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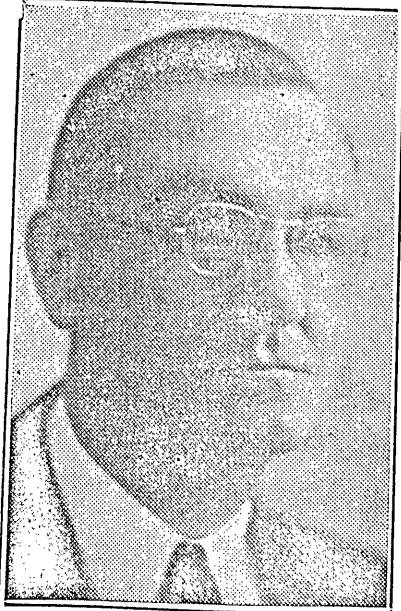
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FIRST METHODIST CHURCH, FORT SMITH

H. C. HENDERSON, D.D., Pastor

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METHODISM in Fort Smith has easily kept pace with the community and with other denominations. From an humble beginning a century ago, to the present five churches and approximately 4,500 membership, Fort Smith Methodism has continued to wield an influence for good throughout this section. It will be recalled that the stockade and block house fort established by the government in 1817 on La-Belle Point, a promontory near the foot of Garrison Avenue, was set down in an unmapped wilderness on the extreme western frontier of



REV. H. C. HENDERSON, Pastor First Church Fort Smith

U. S. territory. All the country to the west was subsequently acquired.

From this fort, state boundary lines and subdivisions were surveyed. Until the second, a more permanent garrison, was built in 1838, there were few settlers and but one highway, the Arkansas River. Some of the soldiers and pioneers and their families cherished early Wesleyan training. They brought Methodism with them. Mothers taught Bible stories to their children, and the Book was read in homes with prayer. Army chaplains held religious services in the fort, where the settlers were invited to worship with the men in uniform.

The original Methodist nucleus became apparent during the '30's when intrepid circuit riders began to include Fort Smith among their farthestmost appointments. They preached to all denomina-

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* FOR EVER.—Jer. 35:5-6. *

tions in a small frame building on Second Street, and the Methodists were rounded up. Fort Smith became a part of the Van Buren-Fort Smith Circuit in 1843, with Rev. H. C. Boyers the first preacher.

Some interesting sidelights on the early church may be gleaned from an old Quarterly Conference Record, dating from 1850 to 1878. William Hunt was Recording Steward for the first seven years. He was also the official horn-blower, announcing the hours of services. At that time the membership was 137, of whom 92 were negro slaves. For the support of the Ministry in 1850, the church raised \$88.85; in 1852, \$165.30; and in 1854, \$165.76. Rev. Juba A. Estabrook died of cholera while pastor of this church in 1851.

One Conference reported two members received by letter and four on probation. In 1853, six were received and two expelled. Following the Civil War and closing of the church by order of the Federals, Brother Grenade reported, "I find twenty members, all of whom have been visited. Sixteen are females, eight are widows, all are poor." For another Quarter, the church paid their pastor "Nine dollars and a pair of boots."

A record in 1875 reported, "No expulsions from the church this Quarter," but that year the Recording Steward was suspended two months for slander. As recently as 1877, a pastor stated, "There have been complaints against several members, but we have not been compelled to bring any to trial." After an absence of 61 years, Rev. S. S. Key preached from the First Church pulpit, July 2, 1933. He was pastor of Harrell Chapel in 1872.

Rev. John Harrell may well be hailed Father of Methodism in Western Arkansas and the Indian Country. As a young man, he came to Arkansas from the Tennessee Conference in 1831, and into this territory in 1833. According to Rev. H. R. Withers, "John Harrell came to Van Buren long before the town came, and preached under the trees to trappers, stragglers, the few settlers and the wild man, 'preaching the Word and organizing Methodism.'" John Harrell, said Withers, was "The grandest name in Methodism west of the Mississippi River."

The congregation in Fort Smith had wrestled some time with a church building problem, when in 1853, Harrell came to their relief. His labors among the Indians were laid aside long enough to come to Fort Smith and

put the program over. We find his name heading the Board of Trustees and Building Committee, resulting in the erection of the town's first substantial house of worship, named in his honor, "Harrell Chapel." The little red brick church stood on the corner of Fifth and A Streets, and housed the Fort Smith Methodist congregation until 1886.

Dr. J. H. T. Main is said to have organized the first Sunday School in Fort Smith, with Mrs. Cotton and the family of Asa Clark, teachers. Among the earliest Superintendents, the old Record names Asa Clark and S. D. McDonald. In Harrell Chapel the first Arkansas Conference were organized by Rev. V. V. Harlan in 1879. The plan became a Conference-wide program the following year when the Conference, presided over by Bishop McTyeire, convened in Harrell Chapel. Four ladies of the Fort Smith organizations became officers in the

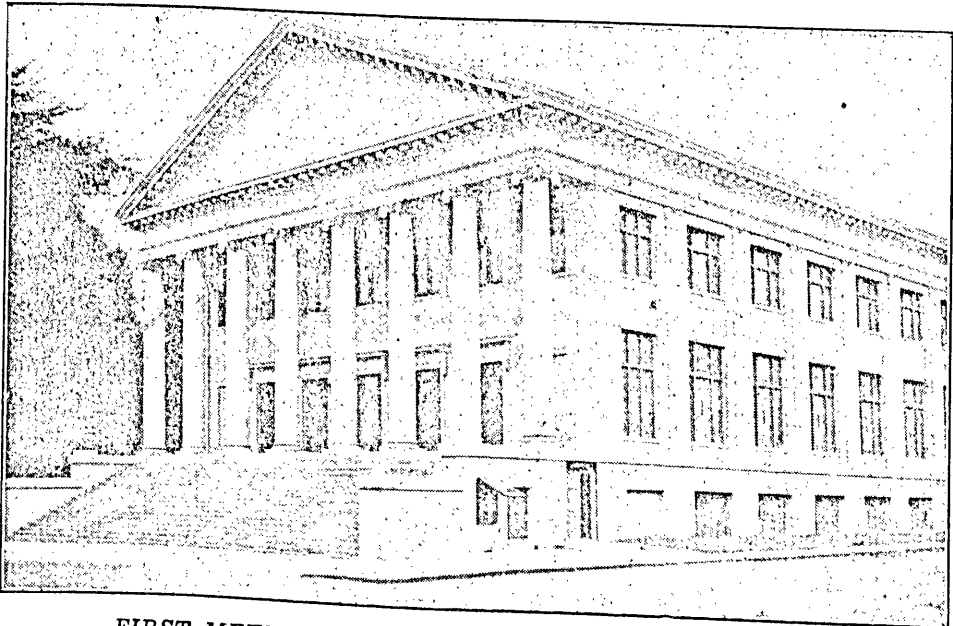


REV. WARREN JOHNSTON Presiding Elder Fort Smith District

Conference Societies. Frances E. Willard made two addresses in the Chapel in 1882, organizing the Fort Smith W. C. T. U. Throughout the life of Harrell Chapel, the Sunday School maintained a library of 400 to 500 volumes.

