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THE BISHOPS' CRUSADE

(Correspondence between Bishop Arthur J. Moore, Director, Bishops' Crusade, and Dr. A. W. Wasson, Secretary, Foreign Department, Board of Missions.)

My Dear Dr. Wasson: You are in constant touch with all of the problems and possibilities of our work in the several foreign fields. To your desk come all of the requests for additional missionaries and increased support for the promising young churches we have helped to create in many lands. I would appreciate a statement giving your views as to what can be accomplished by the payment of the present indebtedness of the Board of Missions, and the seventy-five or eighty thousand dollars which will thus be released for a forward movement on our several mission fields. I believe the Church of America would be interested in a statement from you.

It is a personal joy to be associated with you in the creative enterprises of the Kingdom around the world. Sincerely yours, Arthur J. Moore.

Dear Bishop Moore: You ask me what can be done with the money that will be released when the debt of the Board has been paid. Many things leap to my mind as I begin to make out a list of things that are waiting to be done.

I think of the pleas of those two splendid leaders from abroad who have been assisting in the Bishops' Crusade, Bishop Cesar Dacorso of Brazil, and President T. C. Yang of China. With the passion and administrative genius of an Asbury, Bishop Dacorso is striving mightily to win Brazil for Protestantism. Brazil has the greatest undeveloped resources in the western world. Already she is the most influential country in Latin America and for good or ill that influence is destined to increase. Bishop Dacorso is calling for American missionaries to plant evangelical churches in new and rapidly growing communities. Surely we cannot fail to cooperate with such a leader in such a cause.

Dr. T. C. Yang is regarded by many as the best college president in China. Generalissimo Chiang Kai Shek, Ambassador Wellington Koo, and other notables send their children to Soochow University, the school from which he graduated and of which he is now president. Those who heard him in the Bishops' Crusade saw something of his deep religious faith, his personal religious experience, and his winsome personality. Before starting back to China he placed in my hands a list of some of the things which are needed to make Soochow University strongly Christian and to prevent it from falling behind in the educational advance of China. The list includes missionaries, buildings, and equipment, and an increase in the annual appropriation to the University. He is securing, and he expects to continue to receive, much more money from the Chinese patrons than from us. But our help is essential, both to help make up the total needed by the school and to leaven the whole and make it Christian. If we could put one-hundred-thousand dollars into President Yang's hands, that would help him secure another hundred thousand in China and no one can measure the impetus that would thus be given to the advance of the Kingdom of God in China and in the world.

I recall a meeting with Bishop Kugimiya and other leaders of the Japan Methodist Church in Tokyo in January of this year. We had dinner together in the same hotel in which the extreme militarists had barricaded themselves in February, 1935. The men with whom I was meeting were no less patriotic and devoted to their country, but what a world of difference

* **FOR THEIR ROCK IS NOT AS OUR** *

* **ROCK, EVEN OUR ENEMIES THEM-** *

* **SELVES BEING JUDGES. FOR THEIR** *

* **VINE IS OF THE VINE OF SODOM, AND** *

* **OF THE FIELDS OF GOMORRAH;** *

* **THEIR GRAPES ARE GRAPES OF** *

* **GALL, THEIR CLUSTERS ARE BITTER;** *

* **THEIR WINE IS THE POISON OF** *

* **DRAGONS, AND THE CRUEL VENOM** *

* **OF ASPS.—Deut. 32:31-33.** *

between the method by which they are trying to save Japan and the method by the extreme militarists. What a difference it will make to the world if the way of the Christian leaders prevails! It was an encouraging experience to hear these leaders of Japanese Methodism tell of their work. The drastic reduction in funds from America has placed suddenly a greatly augmented financial load upon the shoulders of Japanese Christians. They have responded nobly. The different lay leaders of the church reported that the laymen had made an especial effort and had raised a new fund of 25,000 yen in 1934 and again in 1935. In 1936 they increased this to 35,000 yen and they hoped to increase it to 40,000 in 1937. But even with this increase, many of the Japanese preachers are really suffering and Bishop Kugimiya is greatly handicapped in his administration by an unbalanced budget. I hope the Bishops' Crusade can give some relief to Bishop Kugimiya.

In Korea, since 1930, General Superintendent Ryang has been administering the work with devotion and ability in the midst of difficulties. Upon his shoulders also the reduction in funds from America has placed a cruel weight. He is eager and capable of leading well an advance. He is tantalized by the sight of unused opportunities for aggressive evangelization. I traveled with him across Manchukuo, and felt his contagious zeal for following with the Gospel the hundreds of thousands of Koreans who are moving into this rapidly developing country. He is asking for missionaries and money and has very definite plans for their placement and use. Here again if we want to win Asia for Christ, it is poor strategy to pass unheeded the call of a hard-pressed but able and consecrated leader, for reinforcements.

I have mentioned but a few of the things that come to mind when I think of the use that could be made of new money. The list could be added to from every field. I think of missionary doctors and teachers and preachers in every field, whose skilled energies are cramped by lack of equipment and the necessity of petty economies.

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I think of missionaries advanced in years, carrying double burdens and troubled because no successor is in sight. I think of a group of younger missionaries, men and women, whose hearts are eager to enterprise a new approach to the rural billions calling for funds for this new adventure. I think also of eager-hearted and trained young men here at home who are ready to go to the mission field as soon as funds are available. Enough has been said to show that the real difficulty in answering your question consists in weighing correctly the relative importance and urgency of the many worthwhile enterprises that clamor for consideration. I submit the following:

Proposed Future Use of That Part of Annual Income of Board Now Being Used for Payment on the Debt

1. Salary and allowance of 12 new missionaries (salary of man and wife varies from \$1,215 to \$1,624 according to field)	\$21,600
2. Outfit and travel to field for new missionaries	12,000
3. Increase of \$100 each in salaries of 112 missionaries (Basal salary for man and wife would then be from \$1,315 to \$1,724, according to field. Before the cut it was from \$1,500 to \$1,900.)	11,200
4. Aid in buying and building churches given on condition that an equal or larger amount is raised locally	15,200
5. Funds to be used in cooperation with National Christians for providing pastors' schools, salaries of preachers, Christian literature, and special evangelistic efforts	10,000
6. Improvement in equipment and additional grants to budgets of schools and hospitals	10,000
Total	\$80,000

With deep gratitude for the Bishops' Crusade and praying that it may open the doors of many hearts to the Spirit of God, I am, Sincerely, A. W. Wasson, Foreign Secretary.

IF I WERE A PASTOR

(Published on Request of Bishop A. J. Moore)

Old stuff, one says. So it is, and a little worn, but at that not threadbare. It depends upon the situation and partly upon the mood of the moment. This writer was a pastor for seventeen years (A presiding elder, believe it or not, for a year, viewing pastors from that high point of vantage), and has never quit looking at every church situation from the pastors' point of view. In our best moods it is with the eye of envy. When we think of what a pastor can do—far better than we ever did it, so clearly all that comes back now—over a business man's desk, in a home when there has been sorrow or sin, what a preacher at his best might say to a congregation of jaded, bewildered, yearning people in an hour like this, and of the pastor's influence with his congregation, hundreds of people, when their interest is sought and their cooperation in great projects.

Well, as we sat in the rally and felt the temperature rising, looked out upon the whole sweep of ground to be covered in the Bishops' Crusade, and heard Bishop Moore telling of the response of the people in the crowding interest, in the generous offerings they made abroad and were making at home, and heard him frankly say: "I do not share Dr. _____'s optimism when he tells you that it's going to be so easy from this point and on." We were thinking

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METHODIST EVENTS

Crusade Dinner in each church, April 23.
Crusade Cultivation Climax, April 25.
Batesville District Conference, Calico Rock, April 27-28.
Paragould District Conference, Piggott, April 27-28.
Little Rock District Conference, Geyer Sps., April 29.
Conway District Conference, Dardanelle, April 29-30.
Camden District Conference, at Fairview Church, near
Camden, May 4.
Searcy District Conference, Valley Springs, May 4-5.
Pine Bluff District Conference, Humphrey, May 5.
Fayetteville District Conference, Winslow, May 6-7.
Jonesboro District Conference, Osceola, May 6-7.
Texarkana District Conference, Ashdown, May 11.
Helena District Conference, Clarendon, May 11-12.
Ft. Smith District Conference, Dodson Ave., May 11-12.
Arkadelphia District Conference, at Sardis, near Spark-
man, May 12.
Prescott District Conference, Gurdon, May 18-19.
Pastors' Summer School, Conway, May 31-June 11.
Little Rock Conf. Y. P. Assembly, Conway, June 21-25.
Other events will be published as soon as given.

Personal and Other Items

MRS. FRANK SIMMONS and daughter, Miss
Mary Ellen, are now permanently located
at 208 Rosetta St., Little Rock.

THE BISHOPS' CRUSADE program will be
given over KTHS, Hot Springs, from 8:00
to 8:30 p. m., Friday, April 23.

REV. F. E. DODSON, our pastor at Harrison,
reports that on Easter Sunday he received
seventeen members and raised the Benevolences
in full.

FARM AND RANCH, the great agricultural
journal published in Dallas, Texas, in its
number of April 1, reproduced one of our arti-
cles on "Emotion and Farm Tenancy."

PRESIDING ELDER E. CLIFTON RULE an-
nounces that the Camden District Confer-
ence will meet May 4, 8:30 a. m., at Fairview
church, near Camden, and finish its work the
same day.

DR. W. C. WATSON, our pastor at Malvern,
writes that, while the Conference Treasurer
reported last week only \$250 paid on Benevo-
lences, actually \$450, or half of the acceptance,
had been paid; but suggested that possibly the
check had not been received when the report
was made.

PRESIDING ELDER J. W. MANN announces
that the Texarkana District Conference will
meet at Ashdown, May 11, and that Dr. Matt
Ellis of Hendrix College will deliver the prin-
cipal address at 11:00 a. m.

REV. D. N. WEAVER, superannuate of North
Arkansas Conference, who lives at 422 S.
19th St., Fort Smith, is confined to his bed, and
since the going of his wife, is very lonely. He
will appreciate messages from brethren.

FIRST CHURCH, HOT SPRINGS, at 6:30 p. m.,
April 23, commemorating the sailing of our
two first missionaries to China, and following a
banquet, will give a pageant, "Methodism
Marches On," with Mrs. J. L. Dedman direct-
ing it.

PRINCIPAL HENRY W. JINSKE, of the Chas.
P. N. Rix School, Hot Springs, superintendent
of our First Church Sunday School, has been in-
vited to deliver the graduating address for the
Vilonia High School where he graduated a few
years ago.

THE SUPREME COURT issue, as raised by
the President, is ably discussed by Charles
P. Taft in the April 10 number of The Saturday
Evening Post. It would be well for one to read
this before forming a final opinion of that inter-
esting issue. The quotations on the editorial
page are also worth reading.

REV. C. E. GRAY, our pastor at Imboden,
sending a good list, writes: "Things are
moving along in pretty good shape. They were
slow getting started, but they are much more
promising than they have been. I am hoping
for this to be a good year, and I hope it will be
a fine year for you and your force; may the Lord
bless you in your efforts to give us a great
paper."

THE ARKANSAS GAZETTE'S front page edi-
torial, on "The Supreme Court and the
South," in last Sunday's issue, is worthy of care-
ful consideration by every loyal Southern citi-
zen. It shows how much the South is indebted
to the Supreme Court during Reconstruction
days, and the inference is that now it might
again protect the South if Congress should enact
certain laws.

