. C. Watson, pastor of Central Methodist, is now serving his third year in that capacity.

The Grand Ave. Methodist Church has a new building under construction and expects to have it ready for service within a short time. The new home is being built at a cost of approximately \$75,000.

The Rev. W. T. Wilkinson is pastor of this church. He is serving his first year, having come from McGehee following the annual session of the Little Rock Conference held at Camden last month. Although new on the charge, the Rev. Mr. Wilkinson has his work well organized and a very successful year is anticipated.

The Park Avenue Methodist church also has a pastor who is serving his first year with the church. He is the Rev. B. F. Fitzhugh, who came to the church from Bearden where he was pastor last year.

This church, too, expects to erect a new building soon. Plans for the new structure are now being perfected and it is believed reasonably certain that construction will begin within a year.

In a certain book of hymns the familiar stanza, "Land me safe on Canaan's Shore," was printed "Land my safe on Canaan's Shore." Many an old skinflint could sing this new version with great unction. But it cannot be. The safe would sink the ship. The saint must leave his safe behind.—Methodist Protestant.

from evangelistic preaching all through the year.

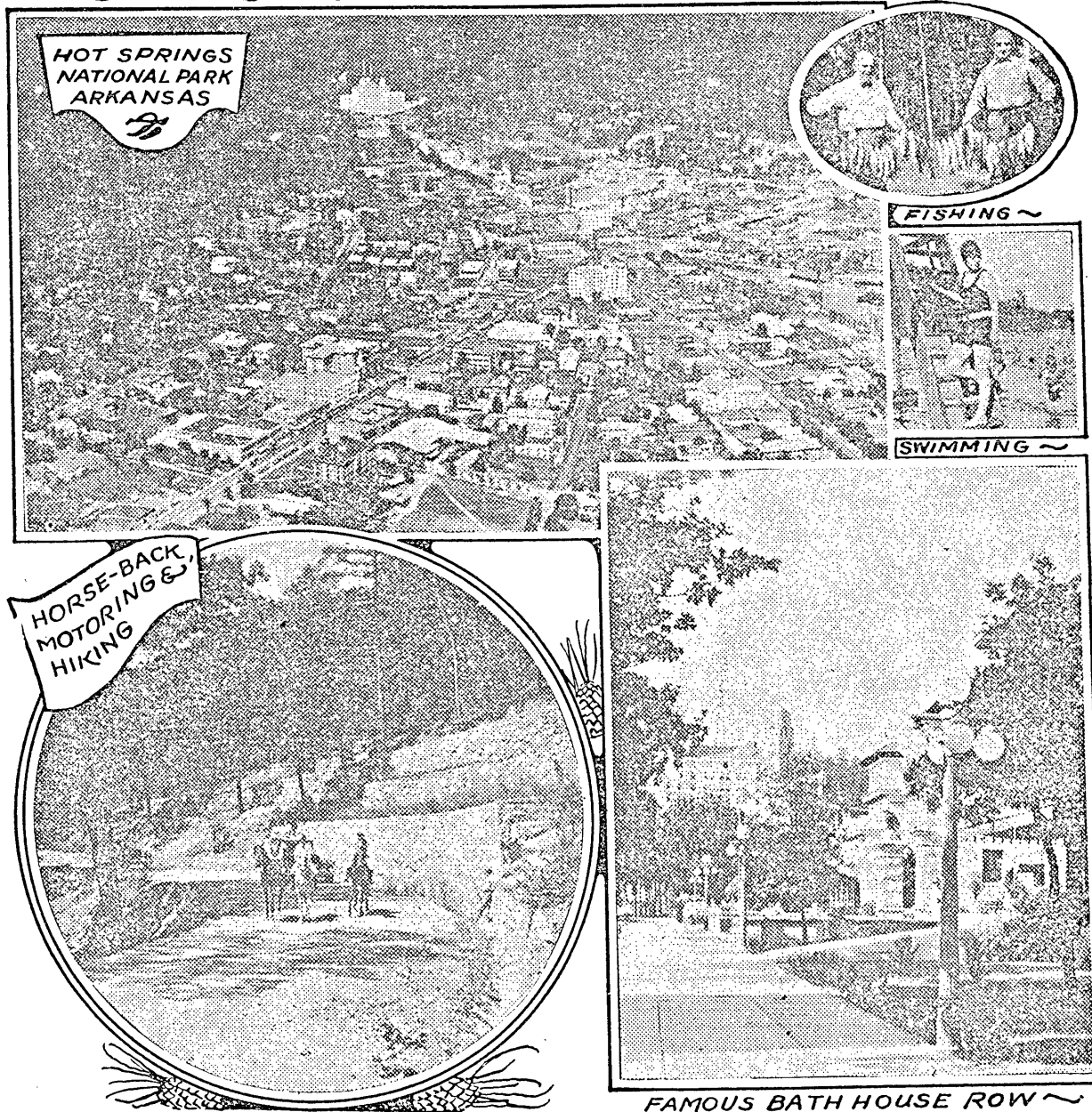
A splendid start has been made in Hot Springs and the Board of Stewards have unanimously raised the salary \$700, and given their pastor a royal welcome, and in return he is hopeful that they will not only complete successfully the new church building, but make it the best in the entire city. Mrs. Wilkinson, his good wife is also a great helper and is very much loved in every charge.