The crumbling of the Chapel's walls in 1886, was followed by a year's indecision and a division in the membership over the location of a new church. As a result, upon the advice and direction of Bishop Galloway, in 1877-1888, two churches were built. First Church, with an initial membership of 198, erected one of brick at Seventh and A Streets. Central, with 161 members, built a frame church at Thirteenth and B. The latter building was demolished in the 1898 tornado and replaced with one of brick.

During the twenty-nine years (Continued on Page 2, Col. 3)



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METHODIST EVENTS

N. Ark. Conference, Fort Smith, Nov. 3, 7:30 p. m.
Little Rock Conference, Hope, Nov. 10, 7:30 p. m.

Personal and Other Items

THE ST. LOUIS CONFERENCE at its recent
session cast 163 votes for Methodist Union
and only three against it. In our three Con-
ferences in Missouri the total vote for Union
was 487 and against it only seven.

CANDLER SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY, Emory
University, has this year enrolled 93 minis-
terial students, the largest number in the history
of the school. Last year's total was 84. Fifteen
States and two foreign countries have students
in this school.

A MAN who is anxious to escape an ill at the
expense of his brother preacher, is largely
an unconscious hog. He is likely to mistake
the itching upon his back for the birth of wings,
when it is only the sprouting of bristles, and
hog bristles at that.—Bascom Anthony in Fifty
Years in The Ministry.

THE patriot must desire the triumph of that
which is right more than the triumph of
that which he may think to be right, if he is, in
fact, mistaken; and so must the partisan, if he
be an intelligent and partisan, must be prepared to
rejoice in his own party's defeat if by that de-
feat his country is the gainer.—W. J. Bryan.

HON. J. G. FRASER, elected circuit judge in
the recent election in a district in northern
Arkansas, is a graduate of Hendrix College and
a member of the Methodist church at Clinton.
A high-class lawyer and member of a distin-
guished family, having been a prosecuting attor-
ney and member of the Legislature, he is well
qualified for his judicial duties.

HON. JOHN E. MILLER, Senator-elect to suc-
ceed the late Senator Robinson, is a mem-
ber of our church at Searcy, a member of the
board of stewards, and, when he was at home,
a teacher of a Sunday School class. Arkansas
is to be congratulated on having that type of
man as a representative in the Senate. Without
attempting to evaluate the personal issues in

the recent senatorial election, we may say that
the election of a candidate running as an "inde-
pendent" in Arkansas, a State hitherto counted
as safely Democratic, is a sign of the times that
should not be lightly considered. As "independ-
ency" in politics on the part of the individual
voter is desirable in a true democracy, Arkansas
will gain in the esteem of the nation.

REV. J. WILSON CRICHLOW, our pastor at
Helena, has been transferred to the St. Louis
Conference and appointed presiding elder of
Cape Girardeau District. As a pastor and pre-
siding elder Bro. Crichlow has made a remark-
able record and is one of the most popular mem-
bers of North Arkansas Conference. We regret
exceedingly to lose him from Arkansas; but
congratulate the Cape Girardeau District on
the acquisition of such an outstanding man as
presiding elder.

LITTLETON FOWLER, a Saint of the Saddle-
Bags, is a booklet compiled and edited by
his granddaughter, Mrs. Laura Fowler Wool-
worth, 243 Columbia Ave., Shreveport, La. The
Board of Missions of the Methodist Episcopal
Church, one hundred years ago, sent three mis-
sionaries to the infant Republic of Texas. One
of them was Rev. Littleton Fowler. In 1838 he
succeeded Dr. Martin Ruter as superintendent
of Methodist work in Texas. He established
colleges, served as chaplain of the Senate two
sessions, and became chaplain of the Masonic
Grand Lodge at its organization in Texas. Dur-
ing 1936 his memory was honored by the Church,
by the Texas Centennial Commission and by
the Masons. The director of historical exhibits
at the Exposition at Dallas devoted a case to a
display of his papers, books, pictures, compass
and Masonic regalia. His name is on a recently
installed state monument at McMahan's Chapel,
his burial place, and on the Masonic Memorial
erected at San Jacinto battle-field in honor of
the forty-eight builders of the Republic. To
those who are interested in the history of Texas
and Texas Methodism this booklet will be valu-
able and welcome. The price is 55 cents, and
it may be ordered from the author.

A MESSAGE FROM BISHOP MOORE

THROUGH communications from China and
Japan and conferences with our Department
of State in Washington, I am keeping in close
touch with the situation in the Orient. Acting
upon the best advice obtainable, I have changed
my sailing date to November 27. On this date,
aboard the Steamship "Empress of Canada," I
shall sail from Vancouver for Shanghai. I have
assurance of being able to disembark at Shang-
hai early in December.

It is not my purpose to take needless risk,
but our missionaries and nationals need what
little I can do. They are carrying on in a most
courageous manner and I am anxious to help
them.—Arthur J. Moore.

SHORTER COLLEGE

SHORTER COLLEGE, a college of the African
Methodist Episcopal Church, is situated in
North Little Rock. It has a little over a block
of land, with large and beautiful shade trees,
and is in one of the best Negro residence sec-
tions of that city. There are two large, hand-
some brick buildings, one a combined adminis-
tration building and boys' dormitory, and the
other includes a dormitory for girls and chapel
and music department. Then there is a smaller
building used as a dining hall and dormitory,
and another is the home of the president. A
few weeks ago I accepted an invitation from
President G. A. Gregg to address the students.
Thursday of last week I was present at the
chapel hour and enjoyed the regular service of
song and prayer and a brief interpretation of
Scripture by Prof. L. C. Fisher, dean of the
Theological Seminary, named after a former
teacher who once purchased his Greek and
Hebrew texts from our book store. The student
body, led by fine singers, honored me by ren-
dering my song, "America, Our Fatherland,"
and then gave close attention to my address. I
was very favorably impressed with the appear-
ance of the faculty and students and the good
condition of buildings and grounds. President
Gregg, an able educator, last summer addressed

some of our Young People's Assemblies at Con-
way, and recently attended a conference of
educators also at Conway. Shorter College is
evidently a worthy institution, and deserves
not only the support of its own denomination,
but encouragement of our people who believe
in giving our Negroes the best educational ad-
vantages.

BOOK REVIEWS

Negro Musicians and Their Music; by Maud
Cuney-Hare; published by The Associated
Publishers, Inc., Washington, D. C.

This is a book full of interest and infor-
mation for all music lovers, and for all who sin-
cerely wish a deeper insight into the character
of the negro race, and a fuller understanding
of the nature and value of their contribution to
American culture. Of especial interest is the
chapter on Negro Folk Songs—Religious and
Secular. Photographs and biological sketches of
the leading negro musicians give intimate
glimpses into these picturesque lives. It is a
splendid book to include in your study courses
or to put in your reference library.