METHODISM MARCHES ON, as a united force
through Benevolences, is the title of a beau-
tiful illustrated brochure recently issued by our
General Board of Lay Activities. In a strikingly
graphic manner the uses of our various Benevo-
lences are presented. This strong Board is to be
heartily congratulate on this unusual piece of
literature. As a work of art it will be preserved
and appreciated in many Methodist homes.

DR. A. G. HENDERSON of Imboden, while
attending the meeting of the Arkansas
Medical Association, came in to have his paper
changed from Miami, Fla., where he had been
spending the winter. He is very enthusiastic
about the winter climate of Florida. He was ac-
companied by his son, Commander Henderson,
a retired naval officer, who was commander of
the ship on which President Harding made his
trip to Alaska just before his untimely death.

A PAGEANT, "SAVE AMERICA," by D. D.
THOMAS, has been given at the Manila
Church, of which Rev. J. M. Harrison is pastor.
Rev. J. H. Glass, Superintendent of the Arkan-
sas Anti-Saloon League, has obtained permis-
sion to use it and can furnish a transcript for
any church or school that would like to put it
on. It is an effective method of presenting the
evils of the liquor traffic, and may very prop-
erly be used for that purpose.

WE ARE MY WITNESSES, THE CHRISTIAN
STEWARDSHIP IN HIS CHURCH, and SPIRIT-
UALIZING CHURCH FINANCES, by George L.
Morelock, General Secretary of the General
Board of Lay Activities, are helpful pamphlets
on work that Christian laymen can do; and
Hidden Fangs, a pamphlet on the liquor traffic,
by W. B. Selah, pastor of our Central Church,
Kansas City, is fine. They are published by our
General Board of Lay Activities, Nashville, Tenn.
They are valuable, and every pastor should see
that his leading laymen have them.

ONE noted scientist warns us that more im-
portant than our investigations of the
stratosphere is the uplifting of the soul of man;
more revealing as a measure of progress than
the increasing number of telephone calls or tele-
graph communications is the kind of messages
we send.—Christian Observer.

IT will be a fortunate community in which edu-
cation for abstinence can keep pace with edu-
cation for indulgence. They who try to educate
for abstinence do not make money in proportion
as their education succeeds. They who educate
for indulgence have the strongest of all motives,
the cash motive.—Thos. Nixon Carver, Professor
of Economics, Harvard.

DR. LORINE PRUETTE, of the staff of the
psychological clinic of the Consulting Psy-
chologists of New York, has made a study of
the mental attitudes of old people to learn—to
learn new mechanical processes, new methods
of conducting business, new languages and
modes of speech, new social and political opin-
ions, new tastes for food. One of the astonish-
ing revelations that came out of these studies was
the ability of old people to learn.—Zion's Herald.

HON. D. L. FORD, State Revenue Commis-
sioner, announces that he is opposed to hav-
ing liquor stores on the highways, and has in-
structed revenue inspectors against accepting
applications for permits for liquor stores to be
located on the highways. Instructions were sent
also to inspectors that slot machines are not to
be licensed. This follows up Governor Bailey's
decree that gambling in Arkansas must stop.
We heartily approve this purpose of the Gover-
nor and Commissioner.

THE SOUTH'S LANDLESS FARMERS, by Dr.
ARTHUR RAPER, published by the Com-
mission on Interracial Co-operation, 710 Stan-
dard Building, Atlanta, Ga., price 10 cents, \$1.00
per dozen, is a valuable pamphlet, made up
largely from facts and conclusions found in
Raper's book, "Preface to Peasantry." The pic-
ture of conditions is not a pleasant one to con-
template; but Christian people of the South
need to know them and to undertake to improve
the conditions described as so disheartening.

THE ORPHANAGE ASSOCIATION of Men's
Bible Classes of the Virginia Conference at
a state meeting at the Orphanage voted unani-
mously to sponsor a campaign to place the Rich-
mond Christian Advocate in every Methodist
home in the Virginia Conference. This cam-
paign in the interest of an informed laity will be
launched immediately and the churches of the
Conference will be asked to designate the first
Sunday in February or the nearest possible
Sunday thereto as "Advocate Day."—Richmond
Christian Advocate.

ARKANSAS BAPTISTS for more than a year
have been in a vigorous and intensive cam-
paign to raise some \$250,000 in cash to take up
the bonded debt on most of their state institu-
tions. It was understood that, if the required
amount were secured by April 1, there would be
a large discount. The liberal terms of the credi-
tors and the urgency of the case conspired to
provoke unusual activity among the Baptist
churches of the State, and it has just been an-
nounced that the conditions have been met and
the institutions will soon be relieved of their
embarrassing debts. We congratulate our Bap-
tist brethren on this victory and predict for their
institutions increased progress and prosperity.

FORTUNATE is that graduate who leaves col-
lege with a sense of values which leaves him
unawed in the presence of great wealth, and
unstamped by the rush of Fascist and Com-
munist invectives. He will have self-respect
enough not to become a little brother of the
rich, selling the God-given honesty for a place
among those who believe that the means justi-
fies the end, if the end is their personal aggran-
dizement. He will also have the sense of dis-
crimination that enables him to see that all rich
men are not robbers, and all reformers are not
saints. He can face new political, economic, and
social theories unafraid, weighing their value
with the calm detachment of the scholar.—
W. M. Lewis, President of Lafayette College.

PENSACOLA

ST. AUGUSTINE, FLA., founded in 1565, and Santa Fe, New Mexico, founded in 1616, are usually considered the oldest cities in the United States; but there are those who claim that Pensacola is the oldest. In the literature of the Pensacola Chamber of Commerce is the following: "Miruela sailed into what is Pensacola Bay in 1516, just 24 years after Columbus discovered America, and 104 years before the landing of the Pilgrims at Plymouth Rock. It was 43 years later (1559) that the first permanent settlement was established by Don Tristram de Luna and his 2000 followers. However, after two years the settlement was abandoned. Succeeding years unfolded a turbulent history. For many years it was captured and recaptured by the French and Spanish. Under five flags has this little city lived and 17 times has her government changed. . . . Quaint old houses, old forts and dungeon passages recall struggles of the early Spanish and French. The City Hall Park stands as a permanent memorial of the transfer of Florida to the United States, General Andrew Jackson officiating."

I have no time to investigate the claims of the different cities; but give the statement above for what it is worth. Needless to say that Pensacola is a charming and challenging city.

Pensacola Bay, protected by Santa Rosa Island, is said to be the largest natural harbor in the South. The combined navies of the world could anchor in it. A concrete bridge connects Pensacola with this island and one of the finest beaches in America. With the exception of a few days, surf bathing is enjoyed the year around. On the western extremity of Santa Rosa Island is Fort Pickens, which guards the entrance to the harbor. On the mainland, just across the mouth of the bay, and nine miles from the heart of the city, is Fort Barrancas, headquarters of the Thirteenth Coast Artillery Corps, where some 3000 officers and men are trained in the summer camps. Fort San Marcos, only a few rods below Ft. Barrancas, was built in 1696 and rebuilt in 1781. During the Civil War there was much fighting around Pensacola; but Fort Pickens remained in the hands of the Federals during the entire period. The U. S. Air Station, near Fort Barrancas, is the largest air-training school in the Navy. All naval aviators are required to graduate from this Station. There are five landing fields, and some 250 planes are used for training.

Pensacola, with a population of 35,000, and at least 10,000 more nearby, has 68 manufacturing plants employing 1700 men; 66 wholesale houses, with annual business of \$13,350,000, and 494 retail establishments with annual business of \$12,750,000. There are two parks and 28 public play-grounds; 18 white, 9 colored schools and one vocational school; 32 white and 31 colored churches. The city is supplied with transportation facilities by the Louisville and Nashville and Frisco Systems, and these with their docks and coaling stations provide every convenience for loading and unloading steam-ships. Because of the forests around it, Pensacola has had a large lumber and naval stores industry. It is one of the important shipping points of the South. Now, as the forests are largely exhausted, the old stumps are becoming valuable. They are dynamited and shipped to a factory that makes many uses of them. I was greatly surprised that gum camphor is one of the by-products from the pine stumps. Fishing, both commercial and for sport, is fine, and even hunting in the surrounding forests is possible, as deer, squirrels, rabbits, doves and turkeys abound, and ducks and wild geese are found in the bays and bayous.

The residences are of various styles; but are home-like and usually surrounded with wonderful trees and shrubbery. Most of the streets are paved and hard-surfaced highways are fine. The city is growing rapidly, and new houses are seen in all sections, and several additions are building fast. The San Marcos Hotel is large and modern, and, with others, affords ample accommodations for winter visitors. With its fine bathing beaches, boating and fishing, and balmy winter climate, Pensacola is a very attractive resort. As it becomes better known, it will attract increasingly larger crowds. During my short stay I was given every opportunity pos-

sible by Dr. J. F. McLeod and others to see and understand this beautiful city and its environs. I suggest that travelers from the West and Northwest, who do not use their own cars, take advantage of the convenient service provided on the Frisco Lines between Memphis and Pensacola; and those who travel in their own cars will enjoy the good highways and a visit in this charming city.—A. C. M.

CIRCULATION REPORT

SINCE last report the following subscriptions have been received: Keo, J. L. Leonard, 4; Casa, A. L. Riggs, 4, finishes 100%; Harrison, F. E. Dodson, 1; Glenwood, Rosboro, C. D. Meux, 2; First Church, Hot Springs, J. L. Dedman, 1; Humphrey, W. C. Lewis, 3; Fordyce, J. M. Workman, by Mrs. Ed Spraggins, 11; Biggers-Success, J. B. Stewart, 4; Parkin, E. K. Sewell, 100%, 37; Bryant, L. O. Lee, 2; Magazine, J. W. Howard, 100%, 11; Piggott, Earle Cravens, 1; Imboden, C. E. Gray, 11; Columbus Ct., R. D. McSwain, 20; Monticello, J. M. Hamilton, 1; Desha Ct., McHue Church, L. R. Ruble, by Miss Inman, 1; Rowell Ct., Prosperity Church, W. D. Golden, 1. The good work of pastors is appreciated, especially the 100% Club lists. May this continue until all charges are 100%. It can be reached if each pastor will take the circulation campaign seriously. It should be just as easy as to have a 100% on Benevolences. If each pastor will just resolve that it shall be done, it will be. On with the good work!

ANTI-SALOONING IN SALINE COUNTY

LAST week I learned that Rev. J. H. Glass, state superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League, had an engagement to speak at four places in Saline County last Sunday. Having no engagements of my own, I asked permission to accompany him, and in his car, which had already measured 125,000 miles in behalf of prohibition, and with Rev. L. O. Lee, pastor of Bryant Circuit, we made the round. At 10:00 a. m., at Mt. Carmel, a church on the highway a few miles northeast of Benton, the Sunday School gave Bro. Glass its hour for an address. Then at Bryant he had the congregation for the regular preaching hour. After a hearty dinner at the home of Bro. Harding, we made the 25-mile run to Oak Hill church away up in the hills of North Saline Co., and had the 3:00 o'clock congregation. Then in a rapid run back through Benton we came to New Hope, and had supper with the McClains and met with the night congregation at New Hope church, about a mile and a half southeast of Benton.