HOT SPRINGS, ARKANSAS

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Community Drug Store

CARLISLE METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. Marshall Turrentine Steel is the popular young pastor of the Carlisle Methodist Church, situated in the progressive rice belt of central Arkansas, thirty miles east of Little Rock.

The history of our church at Carlisle dates back into the early seventies and records many interesting things about its organization and progress. Several members are on roll now who were among the pioneers of Methodism in this community.

The first pastors were Revs. J. R. Moore, Z. T. McCann, E. M. Pipkin, A. D. Jenkins, L. M. Keith, J. M. Sturgis, Samuel N. Burns, and C. L. Adams.

Pastors who served us later and have since served the Conference as Presiding Elders are Revs. J. W. Harrell, J. A. Henderson, F. N. Brewer and J. W. Mann. Rev. John R. Sanders was another much loved pastor.

In December, 1921, the old frame building, around which hovered many sacred memories was torn down. Its erection had been promoted largely by the Turrentine family and other early members who worked even at night to complete the building. When the new building was proposed the late Mrs. Martha Turrentine was the first to contribute to the building fund.

In 1922 the beautiful new structure was completed under the able leadership of Rev. A. B. Barry. It is one of the best churches in our State, with all indebtedness paid up to date.

The names of Grandma Perkins and Mrs. P. A. Clark deserve mention for their years of faithful attendance.

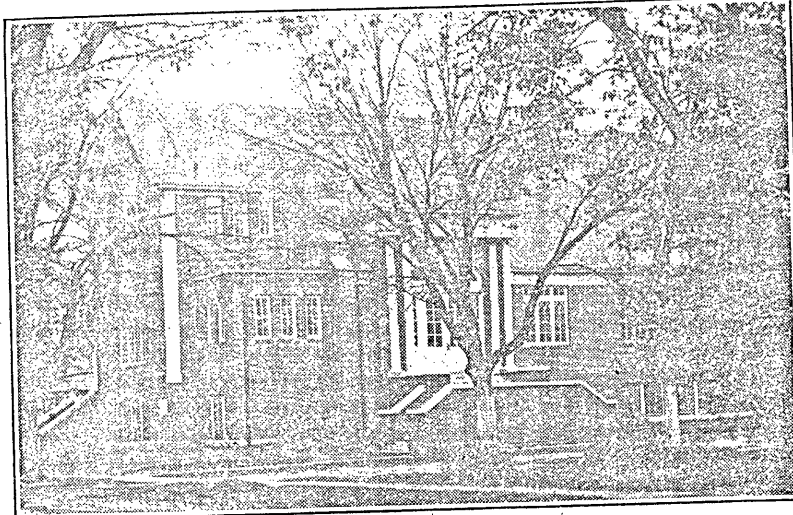
Miss Josie Ellingsworth has the distinction of being the first woman to serve on the Official Board and is at present proving a wonderful asset to our church as financial Secretary. The Official Board; R. A. Perkins, Chr., Miss Ellingsworth, Treas., Mrs. J. L. Woosley, Secy., Mrs. A. Zimmerman, Mrs. J. A. Humphries, Mrs. D. B. Perkins, Mrs. M. Jessup, C. E. Perkins, Ben Smith, M. F. Cox, F. L. Griffin, C. C. Rouse, Dr. E. A. Callahan and J. R. Moery. M. F. Cox, Lay Leader; H. L. Perkins, Rec. Steward; Chas. King, Honorary Steward. Trustees, C. C. Saunders, C. C. Perkins, C. C. Rowland, Chas. King, Melvin Smith.