Aggressive Evangelism; by James O. Hanes;
published by the Cokesbury Press, Nash-
ville; price 35 cents.

Twenty-five years of experience as an
evangelist lend weight to the message of the
author of these sermons and suggestions. The
book is offered with the sincere desire that it
may quicken the spirit of evangelism in the
church. Dr. M. E. Lazenby, former editor of
the Alabama Christian Advocate, says of the
author and the book; "Here is a message for
these times . . . an appeal for aggressive evan-
gelism, the very type of evangelism this world
needs today. Few men can give this message
as this author gives it because few men have
had the actual experience that he has had." The
book is full of very practical and valuable sug-
gestions that preachers will do well to study
and apply to their own evangelistic problems.

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of their separation, First and Central Churches
were in charge of some of the outstanding
preachers of the Conference: J. A. Anderson,
F. S. H. Johnston, O. E. Goddard, Philip Cone
Fletcher, J. M. Hughey, M. N. Waldrip, J. S.
Seneker, Stonewall Anderson, and others. With
the Presiding Elders and entire memberships,
these men cooperated and generously assisted
in the founding of the northside, Midland
Heights Methodist Church in 1901, and the
southside Dodson Avenue Methodist Church in
1907, as was done in establishing eastside Second
Methodist Church in 1922, and the church in
South Fort Smith.

In 1915, Central and First Churches com-
bined to form the nucleus of the present First
Church, and in 1916, Rev. H. B. Trimble was
appointed pastor of the united congregation. A
two-unit church building program was launched
in 1918 by Rev. J. T. McClure, then pastor, that
has resulted thus far, in the erection of the pres-
ent church building. The plan contemplates an
additional building with auditoriums, class
rooms and space for all the church activities.
Ample ground adjoining the church has been
acquired for that purpose. In 1927, First Church
built a modern home for its pastors on Adelaide
Avenue.

Under the ministry of recent pastors, Rev.
A. N. Evans for six years, Rev. Dana Dawson,
seven years, Rev. H. C. Henderson, the present
pastor, three years, First Church has enjoyed
excellent and harmonious leadership. The
church has grown spiritually and numerically,
and is striving to fulfill its mission as one of
the larger churches of the Conference. All
financial obligations of the church are met in
full. The final payment on all church property
is subscribed, and the church will be dedicated
by Bishop Moore at this November session of
the North Arkansas Conference to be held in
First Church. The pastor and congregation
unite with the other Methodist Churches in Fort
Smith in extending cordial welcome greetings to
the members of Conference and visitors.

Our Conference Meets in the Beautiful First Church

I FAVOR UNIFICATION

At the forthcoming session of the Annual Conference I shall vote for the pending Plan of Unification. It represents twenty-five years of almost continuous study by some of the ablest men of both churches. It is a piece of real constructive statesmanship. As a member of the Commission I have had the privilege of listening to practically all of the discussions during this quarter of a century.

The Conferences that have voted gave large majorities for the plan. I sincerely hope the Conferences in Arkansas will vote solidly in its favor.—J. H. Reynolds.

OUR CHINA MISSIONARIES

On August 14, when fighting began in Shanghai, there were twenty-seven single women missionaries of our Church in China and twenty men and their families, making a total of forty-seven missionaries besides wives and children. Of this number at least forty-two and probably forty-six are in China today. One man who was already under doctor's orders to come to America for an operation, is now in a hospital here. Four single women under pressure of conditions in Shanghai and at the insistence of American consular officials, left Shanghai for Manila on August 21. As soon as they learned that it was possible to remain in China, they began trying to get back. According to latest advices, they had succeeded in engaging passage back to Shanghai, leaving Manila about the middle of October. We presume they are back in China or will be within a few days. In that case, forty-six of the forty-seven who were in China at the outbreak of the war, are still there.

Some missionaries of the Woman's Department who were enroute to China from America when hostilities began, were ordered to stop in Japan. A few who were in Japan and Korea at the time in a summer vacation, were directed to remain there, and have been assigned work temporarily in these fields. The sailings of some new missionaries and of some missionaries who were on furlough in America, have had to be cancelled. The only dissatisfied missionaries are those who have been caught out of China and are unable to get back. They are all as eager to return as a good shepherd is to reach a sheep that is in distress.

The forty-six and their families now in China are staying voluntarily. The American Department of State advised all American citizens to withdraw for their own safety. The Board of Missions has offered to provide travel expenses for any who desired to leave. But the missionaries have not left. Why do they stay?

Our forty-six missionaries in China and their families, whether in China or in America, are under great strain. At least six of the nine cities in which they are stationed, have been bombed from the air, and the three others are constantly menaced. For the most part, the missionaries are in places of comparative safety, but day and night they are within hearing of the guns and the bombing planes that are destroying the people they love. Often telegraphic and postal communications are disrupted and they have to depend upon the radio for

news from the outside. The necessities of life are more difficult to secure than in normal times. Financial burdens are heavier. Local sources of support for schools and hospitals and churches, have been reduced by the destruction and disorganization which the war has caused.

Yet the work goes on. Some churches are holding daily services. Some of the schools are open, notably McTyeire School in Shanghai and the Virginia School in Huchow. Soochow University is transferring its Arts Department to the Middle School building in Huchow. The hospitals are overrun with patients. Homeless refugee Christians and wounded men and women must be cared for. The bereaved need to be comforted.

One missionary writes, "I think the missionaries have never had such opportunities as they now have. . . . The village people cannot run away regardless of how many bombs fall. I believe our place is to stay by and with our Chinese friends now." Another writes, "We are doing work in many ways. Perhaps one of the most valuable kinds of work is fellowship in suffering."

The forty-six are staying on because they are needed and wanted and because they have the mind of the Good Shepherd. Is it too much that we should remember them and their families daily during this trying time?—A. W. Wasson, Foreign Sec., Board of Missions, October 18.

A PLAN FOR SUPPLEMENTING SALARIES OF UNDERPAID PASTORS

Commission

1. On recommendation of the Presiding Elder the Annual Conference shall elect one person from each district annually during the session of the Annual Conference. Members of the Commission may be either preachers or laymen, women as well as men being eligible to serve. The Presiding Elders shall be ex-officio members of the Commission.