Bro. Glass's coming had not been announced, so we had the regular audiences, and they were in goodly numbers, except at Oak Hill where the bad weather and almost impassable roads of the last three months had seriously interrupted attendance. At each place Bro. Glass, in a clear and forcible manner, presented the cause, and I followed in very brief remarks supplementing his fine addresses. Bro. Glass has accustomed himself to adapting his talks to the crowds that he was addressing. While he was presenting the same subject at each place, his talks were somewhat different. The collections were small, but probably all the people were able to give at this time. After hearing Brother Glass these four times I feel free to recommend him even more heartily than usual. He is undoubtedly doing just what he should do, and deserves the full support of those who are opposed to the present liquor traffic.

Some of the roads were hard surface, some graveled, and some merely dirt, but all are far better than when I traveled this country as P. E. between 1906 and 1910. The last time I was at Oak Hill, 28 years ago, I dedicated a beautiful new church, at that time one of the best in this section. It is still a well preserved church building. At each place I met a few people whom I had known in years ago. Although I had organized the New Hope Church about 30 years ago, there were still quite a number who were present at that time. A new road is being finished that will give better travel facilities between Benton and Perryville. As most of this country is very hilly and covered with second-growth forest, it is interesting to see it and the

changes that have occurred since I first knew it. Saline County voted dry last year, and will help to put the rest of the State dry.

Bro. Lee, the pastor, is popular and is doing fine work. The Benevolences will be paid, and he hopes to make the Bishops' Crusade a reasonable success. Five have been added to the church this year. The parsonage at Bryant has been much improved, and plans are under consideration for rebuilding the church at that place. A three-room annex will soon be completed at Mt. Carmel. Bro. Lee is one of our most useful young preachers and it is always a pleasure to visit with him.—A. C. M.

BOOK REVIEWS

We Pray Thee, Lord; by Roy Wallace Thomas; published by the Cokesbury Press, Nashville, Tenn.; price \$1.25.

These are studies of positive and creative prayer. They point out the true nature of effective prayer and suggest ways of correcting prayer attitudes and practices. In twenty well thought-out chapters the author presents some stirring and inspiring truths. If our hearts and minds will but grasp these and put them into practice, we shall be better qualified to co-operate with Christ through prayer to establish the kingdom of God on earth. The author says: "To pray as Jesus prayed is to change and cause change. It means to be socially creative." And again: "There is genius enough in the race to apply the principle of the New Testament, 'From every man according to his ability and to every man according to his need.' That this humane economic principle shall be incarnate not only in the hearts of a scattered few but also in social organizations, is the essence of 'first Century Christianity.' Any church or alleged Christian movement which does not put that principle in the forefront of its working program is practicing escape somewhere, fiddling while Rome burns." And further: "If we are not socially creative, we are not praying; if we are truly praying, we are socially creative. We then are investing our lives to make actual that Christian internationale without which the Lord's Prayer is a useless formula. Prayer is the method of change in the individual that releases the energy producing change in society, every day making more actual on our planet the social order of shared good."

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hard. Well, we said, these leaders, yes, presiding elders have their place, but right in the middle of it, the key man, surely, this time, stands the pastor, and as goes his enthusiasm, as stays his interest, so in the end the Crusade will come out.

And then came back that old feeling of envy, and we found ourselves saying, "If I were a pastor." It is a very personal thing, genuine, if one know one's heart, and so flits the "editorial we."

If I were a pastor, how glad I would be to stand in my place and lend a little hand. First of all, I think I would not wait until the good throb ceases, but take it at its strongest and yield to its compelling urge, and I would do it, not because the Bishops are calling or the Church lays it on me, but turning aside from innumerable, heavy burdens, backbreaking burdens, I would grasp this one for the love of it, the joy of it, step up a little onto another level, run this second mile, do this April 23-25 thing all the way through because I wanted to. Of course, I would have a supper in my Church, plan it, put on the memorial features and the educational frills, put on that pageant, arrange for the broadcast and get the people out to crowd any table or auditorium that might be available. If I were on a circuit, maybe I would do it one by one in the churches, or more likely bring the people together at some central place on the memorial night and bring to them in the best that I could plan with the good Lord to guide and help, the greatest missionary meeting that had ever been held in my church!

I am sure that out this way lies not simply a great burden of obligation but the lifting, lightening power of a great privilege and opportunity.—Editorial in World Outlook.

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plete,
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My church to me means home,
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walls
An undivided circle kneels in prayer,
As evening falls.

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own,
Who woos the sinful and consoles the
saint,
When tempest blown.

My church to me means Christ,
A sympathetic Christ, with boundless
love,
Who will not rest until each wayward
child
Is safe above.

My church to me means hope,
A never failing hope when night de-
scends,
For in that hour it lights the evening
lamp
And comfort sends.

My church to me means faith,
Triumphant faith, that clears the clut-
tered way
Toward that city where for us awaits
Eternal day.—George W. Wiseman.

Many Churches Are Licking Debt Demon

By BOB L. POOL

Division of Finance, General Board
of Church Extension

We are happy to broadcast the good news that Southern Methodism is in the midst of a joyous and victorious movement toward spiritual vitalization and debt-paying. From all sections of the Church there comes report of debts being paid in full or satisfactory payments being made. These statements apply to churches which do not have loans from this Board as well as to those which do have loans from us.

We express our most sincere thanks to all pastors and churches that have already achieved success in debt-liquidation and to those who are now engaged in this urgent adventure. The Board of Church Extension is grateful for having the opportunity of serving in this respect. We are glad, but humble, to say that since the institution of the Division of Finance, among other things through the efforts of this new service, church debts totaling \$67,378.34 have been paid. Eleven churches have paid their debts in full and 16 have made substantial payments.

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Has The Rural Church Failed?

To this question many would give an unqualified affirmative answer. As proof they could point to many abandoned rural churches; to many others that maintain only a struggling existence; to many rural pastors serving on starvation salaries. These and many other evidences could be brought forward in support of the proposition: "The Country Church Has Failed." Not, "is failing," but, "has failed." Its epitaph has already been inscribed on the door (where the door still hangs) of many a rural church, "Gone to rest." Others, all too numerous, are lingering in comatose state, just ready to "join the innumerable caravan" to that "bourne from whence no traveler returns."

Perhaps the most convincing evidence of rural church failure to the minds of Annual Conference Committees on Evangelism, Presiding Elders, Bishops, and the like, is the large number of churches reporting no additions on profession of faith, one hundred and seventy-five such in the Little Rock Conference last year. Every one will recall the sense of deflation that went round the District Institutes just after Conference, as the above fact was discoursed on and, by implication at least, the unfaithfulness and lack of diligence on the part of rural pastors declaimed. For practically all these churches are on rural charges. Rural pastors were so sat upon that they knew not what to say. And what could they say? There were the dotted lines in the column for "Additions on Profession of Faith" in the Journal, and one had only to count them to be able to point to that group who are responsible for the demise of so many country churches and for our snail's rate of increase in Conference growth.

The writer is not seeking to blink facts. The Journal does show 175 preaching places at least that reported no additions on profession of faith last year. And almost, but not quite, all these churches, or preaching places, are on the circuits. But with all that, the case of the rural church is not so bad as it seems. Counting the dotted lines only is superficial. A closer study of the Journal shows that there were only three charges in the Conference that did not report one or more additions on profession of faith last year. One of these was a circuit with seven churches served by a local preacher, who received a total salary of \$55 for the year.

For convenience sake in comparison I group the charges according to salary paid the pastor into those paying less than \$1000, of which there were 71 last year, and those paying \$1000 or more, of which there were 74. Not all the rural churches are included in the low salary group, but enough to substantiate the statements made and to show the trends. The seventy-one pastors in the low salary group reported a total membership of 26,832, or 38.2 per cent of the total membership of the Conference. They reported additions on profession of faith, 1,009 out of a total of 2,173, or 46.3 per cent. Again let it be noted that only two charges out of this group had no additions on profession of faith. The rate of increase for the whole group was 3.8 per cent. The rate of increase for the higher salary group was 2.7 per cent. The rate of increase for the rural charge is a little more than

40 per cent greater than the rate for the town and city charge. At least, this was the case last year.

Another angle. In the strictly rural group of charges one addition on profession of faith was gained for every twenty-five and one-half members; in the other group of charges, containing quite a lot of rural churches, there was one addition by faith to every 37.1 members. Had the line been drawn strictly between rural and urban churches the disparity in favor of the rural church would have been even greater. If winning people to Christ and adding them to the Church be taken as the criterion by which to judge, the rural church is still far in the lead of the urban church, notwithstanding there are many rural churches from year to year that have no additions. The rural pastors are succeeding in larger measure than their brethren in the towns and large city churches. The pastors of the large city congregation in the city, as for that, has difficulties that the rural pastor who has never been to the city knows nothing about. Likewise, the rural pastor today has problems and difficulties that the city pastor has forgotten. Let us remember that we are all brethren, working at the same great task each in his place. And let us accord honor and praise where these are due, casting no slurs even by implication, and not jumping to conclusions not warranted by all the facts.—R. H. Cannon.

A BENEFICIAL DEBATE

"Whatever may be the thought of the merits of the President's proposal for the transformation of the Supreme Court," says the writer of a letter to the New York Times, "they have done one good thing. They have given the citizens of the United States as a subject for widespread debate a fundamental constitutional question in which they are all interested and which they are eagerly discussing."

With that we agree and add that regardless of whether Mr. Roosevelt wins or loses, the debate has been wholesome, enlightening and of great value to all of us. There has been much heat but there has also been light.

First, perhaps, the citizen has learned anew that the fate of the nation depends upon the integrity of the nine men who make up our Supreme Court. At the same time they have learned that these men are human, even as you and we, that they are given to error, occasionally, it may be, because of unconscious prejudice of which all of us are guilty, for no man is free of such emotions.

The citizen has learned that by virtue of basing all truth upon majority opinion, there can be injustice as well as justice. Because majority is king, we judge things quantitatively rather than qualitatively. If more say so, it is true, though our better sense tells us that wisdom is limited to the few. But democracy is rule of the majority and so far it has proven the best system of government.

The citizen has learn that the number of justices on the court has been changed seven times, that two alleged efforts to pack it failed, and throughout it all the nation marched on.

Because the President's opponents have accused him of attempting to undermine the principles of consti-

tutional government, his defenders have been hard put to answer the charge and thereby the debate has had both sides doing some serious thinking.

The suggestion was made that laymen be named on the court. An obviously foolish proposal, yet it called the citizen's attention to the fact that the law is not a simple thing, that a lifetime of study cannot exhaust it, that the court's duty is to interpret the law, not make it.

The charge has been made that Mr. Roosevelt seeks a dictatorship, an allegation which he and his supporters deny. But the accusation and the denial have caused people to think seriously of what the rule of a dictatorship might mean.

And because of the proposal that Congress be given the power to override a Supreme Court decision declaring a law unconstitutional, the mildly informed have learned that ours is not a parliamentary form of government.

Yes, the debate may be putting goosebumps on the backs of the boys in Congress but to say the least it is giving the people something really worth while to argue about.—Arkansas Democrat.

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A SERIAL STORY Parsonage Family

By
SUSIE MCKINNON MILLAR

CHAPTER IX

"Grace ran into my study today to say that Mrs. Andrews had to go to New York on business the last of next week and Grace is to go with her. They'll stop at Atlantic City for the last of the season."

"Oh, but, Daddy, that's grand!" exclaimed Betty, dancing around the table and throwing her arms around Brother Howard. "She'll get to swim in the Atlantic Ocean. And I just know Mrs. Andrews will get her a perfectly swell bathing suit."