We have a fine Epworth League with Miss Goldie Perkins as President.

The Sunday School is doing fine departmental work under the leadership of Supt. A. G. Thompson. A splendid program of Christian Education is being carried out this year through the Sunday School.

We have four missionary societies directed by Mrs. Earl Perkins, Mrs. D. B. Perkins, Mrs. Fred DeGluether and Mrs. John Boyette.

We are having a larger attendance at prayer meeting than for years.



METHODIST CHURCH, CARLISLE, ARK.



REV. M. T. STEEL, Pastor

We are expecting a great year for our church under the leadership of Bro. Steel. He closed a very successful year for us and begins the new year with the love and co-operation of his entire church. This is his first charge but he takes up his duties with the ability of one who had spent years in the service. We expect much good from the years work.

THE CARLISLE PUBLIC SCHOOL

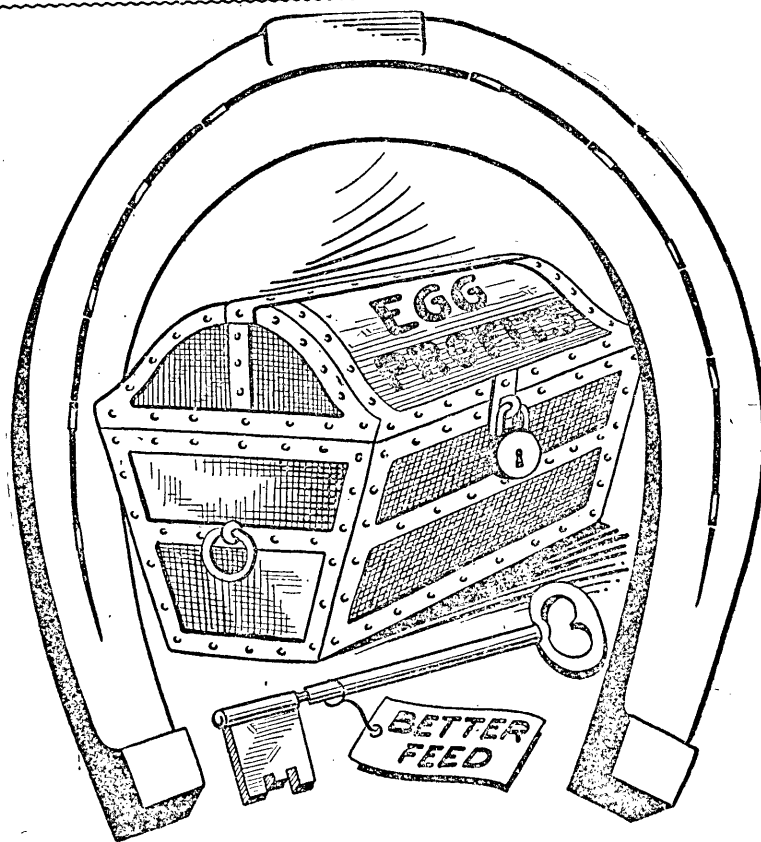
The town of Carlisle has excellent school facilities consisting of a well organized elementary school and a Class B six year High School. The Third, Fourth, Fifth and Sixth grades are organized for departmental teaching making the teaching force more efficient. It is highly probable that some modified form of the platoon system will be inaugurated in the

near future. The High School is organized around the upper six grades. A well balanced and growing library adds to the usefulness of the school. The Science Department is reasonably well equipped for the teaching of the various Science courses offered in the modern high school. The entire building and equipment is probably valued around \$40,000.

The student activity program of the school is ever increasing. With the exception of baseball, the major

sports are promoted for the interest and development of the boys. Games are systematically encouraged for the girls, though the program is not so well developed as with the boys. During the 1926-27 term a paper, "The Carlisle Bison" was launched and has been published every two weeks with exceptions of holidays since its first issue. For the first time in the history of the school an annual, "The Bison" was produced during the 1926-27 session. These two publications have done much to develop and cultivate a school spirit, as well as serve to promote educational aims. The Hi-Y Club was organized last year and promises to accomplish much good for the High School boys. The Home Room organization of the High School has been lately revived and rejuvenated.