2. This Commission shall be known as the Little Rock Conference Commission on Supplementary Salaries.

3. The Commission shall elect its own chairman and such other officers as its needs require.

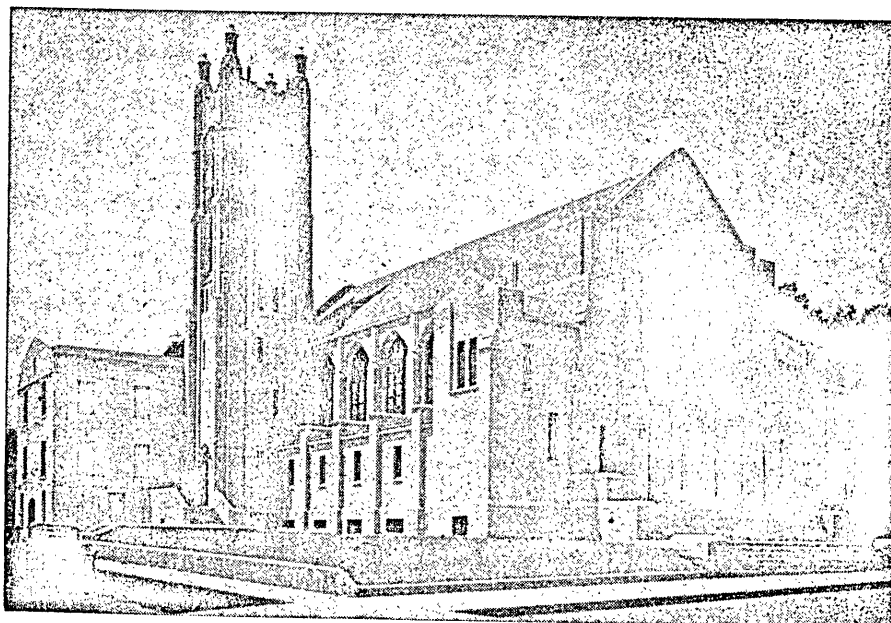
4. The Commission shall meet at least once a year during the session of the Annual Conference, and at such other times and places as need may require, at the call of the Chairman.

Beneficiaries

1. To benefit under this Plan a preacher must be a member of the Conference, or duly admitted on trial, and serving a charge under appointment from the Bishop; provided local preachers who have served acceptably as supplies for a term of eight consecutive years are eligible on the same conditions as members of the Conference.

2. The sum of \$800.00 shall be fixed as the minimum below which, if a charge pay, the pastor becomes eligible to receive aid, all other conditions must be met.

3. To receive aid under this Plan the charge served must increase the amount paid to the pastor over and above the average paid by the charge for the three years, 1935, 1936 and 1937. Some increases will be matched dollar for dollar by the Commission up to eight hundred



DODSON AVENUE METHODIST CHURCH

W. Henry Goodloe, Pastor

In June of 1907, Dr. F. S. H. Johnston, Presiding Elder of the Fort Smith District, appointed Rev. C. W. Lester to a vacant lot at 1222 Dodson Avenue, given to the Methodist Church by the real estate firm of Rogers and Young. The purpose was to establish a church in this rapidly growing section of the city. An additional lot on the corner of Jenny Lind and Dodson was bought and the first services held under the oak trees standing here. A brush arbor was later built and then a shed which was used the remainder of the summer. The Dodson Avenue Methodist Church was formally organized July 24, 1907, with 39 members.

The Sunday School which had been organized with 20 members during June of 1907, with Charles P. Yadon as Superintendent, grew during the next four years to an enrollment of 700, being at that time the largest Sunday School in the city.

A large frame building was erected in 1908 which served the congregation as a chapel until it was razed to make place for the present commodious plant. The Educational Building was erected in two units, one in 1922 and the other in 1927, both under the pastorate of Rev. E. H. Hook.

The present Auditorium was begun in 1930, during the pastorate of Rev. G. W. Pyles, and completed in time to entertain the Annual Conference in November, 1932. The Building Committee for the new plant was: T. L. Hunt, D. L. Ford,

dollars. No aid will be given where this condition is not met.

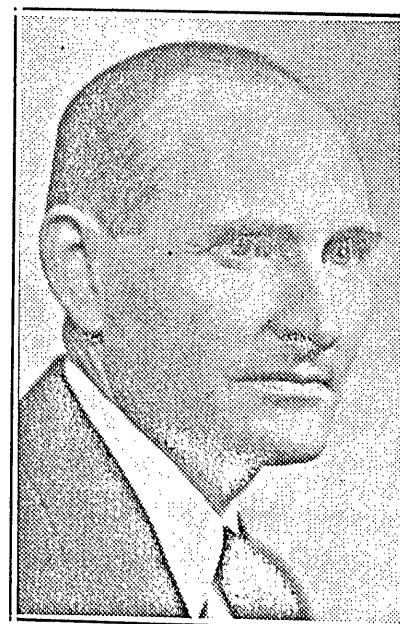
Raising Funds

1. All members of the Conference receiving a salary of \$1200.00, or more, are asked to contribute one per cent of same to this fund.

2. All charges paying a salary of \$1200.00, or more, are asked to contribute an amount equal to one per cent of the salary paid to the pastor.

Supplementary

Changes or amendment of any part of this Plan may be made at any session of the Annual Conference on a majority vote of the Conference. Details for administering this Plan shall be worked out by the Commission, subject to the condition set forth herein.



REV. W. H. GOODLOE, Pastor

C. R. Barry, Luther Hopkins, Shelton Adair, and J. F. Oglesby.

The church celebrated its thirtieth anniversary this past June with George P. Goodrich, a member of the first Board of Stewards, in charge of arrangements. Rev. C. W. Lester, Rev. E. H. Hook and Rev. Warren Johnston participated in the celebration along with various charter members, including Mr. C. P. Yadon of Tulsa, the first Sunday School Supt., Mr. C. P. McDonald is the present Church School Superintendent and Mr. T. L. Hunt Chairman of the Board of Stewards.

The present membership of the Dodson Avenue Church is 865.

The following have served as pastors:

C. W. Lester, 1907, 8, 9, 10; G. E. Patchell, 1911, 12, 13; F. M. Tolleson, 1914; W. V. Womack, 1915, 16, 17, 18; T. I. Beck, 1919; Geo. McGlumphy, 1920, 21; E. H. Hook, 1922, 23; R. H. Lewelling, 1924; J. D. Cunningham, 1925; E. H. Hook, 1926, 27, 28; G. W. Pyles, 1929, 30, 31, 32, 33; J. Q. Rorie, 1934; F. R. Hamilton, 1935; W. Henry Goodloe, 1936, 37.