"Good thing Mrs. Jones can't see her in it," laughed Bob. "She'd think Grace was swimming straight to perdition."

"Hush, Son," warned Sister Howard. "You really must look only for the good in people, and quit calling attention to their unfortunate qualities."

"O. K. by me, Mother! I'll try. But you know the old girl has collected such a bunch of unfortunate qualities and wrapped them around her so thick, I'd like to know who can see anything else."

"She's very well informed," remarked Harriet dryly. "Nothing happens here in Dayton that escapes her eye. And you should just hear her recite her parsonage chronicle."

They all laughed until Brother Howard continued his account. "Grace is coming home tonight and will stay until the middle of the week. They leave Wednesday at midnight; play around in Atlantic City a while; then go on to New York, where, perhaps, they'll stay all the winter studying and enjoy-

ing the advantages offered there."

"It all seems strange and far away; so full of possible dangers," sighed Sister Howard.

"I feel the same way," admitted Brother Howard. "But I'm ashamed of myself to even permit such thoughts to flit through my mind. It is false to my trust in God's care. Our Grace will be safe in the hands of the Lord. Atlantic City is as near to God as Dayton. We can trust to His loving care."

"But, Daddy, you've got me all mixed up. You say Atlantic City and Atlantic Ocean. They are not the same are they?" demanded George. "Is there a Lantic River and Mountain, too?" I didn't know the Atlantic Ocean was really truly real. I just thought it was blue paint in the Gogfry to keep the United States from slipping off of itself."

They all laughed until George blushed as red as his head.

"Never mind, George," comforted his mother. "Grace will tell you all about it when she comes back from there. And you and I'll get Brother's Geography and learn lots of things about this old world."

"Bully for you, Muth! And you'll 'splain it all and I'll know everything about the world! Will it take long? But, of course, it will. I've lived here years and years, and I don't know all about it. If I live to be a hundred, will I be able to learn everything, Muth, truly?"

"Everything?" asked Brother Howard. "That's a large, large order, Son. That's a question time alone can answer."

George looked greatly distressed. "But I want to know it all. Every bit of all. If I can't learn that much, what's the use of wasting so much time going to school, I'd like to know?"

"You go to school to learn enough to teach you how to live a long and useful life, without collecting too many undesirable peculiarities," declared Bob, as he gave George a friendly tweak on the ear.

"What's the use," sighed George, "if you can't learn it all?"

"Be consoled, George," comforted

Woman's Missionary Department

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ZONE MEETING AT MORRILTON

The Central Zone of Conway District held its meeting at Morrilton March 25. Seven Societies were represented. Mrs. F. A. Lark, District Secretary, gave a very interesting talk. A lovely lunch was served at noon. Mrs. Critz and Mrs. Wiggins, Conference officers, were present in the afternoon and gave impressive and inspirational talks. Bro. Sherman, P. E. of the Conway District, and several other ministers were present. Oppelo Society invited the Zone to meet with them in June.—Zone Secretary.

YELLVILLE AUXILIARY

Members of Yellville Auxiliary spent a profitable afternoon at the home of Mesdames Lucian and Virgil West March 31.

Invitations having been extended to ladies of other local churches to meet with the Society in April, plans were made for this joint session. The traveling basket is being circulated and is proving an effective means of raising funds. A play to be given at an early date will be sponsored by the Society. Members were urged to attend the work meetings on Monday and Friday afternoons. A Peace Alcove was stressed in the reports on New Bulletin.

The highlight of the devotional service was the Scripture lesson, "Christ and the Race Problem," by Mrs. Melton, who chose two stories

Betty; "at the rate you ask questions now, I'd say you'll know practically everything before you are fifty."

(To be continued)

from the New Testament to illustrate Christ's attitude toward foreigners.

During the social period members were given an opportunity to inspect the News Poster; also to make their contribution to the Missionary fund. Delicious refreshments were served.—Mrs. Lucian Layton, Supt of Publicity.

MANSFIELD AUXILIARY

Our monthly meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Halliburton. Mrs. Blassingame, president, presided. Fifteen members and three visitors attended. After regular business session Mrs. Fitzpatrick led the program, which was presented by Mrs. E. Gilliam, Miss Ruth Lyle, Mrs. Carroll Jones and Mrs. Hodges.

Study subject: "World Evangelization."

Bro. Lark, pastor, led the devotional service with an interesting talk, after which delicious refreshments were served by the hostess, and a social hour was spent.

Our presiding elder, Bro. Johnston, occupied the pulpit here last Sunday evening after which the Quarterly Conference was held.—Mrs. R. S. Wilson, Supt. of Literature.

HUTTIG AUXILIARY

The Society held its open meeting March 29, with Mrs. J. W. Thomas and Mrs. H. F. Mayfield as co-hostesses.

Mrs. Thomas led the program on Christian Education. Prayer by Mrs. J. S. Montgomery. A poem, "The Master's Seat," was impressively read by Mrs. Thomas.

Christian Education, Mrs. A. G. Stephenson; Holding Institute, Mrs. Montgomery; Valley Institute, Mrs. J. W. Watson; Sue Bennett, Mrs. D. E. Thomas; Bulletin News, Mrs. J. E. Gathright.

A salad course was served and a social hour was enjoyed.

The closing of the first quarter was a busy one. The Finance Chairman, Mrs. C. H. Tillman, has been leading a very intensive campaign to raise the necessary funds to meet

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our financial obligations, to which we added a little more just before Christmas, when we presented the parsonage and Bro. and Mrs. Thomas a new three-piece overstuffed living-room suite. The sum of \$92.35 was raised this quarter.

We have just finished the Bible Study and will begin the first Missionary Study Book this month.

Although the Auxiliary is small in number, the members are faithful and loyal and a beautiful spirit of fellowship exists.—Mrs. H. F. Mayfield, Supt. of Publicity.

PARKIN AUXILIARY

Our Missionary Society met April 6 in the home of Mrs. Golden Moore with 18 members present, also our pastor. We have completed the planting of shrubs and hedges around the church grounds, which is a great improvement. The painting of the parsonage was begun, but owing to the buffalo gnats we had to stop until they are gone before we can finish. We also have some good walks down in the parsonage yard. We are going right on with some of the payments on all of this work as we are having it done so we'll not owe very much when it is finished. We will have all church property in fine condition soon. All of our members are cooperating in the undertaking. We are meeting all of our other requirements and helping where we can in every way. Our attendance at meetings is usually good. Both circles are doing fine work.—Mrs. W. C. Drummond, Supt. of Publicity.

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Christian Education

SELECTING A COLLEGE

By PERCY GOYNE, Field Secretary, Hendrix College.

This paper is seriously presented as a matter of interest to parents who have children ready for college or to citizens who have a pride in their State and who may be in a position to advise with high-school graduates concerning colleges they have in prospect.

The statements in this paper are written from knowledge gained through several years of active experience in the field by talking with parents and prospective college students and by observing the methods and tactics used by representatives of various out-of-state schools.

The question of selecting a college for their son or daughter is an important one for parents. It is also important to the student and to the State. The great majority of parents are anxious to give their children the best in quality that they can afford.

The average high-school graduate is apt to have all sorts of illusions about college and its activities, and some college representatives are taking advantage of these illusions by painting pictures of their colleges entirely too bright and by using high pressure methods and, in many cases, actual misrepresentation.

High-school graduates in Arkansas and their parents are subjected to an educational "racket" conducted on a low commercial plane by about fifty out-of-state colleges that send high pressure salesmen into Arkansas. One of these colleges spends annually some \$75,000 on literature and on her ten or fifteen year-round salesmen and on many part-time salesmen. One of these colleges narrowly escaped foreclosure a year ago, and yet, by these high pressure methods and expensive misleading literature, drew away a number of girls from good Arkansas homes. These colleges are taking out of Arkansas large sums of money annually, considerably in excess of \$100,000. They give to the boys and girls an education inferior to that which they would receive in some Arkansas colleges for less money.

These colleges seem to regard Arkansas people as soft and gullible. For their canvassers it is open season in Arkansas throughout the year. We are more sorely afflicted with these "racketeers" than is any other state in the Union. In fact, their methods are a reflection upon us. They would not dare use their methods in some states. Three of these colleges located in another state draw only a small fraction of their students from home territory. The people there know the colleges. These salesmen seem to feel that they can fool Arkansas though they fail to fool their own people.

A favorite method of these canvassers is to scatter scholarships promiscuously, and in the case of a specially prominent prospect almost give the year's expenses to secure the student's influence to lead a substantial group of their friends. They can give scholarships rather freely because the charges are high. Even after the scholarships are deducted the cost is higher than at schools in Arkansas. The inducements which these canvassers and their literature play up are not higher educational services, but are



PERCY GOYNE

usually some external appeal, such as horseback riding, trips to nearby cities, swimming, and expensive social affairs.

Our Arkansas people should learn that these high pressure salesmen themselves are evidence of inferior educational offerings and that the schools, desperate for students, are compelled to resort to these extraordinary methods in order to live. Used upon thoughtful parents and prospects, these methods should defeat their very object. Should superintendents, high-school principals and other informed citizens not resent this reflection upon our State and people and make it so uncomfortable for these salesmen that their visits will be unprofitable?

It is far better that Arkansas boys and girls receive their college training in their home State. They form acquaintances which will later become business as well as social assets. They help to develop already strong colleges into still more powerful institutions. "Who will build Arkansas if her own people do not?" Moreover, trained in home colleges, Arkansas boys and girls will know more about their State, will be better citizens, and will contribute more to the development of their State. When educated away from home, they build up an inferiority complex respecting their own State and become measurably aliens at home. One thoughtful father in the capital city recently said that his daughter by attending an Eastern college had practically been ruined, so far as a normal happy life in Arkansas is concerned. She imbibed the attitude that there is nothing good enough in Arkansas for her and that no Arkansas institution is worth while. If our people took the same attitude towards home merchants that many of these people take towards their home colleges, the State would soon be economically ruined. Often these people who send their children to out-of-state colleges are loud in their appeals for loyalty to Arkansas business and industries.

Many students who go out of the state become disillusioned and in some way discover that there are better colleges at home than they are attending. Hendrix one year had nineteen transfers of such students who had been taken out by high-pressure methods. Unfortunately, many students do not learn their lesson and are permanently injured and the State is a sufferer

from their mistakes. If high-school superintendents, principals, teachers, and pastors, and thoughtful parents would join in a cooperative effort to defeat the ends of these "racketeers," soon these colleges would withdraw their salesmen. Our people must learn that the weaker the college, the more it is likely to spend on advertising and the more desperate its methods of solicitation will be.

The genuine college, in seeking students, endeavors to emphasize in the minds of parents and prospective students not cheapness nor external glitter, but the genuine and lasting ideals of higher education. The genuine college calls attention to advantages such as stimulating environment, good moral atmosphere, competent faculty, and high standing in academic circles. However, these honest methods are frequently ineffective with students spoiled by high-pressure salesmen. Some prospects are on the auction block and practically say to the solicitor: "Here I am; what will you give me?" This auction-block system and scholarship "racket" foster paternalism, an idea of getting something for nothing, and an inferiority complex concerning Arkansas and her institutions.

Shall we Arkansas people team in saving our boys and girls from these "racketeers?"