A forward looking program of consolidation, combined with the efforts of the people to secure better equipment and better advantages will do much to raise the standards of both, the elementary and the high school. The P. T. A. of this community is very active and are constantly striving to be of material assistance to the school. Much credit is due this organization. It seems that the hearty co-operation of the citizens of the town has been secured to make the educational facilities at this place second to none.

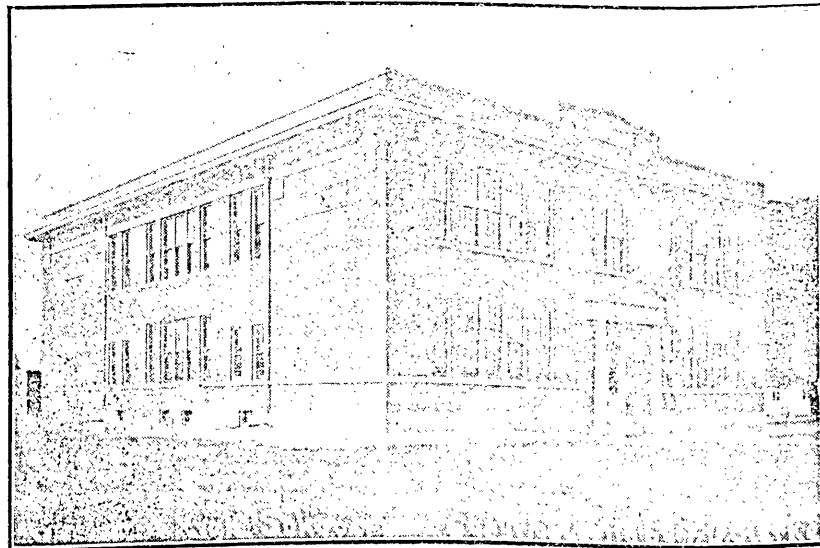


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CARLISLE, ARK.

:-: THE CITY OF HOSPITALITY :-: EXTENDS GREETINGS

CARLISLE OFFERS MANY ADVANTAGES

Carlisle, situated 31 miles east of Little Rock on the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railroad and on National Highway No. 70, is a little city of approximately 1,000 inhabitants supported by various industries including dairying, timber working plants, rice, cotton and hay growing.

Among the industries contributing to the city's payroll are a rice mill, a cheese factory, a stove mill, an ice factory, two machine shops, cotton gin, two lumber yards, one rice warehouse, three saw mills, three milk stations and a boiler plant.

There are two banks with combined resources of approximately \$450,000 and total deposits of \$225,000.

The school system consists of one grade school and a high school. The superintendent of schools is A. G. Thompson and A. O. Shaw is principal of the high school.

Three churches meet the religious needs of the town and a Lions Club, of which F. P. Parnell is secretary, is alert to the civic requirements.

The retail business district covers approximately 9 blocks and there is a wholesale grocery



ROCK ISLAND STATION

house operated by Geyer & Adams.

The trade territory extends approximately five miles west, 15 miles north, six miles east and 18 miles south.

Building activities this year include several stores and residences, a cream station and a cheese factory which will probably be in operation in the near future.

Carlisle is located in a section which has been noted as a dairy center during the past 20 years and which is now said to be the leading dairy section of Arkansas.

The trade territory of the town offers many advantages to prospective settlers with opportunities to vary the crops in almost any manner pleasing to the growers.