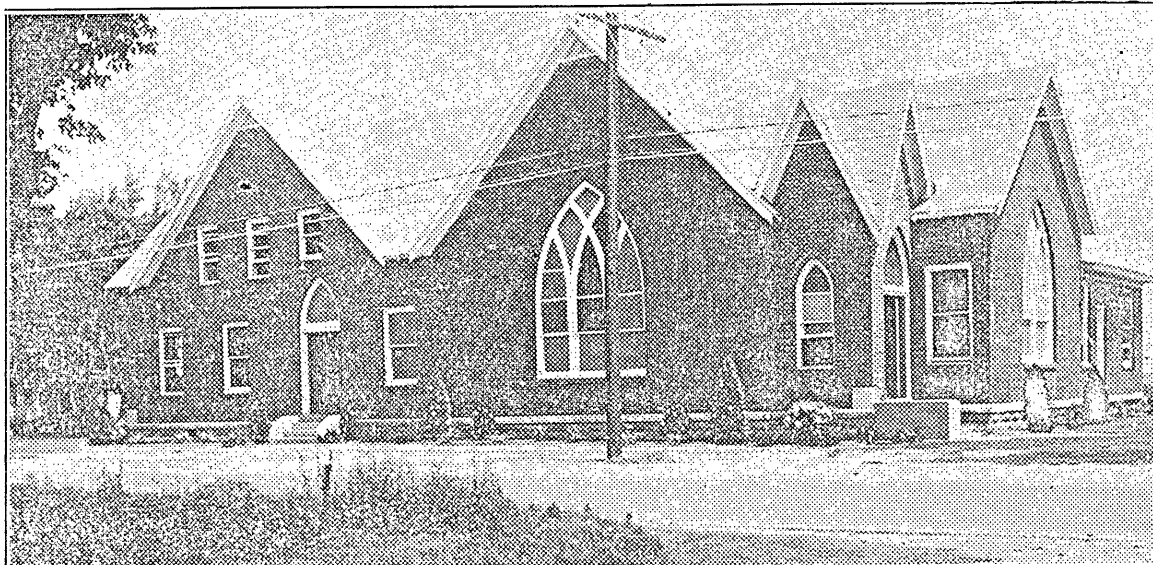
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MIDLAND HEIGHTS METHODIST CHURCH, REV. S. B. WILFORD, Pastor

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S. B. Wilford, Pastor

The history of Midland Heights had its beginning at what was Noland Spring School House about 1900. In 1901 the School house was moved and became Trusty School near the present location. During the same year Rev. W. T. Thompson held a revival and organized Thompson's Chapel. The Quarterly Conference Journal, the fourth Quarterly Conference, reports that the session was held at Trusty School House Nov. 7, 1901, with W. T. Thompson Pastor and Henry Hanesworth Presiding Elder. The report of the pastor, H. D. Howell,

to the first Quarterly Conference, 1902, is any thing but bright for Thompson's Chapel. The Epworth League and Sunday School are dead, but he hopes to revive them when the weather gets better. The 1902 Conference was held at Thompson's Chapel which is the present site of the church. The building was a small frame structure that remained in use until the erection of the first unit of the present plant in 1909.

From 1902 until 1906 no Quarterly Conference entry is made in the Journal. Old timers remember that period as one of small attendance and great struggle to carry on at all. In 1906 Thompson's Chapel was part of a Circuit composed of East End,

Thompson's Chapel and Kavanaugh. J. T. McBride was pastor and E. R. Steel the Presiding Elder. The Conference year 1906-7 saw J. T. Hendrix as pastor of the Circuit and F. S. H. Johnston the Presiding Elder, at the beginning of the year, but the Fourth Quarterly Conference reports Milton R. Lark as the pastor. The Church had rapid growth with the pastor reporting the names of 71 persons received into the membership. Apparently the Circuit had been divided during the year and the name changed from Thompson's Chapel to Midland Heights.

W. J. Faust served Midland Heights 1907-08. M. A. Fry was the

pastor in 1908-09. It was during the pastorate of M. A. Fry that the present building had its beginning. The foundation was laid in the summer of 1909, and it was brought to completion during the pastorate of A. L. Cline, 1909-10 and 1910-11. H. H. Griffin was pastor during 1911-12, 1912-13, and 1913-14. In the fall of 1914, Thomas Martin came for one year and was followed by M. F. Johnston who remained two years. F. G. Villines came in the fall of 1917 and remained two years to be followed by C. H. Bumpers for one year.

During the pastorate of J. A. Reynolds a large frame hall was added to the building that served to house

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the Church school and for community activities. C. F. Hively followed for two years and H. O. Bolin served a quadrennium, 1924-28. J. W. Moore served one year and was followed by J. L. Shelby who remained two years. E. B. Williams was assigned in 1931 and remained two years. F. A. Lark was pastor for the Conference year 1933-34, and in the fall of 1934, S. B. Wilford the present pastor, was assigned to the charge. Twenty-two pasors have had a part in the history of the Church.

During the present pastorate much improvement has been made on the church plant. A large brick annex, connecting the two other buildings, has been erected. The entire building has been renovated and remodeled. The church has ample equipment for all its needs and there is no indebtedness on the property. Midland Heights has an unusually efficient organization. Every Department functions well. Almost one hundred new members have been received this year.

SECOND METHODIST CHURCH

H. F. McDonal, Pastor

Second Church had its beginning during the year 1923, in a neighborhood Sunday School organized and conducted mostly by some godly women, in a residence on North 47th Street.

At first the movement was sponsored by the Grand Avenue M. E. Church, which soon transferred the work to First M. E. Church, South, whose assistant pastors came out and preached from time to time and directed the work.

Then, after a revival meeting, held under a tent on Grand Avenue

by Rev. A. H. DuLaney, in the summer of 1924, a church organization was formally effected, still under the sponsorship of First Church.

A church building was immediately begun and rushed to completion. A two-story education building has been added. This year the church has expended \$400 in completing the interior of the education building. We now have a very attractive and convenient church plant.

The Annual Conference of 1926 appointed the first pastor directly to this church, he being Rev. A. L. Platt, the succeeding pastors being, Revs. E. Dyer, J. E. Shell, Fred G. Chadwick, J. E. Lark and H. F. McDonal. Thus the church has had an independent existence of ten years.

SOUTH FORT SMITH METHODIST CHURCH

James Upton, Pastor

This church was organized in 1910. The first building was erected that year. It was located near the present American Syrup and Sorghum Mills. This building was a small frame tabernacle and was used for several years. In 1913 a new building was erected on the present site of the Apostolic Church. This frame structure was torn down and the present brick building was built in 1926 and 1927 and was dedicated June 24, 1927. When Rev. H. H. Griffin was serving here the Methodist Church at Cavanaugh was torn down and the members from that church were united in membership with the members of this church. Several of the charter members of the church are still liv-



REV. JAS. UPTON, Pastor

ing. These are: Mrs. Laura Cox Mart, Mrs. Sue Patterson Beecher, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Matlock, and Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Patterson. All of these are still active members, except the Matlocks, who are members of First Church, Fort Smith.

Some of the early pastors were: William Sherman, present Presiding Elder of the Conway District, Bro. Nance, Bro. A. I. Smith, who now lives at Conway, and Isaac Cox. Pastors who have served since Cavanaugh and South Fort Smith were combined are: Rev. H. H. Griffin, pastor of First Church, Jonesboro, F. G. Villines, pastor of the Hartman Circuit, H. M. Lewis,

Edward Van, Edward Grimes, and Frank Shell, present pastor at Hardy. Rev. D. N. Weaver, a beloved superannuate of the North Arkansas Conference, served as pastor three different times, covering a period of five years. James Upton, the present pastor, was assigned in November, 1934. During this time the membership has increased from 98 to 170. The church debt in the past four years has been decreased from \$2,700 to \$200, and in November, 1935, the church purchased a parsonage valued at \$1,200.

Mr. John Stingley is General Superintendent of the Church School which has a membership of 165 and an average membership over the past three years of 110.