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"YOUTH ARE BETTER," SAYS THE SENIOR BISHOP

Bishop Edwin D. Mouzon, late Senior Bishop in our church and President of the General Board of Christian Education, said in an interview while in attendance upon the centennial session of the five Texas Annual Conferences last autumn, that "American youth today is more wide awake mentally and more interested in moral questions than any generation since the World War. There is no question that young people are, as a whole, leading better moral lives in 1936 than they were in 1926 or even five years ago.

"This reawakening of moral consciousness in the younger generation is due to two main factors," he said. "The first is the reaction to the Jazz Age, which has passed out of the picture now. The second reason for this change is that the church stepped into the breach and met the demand for spiritual guidance with a vigorous campaign to bring young people close to the fold.

"Today, we have for our young people a body of splendid teachers and leaders who are doing fine work. Never before have we had so many young people interested in church affairs, and never before has there been such a fine set of young people. I think I can afford to be optimistic about the future of the church with this youth movement in full swing."

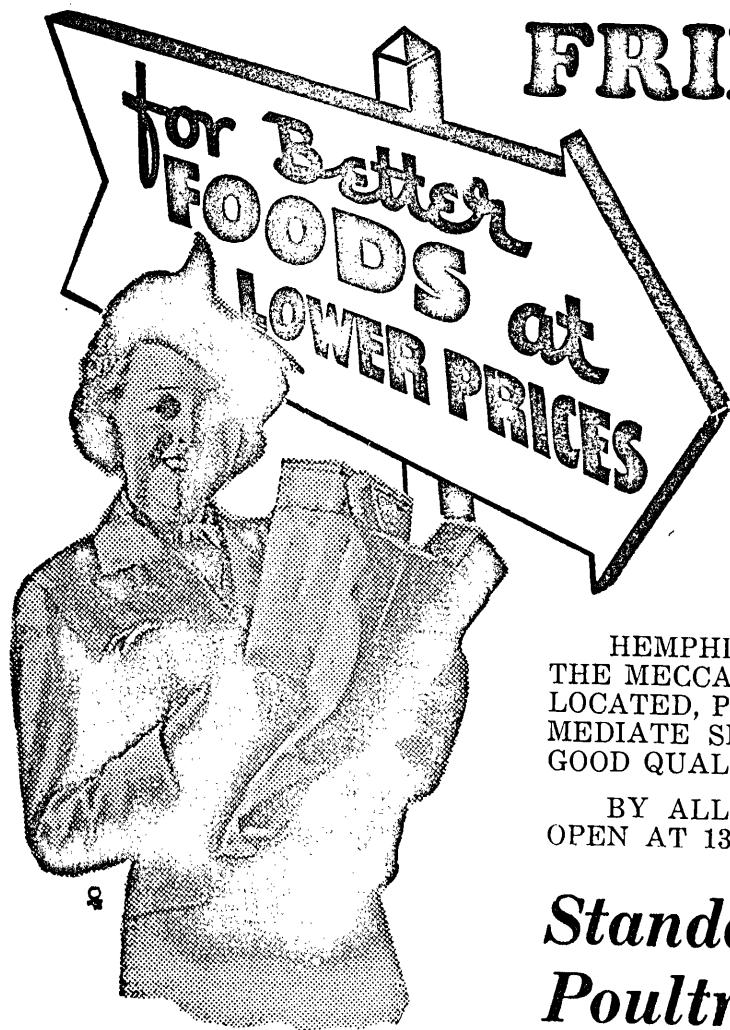
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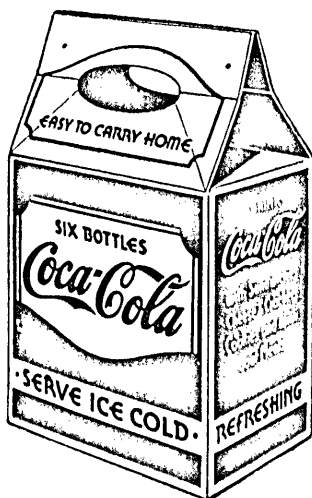
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CHURCH NEWS

HEAR BISHOP'S ADDRESS

North Arkansas Conference churches desiring to hear the Bishop's address Friday, April 23, 8:00 p. m., should tune in on KGH, Little Rock, or KTHS Hot Springs.—O. E. Goddard, Director Bishops' Crusade.

DATES FOR GENERAL BOARDS MEETINGS

Board of Finance, April 26, St. Louis, Mo.
Board of Church Extension, April 27, Louisville, Ky.
Board of Christian Education, April 28, 29, Nashville, Tenn.
College of Bishops, April 30-May 1, 2, Nashville, Tenn.
Board of Missions, May 4, 5, 6, Nashville, Tenn.
Board of Lay Activities, August 10-12, Lake Junaluska, N. C.

CAMDEN DISTRICT CONFERENCE

The Camden District Conference will meet at Fairview Church on the morning of Tuesday, May 4, at 8:30. The work of the Conference will be concluded on that day. The members of Fairview Church and of the community will serve the noon meal at the church. Fairview is located near the consolidated school of that name and the paper mill south of Camden. Take the Camden-El Dorado Highway and inquire at Cullendale, the paper mill, for the church.—E. Clifton Rule, P. E.

MAGAZINE

Our work is moving along very well. Our congregations are growing. We paid our Conference Claims in full on the charge two weeks before Easter and our Sunday Schools are growing. We taught a Training class in which there were thirteen credits earned. We are hoping and praying for a great revival on the entire charge.—J. W. Howard, P. C.

SUNDAY, APRIL TWENTY-FIFTH

This ought to be a great day in every Methodist Church in Arkansas. In many cases the Friday night supper will not have been held. In country places it was often difficult to have it. Even in towns and cities it was sometimes crowded out by other matters. But Sunday is ours. The church has the right to this day and should make the most of it.

Where a successful supper, dinner or banquet was held it will still be possible to get offerings from many who did not attend the Friday evening meeting. By all means give them a chance on Sunday to contribute. In all cases, city or country, where no Friday night meeting was held make a supreme effort to have an offering for the Crusade taken in every church. It will be a pity for any church or any preacher not to get in on this first part of the Crusade. It will not be easy for those who neglected the bringing in of tithes and offerings to get the outpouring promised to those who bring in their tithes and offerings. It is most likely that the church and the preacher that does not get in on the financial part will decline in spiritual power and efficiency. It was so in the Centenary. Some churches and some preachers were greatly enriched by the Centenary. Others who dodged the Centenary were never the same again. Something went out of their

lives that never returned. Please do not trifle with these God-given opportunities for enriching the church and increasing personal efficiency of preachers. Make the most of April twenty-fifth.—O. E. Goddard, Director.

ARK. METHODIST ORPHANAGE

As is known by Methodism generally, the Arkansas Methodist Orphanage was organized and incorporated March 18, 1899, and since that time has performed what the writer believes is a wonderful service for the distressed children of our State.

The past week has been one of unusual interest. First of all, a gentleman from Arkansas wrote me that he had given the Arkansas Methodist Orphanage \$175 in his will, and in addition to that, he was shipping to us a historic ward-robe that had been in his family for years. The writer was eighty years old and is very much afflicted.

I believe that all individual Methodists in the State are in sympathy with us in our efforts to carry on and where they get any kind of encouragement from our preachers, they help us in a substantial way.

It is needless for me to say, as I have said it so often, that we right now need financial help and I wish every reader of this article would send us anywhere from one dollar to one thousand dollars. You cannot do a more Christ-like thing.

Everything at the home is in good condition. The children are happy and all are in school who are of school age.

Earnestly desiring an interest in the prayers of our people, I am, yours truly,—James Thomas, Executive Secretary.

ENGLAND CHURCH DEBT PAID

Doubtless you and a host of our friends, throughout the Little Rock Conference, know that England Methodism has been laboring under the burden of a heavy church debt for a great many years. At the beginning of this Conference year, the debt, including principal and interest, amounted to something over \$10,000. Mr. G. W. Morris, a member and official in the church, held the notes. Throughout the years of depression, he had not asked for any sort of settlement. But when business began to pick up, he and other members of the church thought it was time to do something about the debt. Mr. Morris kindly and generously offered to make settlement for six thousand dollars. The stewards of the church, led by J. B. Duncan, chairman of the Board of Stewards, and E. A. Carl-Lee, treasurer, had a meeting and planned to wipe out the debt at once. The membership has been seen—some members more than once—and consequently, we have met Brother Morris's offer and the debt is a thing of the past.

All Hail to Methodist Stewards. Whenever they make up their minds to do a piece of work, that work can be done. We are all happy because we have paid this old debt, and we want our friends to know about it and rejoice with us. Sometime later in the year we plan to hold a "Jubilee" occasion down here, having the Bishop with us and all former pastors. Invitations to that affair will be sent out in due time.

At our Easter service we received a class of 24 into the church. Baptized six infants and eight adults. Total received for the year is 28—14 by vows. We are going forward

with the whole program of the church, and will have a full report at Annual Conference. Our people are in fine spirits and this pastor's heart is glad to be among such a group.—Van W. Harrell, P. C.

FIRST CHURCH, BLYTHEVILLE

We have been graciously received at Blytheville. Have received 75 into church. Dr. Potter, our beloved elder, and Rev. Lyman Barger, of Dyess Colony, assisted us in a pre-Easter meeting. We have made substantial contributions to the Methodist Orphanage, Superannuate Endowment, Ministerial Education, Fourth Sunday for Missions, Sunday School Day, Church Debt, and local improvements. \$1500 has been paid on Conference Claims, the other \$150 will be paid by District Conference, May 6. A church secretary has been employed, and salaries increased and are paid to date. The Sunday School attendance has come back to and above normal. More than 50 new members have been added to the Missionary Society rolls. A weekly Church Bulletin is published and is mailed as second class matter. Plans are in process for the required observance of the Bishops' Crusade. Christian Advocate is in homes of all stewards. Vacation Bible school scheduled to begin May 31.—H. Lynn Wade, P. C.

CENTENNIAL CHURCH, EL DORADO

Pre-Easter services were conducted in the Centennial Church, El Dorado, during the entire Passion Week. Bro. Wilkes brought us a challenging message on the opening night, and the pastor, Bro. Alston, conducted the following services.

The entire membership was revived in a spirit of consecration. We are happy to note that 20 new members came into the fellowship of the church at this time, ten by letter and ten on profession of faith.

The meeting was closed by a beautiful sunrise prayer service, at which time five children were dedicated in the sacred service of baptism.

We are truly grateful to our heavenly Father for these fruitful services, and pray that his Kingdom has been forwarded greatly in similar services all over our Conference.—Julia Reid.

EUREKA SPRINGS

Sunday night, April 4, we closed a very successful revival in our church. Rev. E. T. Wayland, our Presiding Elder, did the preaching. Brother Wayland is an excellent preacher. The church was strengthened and its membership increased under the inspiration of his sermons. We were glad to have Mrs. Wayland with us also. She did some very effective personal work. The other churches of the town cooperated in a fine way.

At the close of the Sunday morning service, we received 15 young people and adults into church. This brought the number of persons joining the church during the revival to 18.

We have two-thirds of our acceptance on Benevolences in cash. We are turning our attention from now until April 25 to the Bishops' Crusade, and are making our plans to observe it according to the program outlined.

We have a 100 percent list of subscribers to the ARKANSAS METHODIST.—J. T. Byrd, P. C.