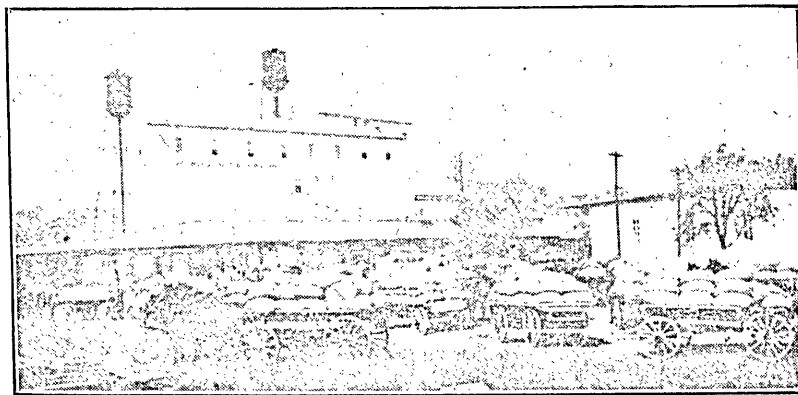
A COURTEOUS WIDE-AWAKE CITIZENSHIP

Carlisle is surrounded by a great agricultural and dairying section with rice and cotton being the chief crops. Monthly milk and cream checks insure a year round income for the dairy farmers and are an important factor in the business life of the city.

A courteous wide-awake citizenship, good churches and schools, good highways and transportation facilities are some of the reasons why Carlisle is making a steady growth from year to year.

Business and industry in Carlisle succeed because of a completely united citizenry working for the success of industries now established and of new industries and their success.

You owe it to yourself to investigate Carlisle if you are looking for a location for residence, business or industry.



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DARDANELLE is the gateway to the richest agricultural section south of the Arkansas River, with a citizenship interested in Agriculture standing ready to welcome people who will come among them to take up intensive farming which can be carried on profitably in this section. Dardanelle is not only a good market town but potentially a manufacturing center located with good transportation facilities. It has good electric power and there is an abundance of labor in the surrounding area. Dardanelle is a prosperous cotton market. The people of the town are not alone content to confine their efforts to commerce, industry and agriculture, but they have a social outlook as well and are paying good heed to schools, churches and other agencies for the building up of a home city.

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DARDANELLE

Dardanelle in Yell County is one of the historic spots of Arkansas. Practically every school child in the state has heard the legend of Dardanelle Rock, a cliff which stands out in bold relief on the south bank of the Arkansas River a short distance up stream from the little city.

The city is located on the Paris branch of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railroad and is the western terminus of the Russellville & Dardanelle Railroad, which affords connection at Russellville with the Kansas City-New Orleans main line of the Missouri Pacific Railroad.

It is on the highway leading from Russellville via Paris to Fort Smith. An important link in this highway is the pontoon bridge across the Arkansas River at Dardanelle, said to be the longest pontoon bridge in the world.

This bridge has been serving trans-river traffic for many years but is to be replaced with a steel bridge constructed by the state highway department and for which the contract has already been let. When complete, the new bridge will be the second steel bridge spanning the Arkansas between Little Rock and Van Buren, the other being at Morrilton.

Dardanelle has been a point of importance on the upper Arkansas River since the Cherokee Indian agency was established there in 1820 and has, from the early days, contributed much to the progress and development of the state.

The city is literally the gateway to a rich agricultural section on the south side of the Arkansas River. This gives it a splendid retail trade and makes it a market town of importance.

The people of the entire section are trying hard to work out the agricultural problems of the district. They stand ready to welcome people who will come among them to take up intensive farming which can be carried on profitably if the proper methods are employed.

Residents of Dardanelle are not content to develop their little city along lines of commerce, industry and agriculture but have a social outlook as well and are paying good heed to schools, churches and other agencies for the building of a city which offers the things necessary to make its inhabitants contented and happy.

DARDANELLE METHODISM

Dardanelle is one of the old communities and Methodism was there in an early day. The Methodist Church has grown with the progress of the town, and is today a vigorous and active organization. It has had in its membership many stalwart and valuable members. Some thirty-five years ago the Dardanelle Church entertained the Arkansas Conference. Rev. S. S. Key, venerable and beloved superannuate, who gave many years of his active ministry to the Church in Dardanelle and vicinity, has made it his home since he retired. About forty years ago a substantial brick building—very good for that day—was erected and accommodated our people for a long time. Under the ministry of Rev. Eli Myers the present modern and attractive building was constructed. After Bro. Myers have come such successful pastors as Rev. C. W. Lester, Rev. H. H. Griffin, Rev. W. F. Blevins, and the present popular pastor, Rev. S. B. Wiggins, who has for more than a year ministered to the spiritual needs of Dardanelle Methodism.

JUDSONIA

One can hardly think of strawberries without also thinking of Judsonia, White County, which annually ships hundreds of cars of this luscious fruit to the markets all over the country. Strawberries are not the only resource of the section surrounding Judsonia, but the town has probably gained more fame from that fruit than from any other one thing.