The church is located in the middle of an industrial area. Nearby is the largest sorghum mill in the world, a large zinc smelter, the Arkansas Coffin Factory, an iron foundry, wheelbarrow works and canning factory. Most of the people of the community work in these factories. Several of the members run dairies and farm nearby. The local school is a part of the Fort Smith public school system. It has 135 pupils with one principal and four teachers.

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FIRST CHURCH, VAN BUREN

W. P. Whaley, D. D., Pastor

Methodist preachers held meetings and organized churches in a number of settlements across western Arkansas from 1813 on. William Stephenson, serving the Bellevue Circuit in 1814 and 1815, may have preached in the country around what is now Van Buren.

Phillips Landing, on the Arkansas River, where Van Buren now stands, was an important trading post for Choctaw, Cherokee, and Osage Indians, who occupied all the territory now embraced in Crawford county, and much more. They ceded this territory to the United States in 1825.

The Tennessee and later the Mis-

souri Conference began to send preachers as missionaries to the Indians and straggling settlers in Arkansas as early as 1814. After 1830 the Missouri Conference sent missionaries regularly to the Indians around Van Buren.

In 1831 the Tennessee Conference sent Rev. John Harrell to this community, and his home still stands here. Other missionaries were added until there was an Indian Mission District with several schools and numerous preaching places, and John Harrell was the P. E.

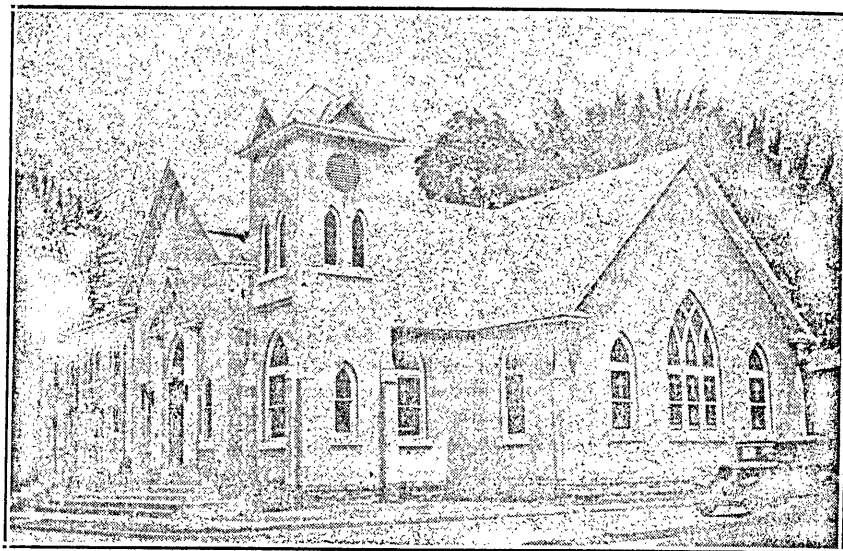
Jewell's History quotes Dr. H. R. Withers, "the grandest name in Methodism west of the river—John Harrell. This veteran planted Methodism here. He first threw our banner to the breeze. He came here long before the town came, preaching under the trees to trappers, stragglers, the few settlers, and the wild man, preaching the word and organizing Methodism."

John Harrell served as Indian Missionary around Van Buren from 1831 to 1840. A hundred years of successors of this great pioneer are as follows:

Benjamin F. Harris, Van B. Ct., 1840
W. A. Cobb, Van Buren Ct. 1841
H. Boyer, Van B. and Ft. Smith 1842
L. M. Mooreland, Van Buren
and Fort Smith 1844
Thomas T. Leach, Van B. Ct. 1845
J. J. Roberts, Van Buren
and Fort Smith Ct. 1846
H. A. Suggs, Van Buren and
Fort Smith Ct. 1847-1849
J. Eastabrook, Van Buren and
Fort Smith 1850
(92 White, 28 Colored Members)
L. P. Lively, Van Buren 1851



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FIRST CHURCH, VAN BUREN

W. T. Thornberry, Van Buren.. 1852	B. H. Greathouse..... 1876
Jesse McAlester, Van Buren 1853-4	B. L. Ferguson..... 1877
Young Ewing, Van Buren..... 1855	J. W. Kaigler (supply) Van
Richard F. Colburn, Van Buren 1856	Buren and Alma..... 1878-9
Burwell Lee, Van Buren..... 1857	James A. Anderson, Van
James L. Denton, Van Buren... 1858	Buren and Alma..... 1880
(Supply) 1859	G. W. Boyles..... 1881
George A. Shaefer, Van Buren 1860	F. S. H. Johnston..... 1882
C. W. Coursey, Van Buren..... 1861	Geo. W. Hill 1883-4
L. P. Lively, Van Buren Sta. 1862-3	D. J. Weems, Van Buren
(Supply) Van Buren Station	Station..... 1885, 6, 7, 8
and Circuit 1864-5	R. M. Traylor 1889
(L. P. Lively, supply ?)	W. H. W. Burns..... 1890-1
? 1866	T. J. Reynolds..... 1892-3
? 1867	A. H. Williams..... 1894-5
S. S. Key, Van Buren Station 1868	J. B. Stevenson..... 1896, 7, 8, 9
Sidney Babcock, Van Buren	S. F. Goddard..... 1900-1
Sta., (V. B. Dist) 1869, 70, 71, 72	William Sherman 1902, 3, 4
W. T. Bolling 1873	F. M. Tolleson..... 1905, 6, 7, 8
R. S. Hunter..... 1874-5	J. F. E. Bates..... 1909, 10, 11

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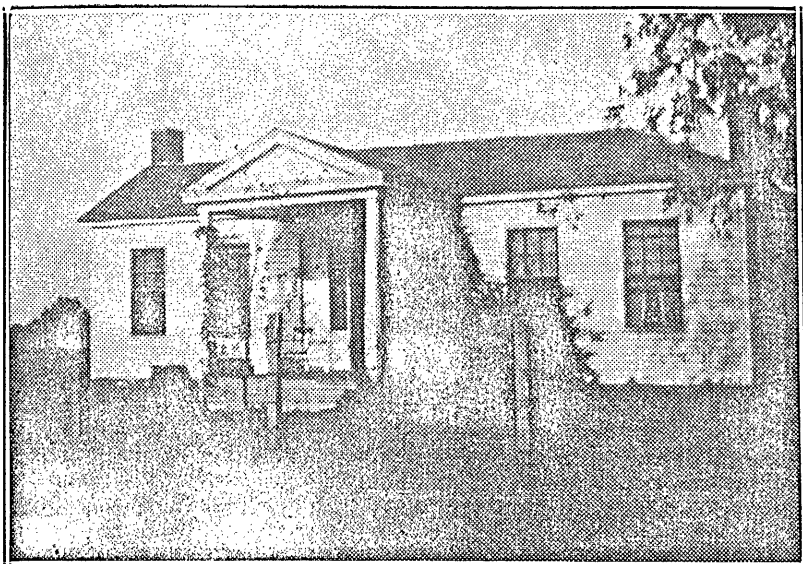
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.....	1912, 13
W. T. Martin.....	1914
W. L. Oliver.....	1915, 16, 17
B. L. Wilford.....	1918, 19
F. A. Lark.....	1920, 21, 22
Ernest Downs.....	1923, 24, 25
Guy Murphy.....	1926
A. L. Cline.....	1927, 8, 9, 30
John A. Womack.....	1931, 2, 3, 4
W. P. Whaley.....	1935