RESOLUTIONS BY THE WHITE COUNTY MINISTERIAL ALLIANCE

Whereas Governor Carl E. Bailey has taken such a firm and courageous stand in regard to the enforcement of the laws against gambling in the State; and, Whereas we are convinced that this is not just a temporary action on his part, but his settled conviction and purpose for his entire term in office; and, Whereas this stand on the part of our Chief Executive is of such value and importance for the promotion of law-enforcement and civic righteousness; Therefore, Be It Resolved by the White County Ministerial Alliance, in session at Kensett, Arkansas, on April 2, 1937, that

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we express to Governor Carl E. Bailey our sincere appreciation of his action along this line, and that we pledge to him our whole-hearted cooperation and support in the field of law-enforcement. Unanimously adopted.

Whereas the State Revenue Department, under the personal leadership of Commissioner D. L. Ford, on last Saturday, March 27, acting on information secured through its undercover men, made a number of raids in White County, securing between forty and fifty cases of liquor; and, Whereas this information was secured and these raids made in such an efficient and effective manner, and have resulted in such a wholesome effect; Therefore, Be It Resolved by the White County Ministerial Alliance, in session at Kensett, Arkansas, on April 2, 1937, that we express to Commissioner D. L. Ford and to his Department our sincere thanks and appreciation for this action on their part, and that we pledge to him and to his Department our cooperation and support in future acts of law-enforcement in White County along these lines. Unanimously adopted.—J. I. Cossey, President; A. G. Walton, Secretary.

DEBT-PAYING AT FIRST CHURCH, FT. SMITH

At a check-up meeting on Tuesday night, we were within a thousand dollars of our goal of the Debt Retirement Campaign. There is no doubt that the entire amount will be pledged within the next few days, and by Annual Conference we shall be ready to dedicate our Church. We are happy over the success of the effort. Bishop John M. Moore was with us last Wednesday night, and by his fine leadership gave us the impetus necessary to carry through successfully.—H. C. Henderson, P. C.

GLENWOOD-ROSBORO CHARGE

Easter week services at Glenwood Church, held by the pastor, Rev. C. D. Meux, resulted in 22 additions to the church on profession of faith.

A similar revival was held by the pastor the week following Easter at Rosboro Church, resulting in five additions on profession of faith and three by certificate.

This makes 49 additions to the Glenwood-Rosboro Charge since Conference, 28 on profession and 21 by certificate.

Two abandoned churches, County Line, and Mt. Tabor, have been reopened by this pastor. Regular preaching services are being held and Sunday Schools have been organized.—Reporter.

TEXARKANA CIRCUIT

The Texarkana Circuit Board of Stewards met in the home of Bro. A. L. Meador Monday evening, March 29, with Bro. R. R. Woolard, our Charge Lay Leader, presiding. Mrs. Mann voiced the opening prayer. After the business session Bro. Arthur Terry, pastor of Fairview Methodist Church, gave a very interesting talk on Missions, followed by Mrs. T. V. Reed, who read a lovely paper on "The work of the W. M. S. and what it means to us."

The Texarkana Circuit is doing a fairly good work this year by keeping up with the pastors' salary, Conference Claims, and other pledges. Our next meeting will be in the home of Bro. Butler, the evening of April 26.

Closing prayer voiced by the pastor, Bro. J. L. Simpson, after which

the hostess and her daughters served a very refreshing plate to 27 members.—Mrs. Kate Vanderbilt.

CHURCH-WIDE PASTORS' CONFERENCE

At Lake Junaluska, N. C., July 13-18, an unusual Conference will be held. There will be Open Forum Discussions. The program is in preparation. The following subjects will be presented: "The Preacher and Present Day Social Problems"—(Four addresses), by Dr. Halford E. Luccock, Divinity School, Yale University, New Haven, Conn.; "Preaching"—(Four addresses), by Dr. Albert Edward Day, Pastor, Mount Vernon Place Methodist Episcopal Church, Baltimore, Md.; "Living Religion"—(Four addresses), by Dr. Hornell Hart, Professor of Social Ethics, The Hartford Theological Seminary, Hartford, Conn.

Conference sermon, July 18, Bishop U. V. W. Darlington. Make your plans to attend.—W. F. Quillian.

"Rambler" Praises Conway

George M. Moreland, whose "Tri-State Rambles" have been a popular feature in the Memphis Commercial Appeal for many years, devoted his column recently to a highly complimentary article on Conway.

Under the caption "Athens of Arkansas," Mr. Moreland's story of Conway follows:

Sometimes we refer to Boston as "the Athens of America" because of the high standard of culture existing there, its many colleges and universities and the interest its people evince in the cultural and educational advancement of America.

If Boston is entitled to that honor as an American city, and most people agree that it is, then the tidy little Faulkner county city of Conway is equally entitled to be called "the Athens of Arkansas."

One naturally thinks of colleges and culture when the word Conway is mentioned. It is the seat of more colleges, and all excellent institutions, too, than any other community in Arkansas. Its oldest college, Hendrix, the property of the Methodists of Arkansas but strictly non-sectarian in its work, is one of the notable institutions of higher education in the South. Recently celebrating its fiftieth year, it is also one of the oldest colleges in Arkansas, though not the very oldest.

Central College, a junior college for girls supported by the Baptists of Arkansas, and Arkansas State Teachers College, a state supported institution, are the two other colleges located at Conway.

And Conway is an interesting community. It is about 30 miles out of Little Rock on U. S. Highway No. 65. Seated in a cup-like valley a few miles from the Arkansas river, Conway has a superior location insofar as health is concerned. The hills surround it in its classical valley and the mists hang heavy over those sun-bathed hills.

For many years a college center, Conway is famous for the high quality of its morals. It is clean physically and it is clean morally and its beautiful residence streets are amply shaded and well paved. Its afternoon newspaper should find a place in the interesting column by Neal O'Hara, "Pull Up a Chair." It bears the unusual title, certainly an odd

name for a newspaper, the Log Cabin Democrat. It is interesting to note that the great Opie Read once served as a reporter on its staff.

The stately buildings of Hendrix College adorn its lovely campus in the northern suburbs, while the new and thoroughly modern buildings of Arkansas State Teachers College are located on the city's opposite side. The quaint old building that houses the Central College girls is nearer to the city's center.

The drive from Little Rock to Conway is interesting. Hill succeeds hill and now and then the highway dips down into somnolent valleys, one being the narrow valley of Palarm creek. That creek suggests a tragic period in the history of Arkansas, the Brooks-Baxter war during the "carpetbag era." The steamer "Hallie," manned by loyal sons of Arkansas, ascended the Arkansas river. At the mouth of Palarm creek the "carpetbaggers" fired upon

them from the shore, injured the vessel which drifted downstream, many being injured and a few killed. The episode is known in Arkansas history as "the battle of Palarm."

Yes, Conway is interesting and the country thereabouts is likewise filled with enthralling annals of yesterday.

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M. and A. Railroad Will Aid Industry

Louie Watkins, manager of the Missouri and North Arkansas railroad, which has its general offices at Harrison, is starting an industrial and agricultural development campaign along his line, and it will be pushed vigorously during 1937.

"It is surprising the things one will find in his front and back yards in north Arkansas, if he will stop a minute and look for them," Mr. Watkins said in an interview. "I have spent much time the last few months looking over the front and back yards of our railroad, and everywhere I look I see raw material in large volume, which, if developed, would increase the revenues of this section of the state and give our road a big boost in tonnage."

Mr. Watkins not only has found this raw material but has spent much time investigating markets for it. He has negotiated with several outside concerns who use this material and expects to have new plants grinding away on it, on his railroad, before the year is ended.

The program instituted by Mr. Watkins for 1937 constitutes four divisions: Mineral, stone, agriculture and timber.

Many Minerals Available In M. and A. Territory

The minerals consist of zinc, lead, manganese and iron pyrites or mundig. Zinc is found along the M. and A. in Carroll, Boone, Newton, Searcy and Marion Counties. During the World War thousands of tons of zinc carbonate, silicate and jack were shipped from this area, and mining camps by the dozen sprang up over night in many sections. Ore was high then, and the revenue developed from this industry was enormous for several years. After the war, the price of ore dropped and the industry has been inactive.

The price has advanced recently and prospecting and mining have started again in a small way. Mr. Watkins proposes to get behind this industry and give it a friendly push occasionally. Carbonate ore can be mined at a small profit at the price today. The principal drawback is lack of a market. A miner operating in a small way cannot accumulate a carload of ore before he sells because of lack of finance.

There is no local market for small lots. Mr. Watkins will establish a market, where the miner can sell in lots as low as 100 pounds. He has employed John Dirst, a pioneer zinc miner, as a buyer, and he will buy ore at any station on the railroad. Lead ore, which is mined in Searcy and Newton Counties, within reach of the line, will be handled in the same manner.

The manganese deposits adjacent to the M. and A. have not yet been fully explored, but Mr. Watkins is working on them now. Those de-

posits lie east of Marshall, in Searcy County, extending over the line into the south part of Baxter County, in the vicinity of Big Flat. The ore bodies are rather extensive but more investigation has to be done on grades and markets.

Another interesting mineral found by Mr. Watkins in his investigations of the last several months, is a deposit of iron pyrites, or mundig, which was discovered adjacent to the railroad, in Searcy County, near Leslie. Apparently there is a large deposit of this mineral. Drilling will start on the deposit soon to determine its boundaries. Iron pyrites is known as "fool's gold," and many amateur miners have found it, and thought themselves rich until this hope was exploded by an essay. In a manner "fool's gold" is right, because most of the iron pyrites in north Arkansas carry a trace of gold. Its principal value, however, is for the sulphur it carries, and if this deposit proves up and is worked, it will be worked for the sulphur it contains.

Development of Stone Industry Contemplated

During the last few months Mr. Watkins has determined that valuable marble deposits exist in the M. & A. territory. They extend from Harrison south to Leslie. These marbles are divided in four families: the St. Joe, St. Clair, Boone limestone and black. The St. Joe is found in large beds near St. Joe, in Searcy County; the St. Clair, a little further south, in the vicinity of Gilbert; the Boone limestone in Boone County, from which it takes its name, and the black marble near Leslie.

Black marble has been quarried at Leslie for a number of years, but the stratas are thin and operations have not been carried on there for some time. North of Leslie, however, Mr. Watkins has found several deposits of black marble that run in thick, heavy ledges, from which any size commercial blocks can be quarried.

The floors in the lobby of the beautiful Seville Hotel in Harrison are laid in black and tan terrazzo. The black marble in this floor came from Belgium, the tan from Italy. The cost of these floors ran into thousands of dollars. The same material can be found in less than an hour's drive of the Seville.

The St. Clair marble runs in tans, pinks and grays, some of the strata being varigated. It is beautiful stone and will find a place in modern architecture any place in the world. The St. Joe marble runs in chocolate, red gray and pink. It, too, has been given laboratory tests, and is very beautiful when finished. The Boone limestone, which is really a marble, runs in white, tans and grays, with some varigated. It takes a beautiful finish and is adaptable to all kinds of interior and exterior work.