The town is located on the St. Louis-Texarkana main line of the Missouri Pacific Railroad and on the highway between St. Louis and Little Rock. It has a population of approximately 1,290 and is supported chiefly by surrounding agricultural activities.

There are two banks, three churches and a weekly newspaper.

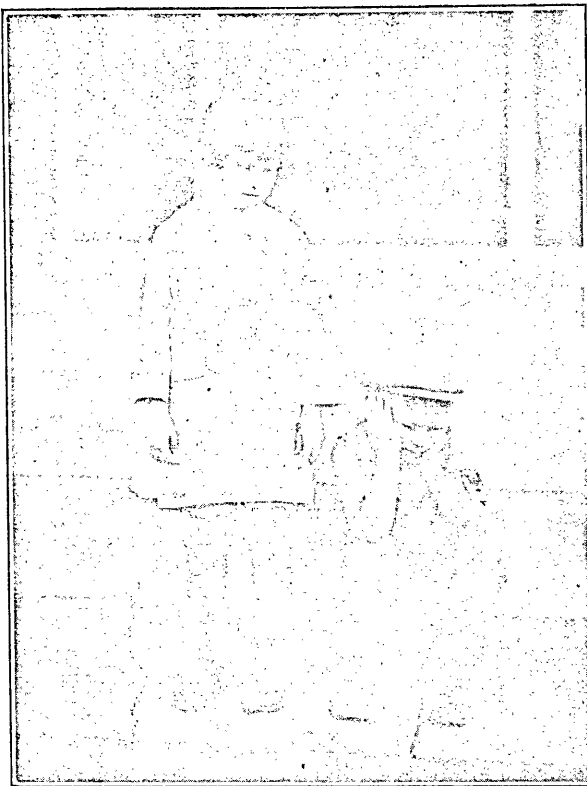
Cotton, as well as fruit, is an important product of the farms of the Judsonia trade territory and that crop contributes materially to the town's business.

Judsonia has an active chamber of commerce of which Dr. Gill is secretary.

Although not noted as an industrial center, Judsonia has a box factory which manufactures boxes and crates for the fruit produced in the section and shipped by the hundreds of cars to all parts of the country. This factory, known as the Enterprise Box Factory, has an annual payroll of approximately \$36,000.

Cotton gins also are included in the industrial plants of the town.

Judsonia offers an invitation to persons desiring to locate in a fruit growing country. It has a public school



WILL SANTA REMEMBER THESE ORPHANS

system suited to the needs of a community of its size.

The town is on the Little Red River and the bottom lands along that stream form a rich agricultural territory.

The year Robert Moffett was converted the deacons came to their pastor and told him they loved him, but no one had been converted, and they suggested that he resign. He called to their attention that, "wee Robbie

Moffett" had been converted, but he said it might be he was not worth counting. This same "wee Robbie" was so used of God that the King uncovered before him and the parliament rose as he came among them. The biggest year's work in that old Scotch church was the year when "wee Robbie" was converted. The world has forgotten the name of that old preacher, but the angels of God know him.—Methodist Protestant.

JUDSONIA METHODISM

Originally in a Baptist community with an organization of the Methodist Episcopal Church already established, Southern Methodism was not firmly rooted in Judsonia until within the last twenty years. However, in spite of difficulties, The Methodist Episcopal Church, South, has grown and is now a healthy and progressive body of Christian workers. The church building is a small, but substantial frame. The parsonage is a new and handsome bungalow. The present pastor, Rev. H. A. Stroup, is a Hendrix College and Southern Methodist University graduate, and has been very successful in rural community work, and with his experience may be expected to build up this thriving organization and make it one of the fine small stations of the North Arkansas Conference.