(Above)

PARSONAGE, FIRST CHURCH
VAN BUREN
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EAST VAN BUREN METHODIST CHURCH

Elmus C. Brown, Pastor

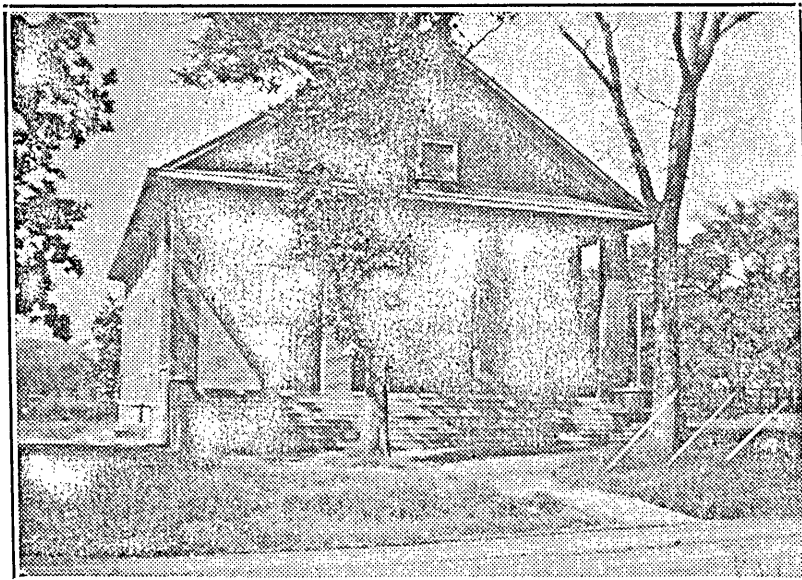
Early in the fall of 1893 Rev. and Mrs. S. M. Kelton, Dr. and Mrs. W. L. Gullette, Mrs. J. B. Paine, and Mrs. S. A. Miller met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Newman to organize a Methodist Church. At the next meeting the organization was completed with these and Mr. J. B. Paine, Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Smeltzer, Mr. S. A. Miller and Mr. Newman's mother as charter members.

Prior to this time Mr. Newman had conducted a community Sunday School under some large trees in the neighborhood. Immediately after the organization was perfected a Church building was begun under

the direction of Mr. Newman, who was a carpenter.

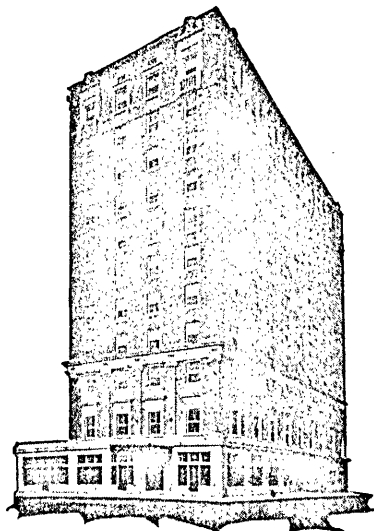
Rev. S. M. Kelton, a resident brick-mason and a local preacher, was appointed by Rev. S. S. Key, the presiding elder, to be the first pastor of the new East Van Buren M. E. Church, South. About three years later a parsonage was built on an adjoining lot. The Rev. Mr. Coward, the second pastor, was the first to occupy the new parsonage.

Until 1920 this same one room building housed the congregation that had steadily increased. During all this time it was on a circuit serving at various times every Methodist Church in Crawford County, except three. One pastor's itinerary was over a distance of 25 miles which



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The growing needs of the Sunday School necessitated more room. An annex to the Church was proposed, but some of the more progressive members urged a new modern building. An appropriation from the Church Extension Board made the plan possible.

In 1921, under the leadership of Rev. Milton Lark, lots in the block south of the old site were purchased and excavation was begun. Most of the labor in the excavation and construction of the foundation and basement was donated by men of the church and community. Most of this work was done at night and the women served sandwiches and cold drinks. The plan of the building was drafted by J. B. Paine who also directed the work.

The following summer the basement was ready for use and services were held there for two years before the main auditorium was completed. During this time Mr. W. S. Newman directed the construction of the interior. In 1928 when Rev. Earl Cravens was pastor the last of the indebtedness was paid and the dedication was conducted by Presiding Elder H. Lynn Wade. The present membership of the Church is 172. The Church receives half time service. The other two Sundays are given to Bond Special and City Heights Churches.

In addition to these whose names appear above, the following ministers have served as pastors of this church: Rev. Elisha Dyer (twice), Rev. J. S. Hackler, Rev. D. N. Weaver, Rev. J. P. Wheeler, Rev. W. A. Greer, Rev. Grover Suther-

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PARAGOULD DISTRICT MEETING

Zone One, Paragould District, met at Beech Grove Thursday, Oct. 7, with Mrs. G. W. Browning, vice president, in the chair. Morning session opened with quiet music by Mrs. Witt of Paragould. Opening prayer by Rev. Sam Watson. Devotional by Rev. O. R. Finley, pastor of the hostess church, reading from James, talking on the emancipation of women. Awarding of trophy. Motion carried that awarding of trophy be based on percent of membership present.

Ten Auxiliaries answered to roll call with good reports.

Invitation for next meeting from Paragould East Side Church.

Mrs. Garland Jessup sang "When You Honor Him."

The Chair called attention to the observance of Week of Prayer and Harvest Day with special programs.

Mrs. Holifield gave our Spiritual Life message, emphasizing her thought, "Worshiping Alone," by reading from Psalms and John. Mrs. McBride sang "In the Garden."

land, Rev. W. O. Esra, Rev. J. M. McAnally, Rev. A. L. Platt, Rev. R. E. Wilson, and Elmus C. Brown, the present pastor.

Bro. Hall pronounced the benediction and we adjourned for lunch.

At the afternoon session Mrs. Browning gave a meditation reading from Proverbs. Theme for the afternoon was "Know Scarritt," with talks by Mesdames Cloyce, Wilcoxon and Carpenter.

The report of nominating committee was accepted. The same officers were elected.

Edith Martin offering was taken, amounting to \$8.00.

Paragould East Side Church presented a clever playlet, "Blue Monday," Mrs. Browning and Mrs. Carey taking the parts. We were dismissed by Bro. Findley.—Allene Crutchfield, Sec.