Mr. Watkins has in his office some beautiful crystal boulders from Crystal mountain, near Green Forest, in Carroll County. This deposit covers quite an acreage, and the boulders are valuable in the construction of rock gardens, fantastic fronts and pillars, and in other work where a strong, crystal effect is desired. They are silica crystals, impervious to weather and hold their brilliancy. A cave near St. Joe, containing an enormous tonnage of crystal, was recently investigated. These crystal boulders are a lime formation, adapted to the manufacture of ground limestone,

Holy Week As Observed By Roman Catholics

The greatest drama in the history of the world is about to be reenacted. The curtain will be raised again on Palm Sunday revealing the pageantry and triumph of the entrance into Jerusalem amid grand hosannas of a fickle populace. The sacred Passion will be read four times during the week at all low Masses and sung in solemn Masses by three deacons, taking the part of the narrator, Christ and the synagogue. Countless thousands will crowd our churches to sit in awed reverence during the soul stirring Tenebrae devotion as the Lamentations, psalms and Miserere are chanted plaintively. On Holy Thursday the church commemorates the institution of the Sacrament of Our Lord's love; and in honor of this feast countless thousands will receive Holy Communion.

After the singing of the "Gloria in Excelsis," the bells are not sounded until the Mass on Holy Saturday. Throughout all the liturgy there is the note of sorrow. The kiss of peace is not given, because Judas betrayed the Son of God with a kiss. The holy oils used in the administration of the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, Extreme Unction and

for agriculture purposes and for the manufacture of hydrated lime.

Agriculture to Be Stressed In Program

In Mr. Watkins' development program, he stresses agriculture, and for the first time in many years, the road has an agricultural agent in its employ. He will assist any farmer in the M. & A. territory in working out any agricultural problem and will devote a considerable time to new development.

One phase of agricultural development will be an effort to develop new farms on wild land. There are thousands upon thousands of acres now in the woods that could be made to produce yearly revenues, if they were utilized. Some of this land is adapted to one purpose, some of it to another. The best purpose that this land can be utilized for will be worked out and new settlers invited into the territory.

New Uses for Timber Resources Sought

The timber resources along the M. & A. are valuable, but new uses must be found for them. Staves, ties, and lumber have been the three chief commodities produced in the past. Much of the best timber utilized in their manufacture has been cut. What is left, however, has its commercial uses and Mr. Watkins plans to find ways to convert it into commercial commodities.

Among other plants that will be installed on the M. & A. railroad this year will be a small utensils plant at Everton. In a recent interview with Joe Migliore, who owns the Uncle Sam Cob Pipe Works, he said he had purchased a site for a plant at Everton, and would build it this summer. His present pipe plant is located three miles from Everton, on Clear creek. He will move this to Everton to his new building, and continue to make pipes along with the new items, which will consist of paring knives, kitchen forks, etc., items that one sees in every five and ten cent store. He will buy the metal parts and make the wooden handles and assemble them.—Tom Shiras in Arkansas Gazette.

Holy Orders are blessed by the Bishops in the cathedral churches in a ceremony that is unrivalled in pomp and splendor. Bowed heads and grateful hearts greet the Eucharistic King as He is borne in solemn procession to an altar resplendent with lights and flowers where the faithful will keep watch. Then the altars are stripped entirely and the sanctuary takes on a scene of desolation.

Good Friday is a day of mourning. Prophecies are read, the Passion is sung and the priest, in the name of the Church, prays for all, even the enemies of the Church. The touching ceremony of the veneration of the Cross takes place during the singing of the Improperia, or the paternal reproaches of the Master to the ungrateful people. The Mass of the day is called the Pre-sanctified, because the host consumed at the end of this Mass was consecrated at the Mass of Holy Thursday.

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spark which flashes out represents Christ emerging from the sepulchre of rock outside the wall of Jerusalem.

Incense is also blessed, symbolizing the sweet spices sprinkled on the body of Christ. The triple candle represents the Trinity, and the Paschal Candle, lighted and adorned with five grains of incense in the form of a cross, is an image of the Risen Saviour with His glorious wounds. In the magnificent chant of the "Exultet" the deacon proclaims the Resurrection. Water for the Sacrament of Baptism is blessed by the celebrant at the baptism, symbolizing the spiritual rebirth which is the fruit of the Resurrection. The water is carried by the faithful to their homes which are blessed with it, at the same time the peace of Easter is invoked on all who dwell therein.

And the greatest drama comes to a close with the Queen of Feasts, Easter. Then the Glorias and the Alleluias take the place of the tender and pathetic "Stabat Mater" and "Miserere."

The host is carried in procession from the Repository to the high altar while the choir chants the "Vexilla Regis" (The Banners of the King come forth) one of the greatest hymns in the treasury of the Latin Church.

It was composed by Fortunatus on the occasion of the reception of a relic of the True Cross, which was sent by the Emperor Justin II to Saint Radegunde.—G. in The Guardian.

OBITUARIES

BASTEL.—Louie Frederick Bastel, was born in Lebanon, Penn., March 13, 1856. His parents were Phillip and Anna Bastel. They moved near Rochester, Indiana, when he was seven years of age. His father died when he was ten. Bro. Bastel came to Pleasant Plains, Ark., in 1880, where he lived till his death, March 8. He was united in marriage to Miss Addie Bench in 1889. Bro. Bastel united with the Methodist Church in early life. He was loved by every one who knew him. As far as we know he had no enemies. He was a devoted companion, a kind and loving father, a faithful church member and a good citizen. He was conscious, before his death, that the end was near. But death held no terrors for him. The only thing was his suffering, which he bore with patience, and leaving his companion alone. Through it all there was no shadow of fear or doubt. All was well. He leaves a companion; five children, Lewis of Pleasant Plains, Mrs. C. A. Caplinger of Alabama, Mrs. G. E. Land of St. Louis, Mo., and Mrs. Ernest Bruce of Pleasant Plains, Ark.; also 12 grandchildren and two sisters. The funeral services were conducted at the Methodist Church at Pleasant Plains by the pastor, March 10.—L. L. Langston, Pastor.

If you have not bought a copy of Anderson's History of Arkansas Methodism, you should get one.

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THE RUNAWAY CALF

All day the gray clouds had shut out the sunshine like a velvet curtain, and the damp, chilly March wind grew stronger and colder as the day closed and evening was approaching. Out on the Dakota prairie, unprotected from wind and weather, stood a little white school house. Suddenly the door opened, as the smiling teacher stepped aside to let her pupils pass out, calling to them a cheery "Good-night children!" as they took their various ways toward home across the grassy hills.

"Good-night!" shouted Philip and Robert, as they waved their lunch pails to the teacher and to the other children, and creeping under the wire fence hurried across the pasture toward their own home half a mile away.

That morning, very early, their father had started to town 17 miles away with a wagon-load of wheat, and it would be dark long before he could get home. So he had left word with their mother to tell the boys to do their chores early so they would be able to find every little young calf in the pasture and drive them all home with the cows.

As the boys came over the hill in sight of home, they could see smoke rising from the chimney, and they thought of mother and little sister waiting for them. "Let's run," said Robert, as he took his little brother by the hand, and soon, puffing and panting against the wind, they reached their own door as mother opened it wide to welcome them in.

"While you are changing your clothes," she said, "you will be getting warm to eat. Then Robert can feed the chickens and fill the mangers with hay while Phillip takes the old pony and drives in the cattle from the pasture. It will be dark early tonight. Then Robert and I will milk the cows and feed the calves and all our chores will be done when your father gets home, and how glad he will be!"

Soon in work clothes the boys were gone, and mother, with little sister's help, was busy in the kitchen. Suddenly Phillip came into the door tears on his cheeks.

"What can be the matter?" asked his mother.

"Robert has gone to hunt for the littlest calf. I let it get away and I couldn't get it," said Phillip. "I found all the cows and all but one calf. Then I saw it alone, and if I had driven its mother over to where it was she would bring it home, but I stirred it out of its warm little bed to drive it to her and it jumped up and started to run the wrong way. I followed it as fast as the old pony could go, but it ran under the fences across the lane into Mr. Edwards' pasture, and I couldn't follow it. Now Robert is gone after it, but it is getting so dark I'm afraid he will never find it and it will be lost in the dark! What will daddy say when he comes home? And I'm so afraid the coyotes will get it in the dark night!" Then he started to sob and cry, for he was only seven years old.

"Philip, do you think God can see in the dark?" asked mother. "And don't you remember how we have read in our Sabbath school lessons how He cares for even the little sparrows, and talks about the Good Shepherd and His little

lambs? Let us ask God to take care of the little calf, and if Robert can't find it, God will not let the coyotes get it and in the morning your father can find it and bring it home." So mother and Philip and little sister kneeled by a chair and told God about the poor little calf out in the dark, cold night and asked Him to take care of it safely until morning.

When Robert came back he said it had gone so far he could not see it any more. So they finished the chores. While mother was setting the table for supper, Philip sat on a chair with his hands clasped in his lap. Suddenly tears crept down his cheeks once more, and he said, "Poor little calf! I am so afraid the coyotes will eat him before morning!"

"But, Philip, dear, we asked God to keep him safe, and we know he promises to answer our prayers if we trust Him. Try to trust Him, and don't cry any more. There, I hear daddy's wagon coming!" said mother.

When father came in to have supper he soon heard the sad story. "Well, I should think you would have known that you can't make a little calf get up out of its hiding place without its mother there without making trouble. They will always run away. Sometimes they run three or four miles before they stop."

Philip looked across at mother, and she gave him a reassuring smile and no one said any more that night about the calf.

While they were eating breakfast early next morning and the bright sun was shining in at the east window, a car drove into the yard. Father opened the door and said, "Why, good morning, Maurice. What brings you over so early? Come in and have breakfast with us." So in came Mr. Johnson.

"Did you lose a little calf last night?" as asked. "I've got one out here in the car. Mr. Coulter was walking from his pasture, home across Charlie Edwards' pasture just about dusk last night, and he saw a young mule colt pawing some little live creature around. He hurried over and found this little calf. He loaded him up on his shoulders and carried him over to my place, thinking it must be mine; but I don't have a calf as young as this one. So I was sure it must be yours."

"Yes," said father, "I think it must be ours." Then he told how the calf happened to run away.

"Well," said Mr. Johnson, "It was in a nice warm stall in the barn on a good bed of clean straw all night, and when it gets a good warm breakfast it will be as fine as ever." Then the men went out to put the calf with its mother.

Philip and Robert looked at mother with radiant faces, and Philip gave a big sigh of relief. "See, Philip, God did hear and answer, didn't He? We didn't know how He could make the little calf safe, but He could find a way because you trusted Him."

Philip and Robert are grown men now, but they have never forgotten how God answered their prayers and how they learned that God "is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think."—*"Sunday School Times."*

Prepare to go to Mt. Sequoyah this summer. The program will be the best ever. Write to S. M. Yancey, Superintendent, Fayetteville, Ark., for full particulars.

Quarterly Conferences

ARKADELPHIA DISTRICT: THIRD ROUND

Hot Springs Ct., Bethlehem, April 25, 2 p. m.
Oaklawn, April 25, 7:30 p. m.
Malvern Ct., at Keith, May 2, 2 p. m.
Pullman Heights, May 2, 7:30 p. m.
Holly Springs, at Mt. Carmel, May 9, 2 p. m.
Arkadelphia, May 12, 7:30 p. m.
Friendship, at Friendship, May 15, 2 p. m.
Princeton, at Zion, May 16, 2 p. m.
Malvern, May 19, 7:30 p. m.
Dalark, at Manchester, May 23, 2 p. m.
Hot Springs, First Church, May 26, 7:30 p. m.
Leola, at Clear Creek, May 30, 2 p. m.
Grand Avenue, May 30, 7:30 p. m.
Pearcy, at Friendship, June 6, 2 p. m.
Arkadelphia Ct., at Mt. Zion, June 13, 2 p. m.
Carthage-Tulip, at Zion, June 20, 2 p. m.
Traskwood, at Pt. View, June 27, 2 p. m.
Benton, June 27, 7:30 p. m.
Sparkman-Sardis, at Sparkman, July 4, 2 p. m.
R. E. Fawcett, P. E.