STRAWBERRY PLANTS

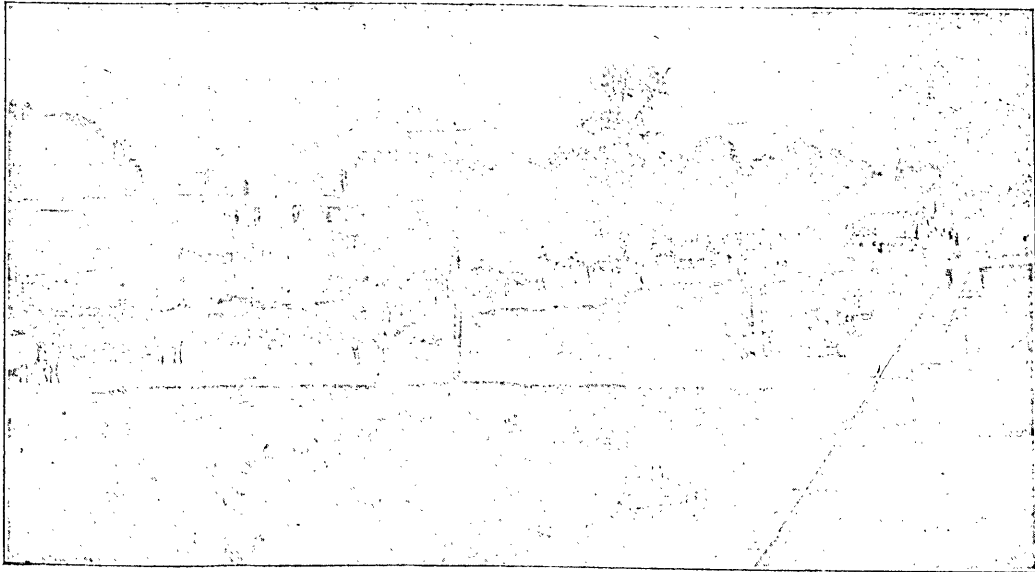
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JUDSONIA--White County

In the Heart of the Strawberry District



The above scene taken during the busy season explains the greatness of the strawberry industry of Judsonia

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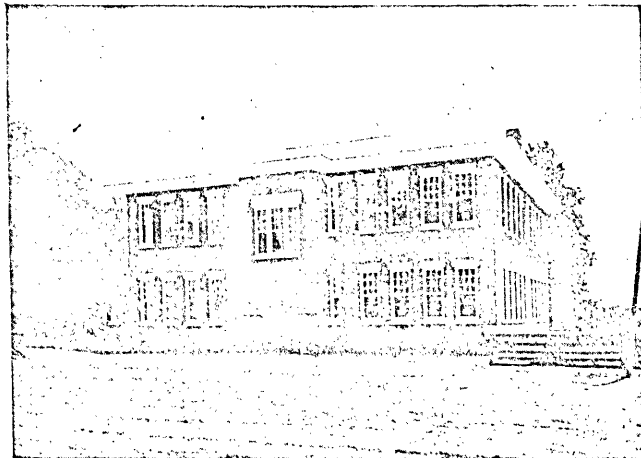
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JUDSONIA'S MODERN HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING

The Strawberry Industry, together with other agricultural products and the Enterprise Box Factory help make Judsonia a thriving city of prosperous people. There is prosperity for all in Judsonia.

BEEBE, ARK.

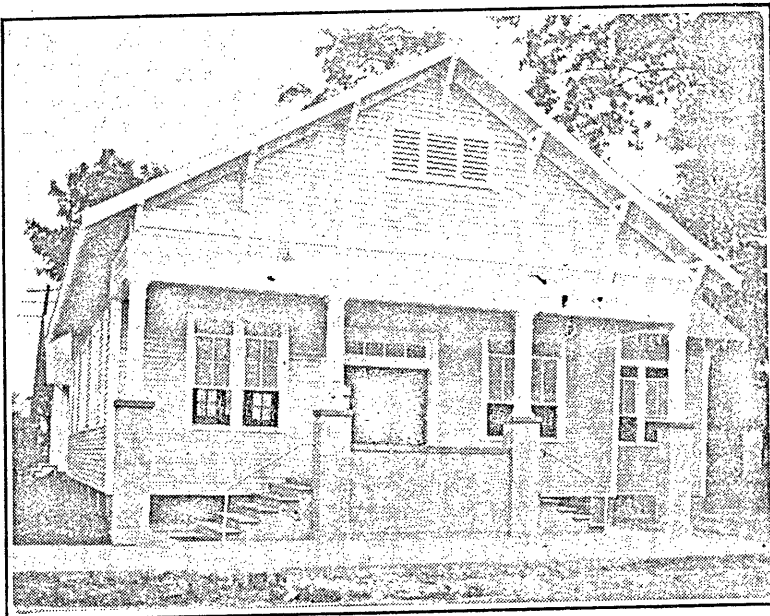
Beebe, situated 33 miles northeast of Little Rock and in White county, affords proof that a live community can be sustained in a district almost exclusively agricultural. The little city has a population of approximately 1,500 and, with the exception of a saw mill and an ice plant, is supported practically exclusively by agriculture.