PARAGOUL DISTRICT: THIRD ROUND

Paragould, East Side, April 25, 7:30 p. m.
Gainesville Ct., at Rock Springs, May 2, Pr. 11 a. m., Q. C. 2 p. m.
Paragould, First Church, May 2, 7:30 p. m. Pr.
Walnut Ridge Ct., at Richwoods, May 9, Pr. 11 a. m., Q. C. 2 p. m.
Walnut Ridge, May 9, 7:30 p. m.
Paragould East Side Ct., at Morning Star, May 16, Pr. and Q. C. 2 p. m.
Rector, May 16, 7:30 p. m.
Paragould Ct., at Oak Grove, May 23, Q. C. 2 p. m., and Pr. 7:30 p. m.
Biggers Ct., at Success, May 30, Pr. 11 a. m., Q. C. 2 p. m.
Corning, May 30, 7:30 p. m.
Maynard Ct., at Middlebrook, June 13, Pr. 11 a. m., Q. C. 2 p. m.
Pocahontas, June 13, 7:30 p. m.
Knobel-Peach Orchard Ct., at Dean, June 20, Pr. 11 a. m., Q. C. 2 p. m.
Hoxie-Portia, at Hoxie, June 20, 7:30 p. m.
St. Francis Ct., at Mt. Zion, June 27, Pr. 11 a. m., Q. C. 2 p. m.
Piggott, June 27, 7:30 p. m.
Hardy Ct., at Ravenden Springs, July 4, Pr. 11 a. m., Q. C. 2 p. m.
Mammoth Spring, July 4, 7:30 p. m.
Ash Flat Ct., at Corinth, July 11, Pr. 11 a. m., Q. C. 2 p. m.
Smithville Ct., at Jesup, July 18, Pr. 11 a. m., Q. C. 2 p. m.
Imboden-Black Rock, at Imboden, July 18, 7:30 p. m.
Lorado-Stanford Ct., at Shiloh, July 25, Pr. 11 a. m., Q. C. 2 p. m.
Marmaduke, July 25, 7:30 p. m.
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No. 2—Mrs. M. R. Springer, Chairman, with Mrs. L. E. Hinton, 1901 Broadway, 1:30. Mrs. H. G. Lenhardt, co-hostess.

No. 3—Mrs. C. B. Wilson, Chairman, with Mrs. R. G. Paschal, 5024 Lee Ave., 1:30 dessert luncheon. Mrs. F. W. Knudsen, co-hostess.

No. 4—Mrs. J. R. Henderson, Chairman, with Mrs. J. Walton Martin, 321 Linwood, 1:30 dessert luncheon.

No. 5—Mrs. C. E. Hayes, Chairman, with Mrs. T. M. Mehaffy, 2102 Louisiana, 12:30 luncheon.

No. 6—Mrs. E. Q. Brothers, Chairman, at the church, pot-luck luncheon, 12:30.

No. 7—Mrs. Crawford Greene, Chairman, with Mrs. R. C. McConnell, 325 Rosetta, 12:30 pot-luck luncheon.

No. 8—Mrs. B. M. Whaley, Chairman, with Miss Alice Buzbee, 2423 Arch, 2 o'clock. Miss Lillian Howland, co-hostess.

No. 9—Mrs. W. M. Rankin, Chairman, with Mrs. J. W. Anderson, 2324 Ringo, 1:30 dessert luncheon.

No. 10—Mrs. E. F. Dixon, Chairman, with Mrs. E. R. Russell, 101 Ridgeway, 1:15, dessert luncheon.

OUR NEW MEMBERS

The congregation of Winfield is very glad to welcome into its fellowship the following new members who joined last Sunday:

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Bayne, 2411 West 16th.

Mrs. Theodore Howell and Miss Mary Ella Howell, 1402 Center.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Looney, 1015 West 2nd.

Mr. John A. Smith, 510 West "B" Street, Park Hill.

GIRL SCOUTS VISIT CAMP SITE

Miss Margaret Buzbee's troop of Winfield Girl Scouts joined other scouts of the city last Saturday in an all day trip to the site of the new Girl Scout Camp in Perry County. The scouts have been doing all sorts of things to help make this camp possible.

WINFIELD'S SICK

Mrs. Payne Ramsey, 412 West 17th, is confined to her bed as the result of a fall last week.

Mrs. James A. Jefferies, who has been at the Baptist Hospital, has returned to her home, near Geyer Springs.

Mrs. Edward F. Dixon has been ill at her home, 615 East 21st street.

Mrs. Jack Goldschmid, 509 North Valmar, is at Trinity Hospital.

Mr. George Bozart is back at home, 1618 W. 20th, after an illness at the Baptist Hospital.

MEMORIAL FLOWERS

The flowers used in the church last Sunday were presented by Miss Emma Scott in memory of her father, Mr. William Scott.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S BOX SUPPER

Friday, April 16—7 o'clock
Fellowship Hall

Girls! Begin planning your boxes.

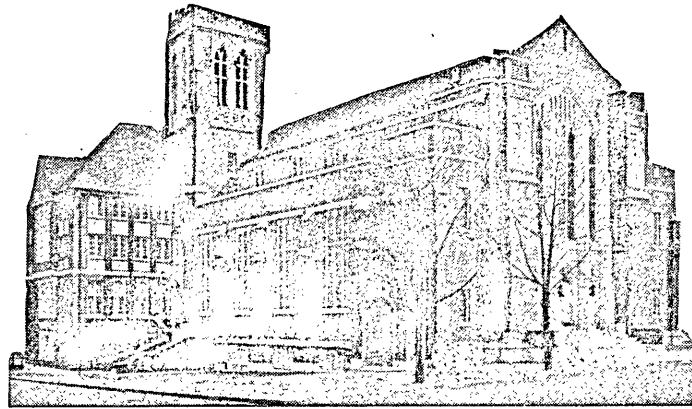
Boys! Begin saving your money and find how well the girls can cook.

Proceeds will be used to send delegates to Mt. Sequoyah.

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SUNDAY SERVICES, APRIL 18, 1937

10:00 A. M. Church School

11:00 A. M. Sermon, "Poor God"—Gaston Foote

6:00 P. M. Senior, Young People's Leagues

7:30 P. M. Sermon, "Ten Commandments to the Modern Girl"—Gaston Foote. (Letters from local Young men will be read)

THE PASTOR'S MESSAGE

By GASTON FOOTE

The purpose of the Bishops' Crusade which was launched at the General Missionary Council in New Orleans last January is two-fold. First, it is spiritual in its aspects, placing the missionary and evangelistic passion for the redemption of the world in the center of our people's thinking. Our church has lost something of its missionary consciousness. Many congregations have become too self-centered. Between the years 1929 and 1934 there was a decrease in giving to missions of more than \$800,000. This decrease in giving was brought about not only by the depression but because many of our people lost interest in contributing to missions. The Bishops' Crusade is designed to revive this interest. Second, the Crusade endeavors to encourage our people through sacrificial giving to raise the \$385,000 debt of the Board of Missions. This debt was incurred during the depression when missionary giving dropped off so rapidly that, in spite of retrenchment, the Board of Missions had to borrow money or let the more than 600 missionaries (1929) and their families suffer. A little sacrificial giving on the part of every Southern Methodist will pay this debt, thus allowing the money now being paid for interest, to be used for missionary advancement.

Southern Methodism is now serving the world in 10 foreign countries, through 509 churches with a native membership of more than 100,000 members. There are 11 hospitals in Africa, China, Korea and Mexico, and 300 schools teaching native children the fundamentals of the Christian faith. We cannot retreat—the only way to go is FORWARD.

Winfield Church is going to do her best in this great Crusade. According to the plan of the crusade Winfield will hold an ALL CHURCH DINNER Friday evening, April 23. Every member of the church is urged to be present at this dinner which will be FREE but admission will be by a certificate showing that the bearer has paid \$1 or more to missions. Certificates or tickets will be offered for sale at the church NEXT SUNDAY. Be ready to purchase your certificate at that time—in your Sunday School class or at the Church service. A splendid program will be given at the dinner April 23. The Winfield Curtain club will present a missionary pageant. A radio in fellowship hall will bring us N. B. C.'s broadcast of our Bishops' speeches. Dr. H. Bascomb Watts, Pastor of First Church, will be the speaker. Plan now to come and do your part for the missionary program of our Church.

Next Sunday Evening, 7:30—

"TEN COMMANDMENTS TO THE MODERN GIRL"

(LETTERS FROM LOCAL YOUNG MEN WILL BE READ)

The largest Sunday Evening Crowd this year last Sunday.

Winfield Church School Breaks Attendance Record

With the exception of Easter last year Winfield Sunday School had the largest attendance last Sunday that she has had in TWO YEARS. There was a total present of 594. The Nursery department had the best percentage grade of 85 percent. Help Winfield Sunday School grow by bringing the whole family at 10 a. m. next Sunday.

OFFICERS ELECTED

The following classes have just elected new officers:

Buzbee Couples' Class: E. V. Markham, president; H. P. Hadfield, vice president; Mrs. C. F. Shukers, secretary; Mrs. Paul E. James, assistant secretary; W. M. Fuller, treasurer. Thos. S. Buzbee is teacher of the class.

Reese Bowen's Class: Marrill McCullars, president; Aubrey Blount, vice president; Gladys Weber, secretary; Chenault Junkin, Aubrey Blount and Mrs. Alleen Keeley, recreation committee. Reese Bowen is teacher.

CLASS TO HEAR DR. FOOTE

Dr. Foote will teach at the Buzbee Couples' Class next Sunday at 10 a. m. Couples who are not already in the Church School are cordially invited to attend this class.

SENIOR PARTY

Dinner served by the mothers, an interesting message from Dr. Foote, and a program of music followed by games, featured the enthusiastic party by the Senior Department in Fellowship Hall on Tuesday evening of this week. This department, under the leadership of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Henderson, is steadily growing and frequently shows the best percentage of attendance at the Church School.

MEETING FOR ASHBY CLASS

Mrs. Robert Ginocchio and Mrs. Miles Scull will entertain the members of the Lila Ashby Bible Class at a business and social meeting Thursday night of this week at Mrs. Ginocchio's home, 1515 Louisiana.

DELEGATES NAMED

The following have been named delegates to the District Conference which will be held at Geyer Springs Thursday, April 29, opening at 9 o'clock. J. S. M. Cannon, C. E. Hayes, E. V. Markham, Dewey Thompson. Alternates named are Mrs. J. S. M. Cannon, Thos. S. Buzbee and George Overton.

OUR SYMPATHY

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to the family of R. J. Langhammer, 1809 Izard, in the death of Mrs. Langhammer's mother, Mrs. Sarah Josephine Eaves, on April 9.

GIFT OF PIANO

The church is grateful to Mrs. J. Walton Martin for the gift of a piano for the Church School. The piano has been placed in the Forum Class room.

FRIENDLY FELLOWS CLASS

Coffee 9:50

Hubert Mayes will teach
Special Music

Attendance last Sunday the largest since class was organized. Other men of the church are invited to share its fellowship.