As proof that the community is alive and that there is business possibilities, Beebe has two banks with combined resources of approximately \$500,000 and deposits totaling about \$400,000.

Practically all crops known to this latitude are grown around Beebe, but the greatest revenue is derived from cotton and fruit. About 7,000 bales of cotton are shipped each fall and many cars of fruit are shipped annually. Strawberry shipments in car lots are expected to be between 75 and 100 cars next spring. There will be several cars of radishes and a few cars of peaches shipped in 1928. Enough grapes are planted around Beebe to enable shipments in car lots as soon as the vineyards begin bearing and apples will be shipped in car lots within a few years.

Beebe's trade territory extends 15 miles south, 25 miles west, 10 miles north and 15 miles east. The retail trade is handled by approximately 35 business houses and one wholesale concern distributes its wares to the surrounding territory. The town has a weekly newspaper and a theater.

The public school system consists of one grade school, one high school



METHODIST CHURCH, BEEBE

and a junior agricultural college.

Five churches take care of the religious needs of the community.

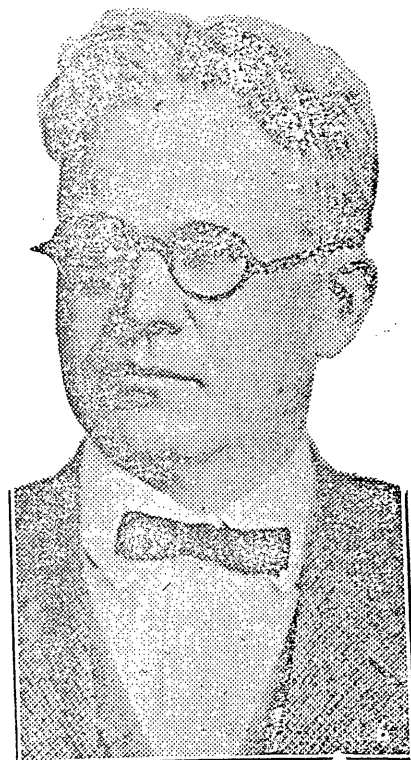
Beebe is on the St. Louis-Texas-Kansas main line of the Missouri Pacific Railroad and on the highway between Little Rock and St. Louis.

Building activities during 1927 included numerous residences, two mercantile buildings and a national guard armory costing \$15,000.

The building program for 1928 will include building for the Beebe Junior Agricultural College, authorized by the legislature of 1927. Paving districts are being formed to pave certain streets and preliminary work to supply the town with waterworks and sewerage has already been started.

Location of the junior agricultural

college at Beebe is the termination of a fight which proved the determination of the people of the town, once a move is started. Dr. W. H. Abington, state senator during the legislative sessions of 1923 and 1925 and representatives during the session of 1927, waged a hard fight in each of the session and finally was able to pass the bill to create the college. The school is being operated this year in connection with the Beebe high school with an enrollment of about 70 students. It is expected to have new buildings ready for the 1928-1929 term and the enrollment will be much larger. The college will enable residents of Beebe to give their children two years college work at a minimum cost.



DR. W. H. ABINGTON

Dr. W. H. Abington, of Beebe, is one of Arkansas' outstanding citizens, having spent a great part of his life in the development, and for the welfare of White County.

Dr. Abington, during the world war, held the rank of Major in the Medical Corps of the First Arkansas National Guards, later the 153rd Inf. of the 39th Division where he earned the name of being one of the most popular officers of that regiment.

BEEBE,

WHITE COUNTY ARKANSAS

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BEEBE'S UNIT SYSTEM SCHOOL BUILDING

Situated 33 miles north of Little Rock on the Missouri Pacific Railroad and the Pershing Highway, one of the busiest small cities between Little Rock and St. Louis. Six Churches, 58 business houses, one creamery, saw mill, planing mill, and cabinet factory makes Beebe an attractive location for your future home. Visit Beebe soon.

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