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ZONE MEETING AT COTTON PLANT

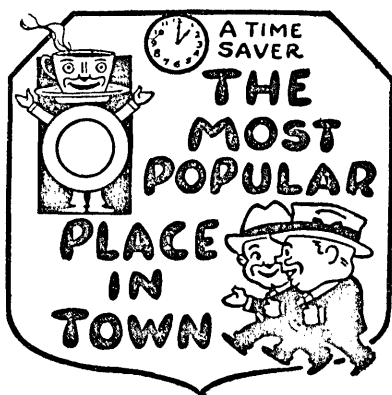
The Zone meeting for this area of the Searcy District, met at Cotton Plant, Oct. 7, at ten o'clock with Rev. E. H. Hook, P. E., and Mrs. Hook of Searcy; Rev. W. L. Oliver and Mrs. Oliver, McCrory; Rev. J. F. Glover and Mrs. Glover, Augusta; Rev. J. M. Talkington, Gregory; Rev. M. L. Kaylor, Hunter; Rev. R. A. Robertson, McCrory Circuit; Rev. V. E. Chalfant and Mrs. Chalfant, Cotton Plant; Mrs. A. L. Trent, past vice president of North Arkansas Conference W. M. S., Fayetteville; Mrs. S. B. Wiggins, Conference Supt. of Mission and Bible Study, Conway; Mrs. J. E. Critz, Supt. of Supplies, Conway; Mrs. Booth Davidson, Dist. Sec. W. M. S. of Kensett; Mrs. Jno. B. Kittrell, chairman of this Zone, Greg-

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ory, and Mrs. Guy Murphy, Conway, were distinguished guests, as well as officers and members of Auxiliaries of Augusta, McCrory, Gregory, Hunter and Cotton Plant. A total of more than 70 present. The program follows:

Piano Solo—Mrs. Kenneth Cline, Cotton Plant.

Devotional—Rev. V. E. Chalfant. Prayer—Rev. W. L. Oliver.

Song—"Dear Lord and Master of Mankind."

Paper on Prayer—Mrs. C. E. Miller, Augusta.

Discussion of Week of Prayer—Mrs. W. G. Jones, Cotton Plant.

Accordion Solos—"In the Garden of Prayer" and "Sweet Hour of Prayer," Dotty Myers, Cotton Plant.

Reports were given by all the Auxiliaries represented, and Mrs. Booth Davidson, District Secretary, made a talk on the work of our District. Conference officers were introduced, after which Mrs. J. E. Critz gave a talk on Supplies.

Lunch was served at the church. At 1:30 a very impressive Prayer

Retreat was led by Mrs. Vance Thompson of McCrory. "Rise Up, O Women of God," and "God of Grace and God of Glory" were read by Mrs. W. L. Oliver.

Prayer by Mrs. A. L. Trent.

A challenging talk on Mission and Bible Study and Efficiency Aims was made by Mrs. Sam B. Wiggins.

Vernon Chalfant, Jr., was made a Life Member of the W. M. S. Baby Division.

Report of Courtesy Committee was read by Mrs. Frankie Vinson of Augusta.

Our next Zone meeting will be in Augusta.

Dismissed with prayer by Rev. M. L. Kaylor.

REPORT OF TREASURER, LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE, THIRD QUARTER

Receipts—

Arkadelphia District	\$703.58
Camden District	692.15
Little Rock District	910.63
Monticello District	393.50
Pine Bluff District	368.49
Prescott District	370.55
Texarkana District	403.69
Total	\$3,842.59
Refund (Mt. Sequoyah)	20.00
Special Gifts	7.50
Balance from 2nd Quarter	140.18
Total	\$4,010.27
Local Reported	\$4,733.92

Disbursements—

To Council as follows:

Undirected Pledge	\$3,515.52
Baby Specials	3.03
Baby Life Members	5.00
Adult Life Membership	25.00
Foreign Scholarships	30.00
Bible Women	119.50
Scarritt Maintenance	66.95
Total to Council	\$3,765.00
Used for Conference work	132.06
Rural work, Camden Dist.	75.00
Exchange	4.22
Total disbursed	\$3,976.28
Balance in Checking Acct.	33.99
Total	\$4,010.27

Five dollars was sent in by Mrs. E. C. Wilson, of El Dorado, for a Life Membership for her little great-grandson, Charles Murphy Nolan.

The Adult Life Membership came from the Monticello District; the name will be given later.

With the Week of Prayer and Harvest Day offerings, we hope to reach the goal set for this year.—Jessie Hotchkiss Smith, Treasurer.

N. ARKANSAS CONFERENCE TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THIRD QUARTER

Receipts—

Pledge	\$3,513.57
Scarritt	120.35
Bible Women	150.00
Scholarships	23.00
Edith Martin	226.08
Baby Special	16.93
Life	75.00
Baby Life	80.00
Memorial	15.00
Y. W. Scholarship	31.50
Girls' Home, Africa	60.00
Total	\$4,311.33
Local	4,376.22
C. S. R.	295.32
Supplies	3.80

Expenditures to Council—

Pledge	\$3,365.69
Baby Special	16.83
Scarritt	120.35
Bible Women (4)	150.00
Scholarships (2)	23.00
Adult Life (3)	75.00
Baby Life (16)	80.00
Special: Girls' Home, Africa	60.00
Total	\$3,890.87

Miscellaneous—

Officers	\$ 77.89
Secretaries	46.09
Executive Meeting	49.42
Mt. Sequoyah	126.13
Audit	5.00
Exchange	9.27
Check returned	1.00
Total	\$ 314.80
Total Expenditures	\$4,205.67

Receipts—

Reports	\$4,311.33
Refund on Car	35.00
Refund Frozen Account	3.89
Balance 2nd Quarter	\$4,350.32
Total	\$4,734.45
Expenditures	\$4,205.67
Balance 3rd Quarter	\$ 528.78

Life Members—

Mrs. Effie Lincoln, by W. M. S., Conway; Mrs. A. P. Patton, by Jonesboro District; Mrs. E. B. Williams, by Paragould District.

Baby Life Members—

Floyd Walker, Jr., Charles Nelson Hathcock, by W. M. S. First Church, Batesville; Frances Joy Edgington,

by Waldron W. M. S.; Carol Ann Lockey, by Mountain View W. M. S.; Barbara Jane Daniels, by Lucy Clark Zone, Conway District; Twyla Marie Williams, by Zone 1, Fayetteville District; Mary Carolyn Humphrey, by Alma W. M. S.; John Forrest Gulledd II, by Charleston W. M. S.; Phylis McDonal, by W. M. S., 2nd Church, Fort Smith; Dolph Smith III, by Crawfordville W. M. S.; Jane Elizabeth Coleman, by Helena W. M. S.; Mona Mack Hughes, Janice Gregg, by Jonesboro W. M. S.; Jimmie Randal by Keiser W. M. S.; Lepanto (name not given); Max Franklin McAllister, Jr., Paragould, First Church W. M. S.

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and joy to give six girls a Christian home and training. The eight Districts of our Conference, through the Young Women's Circles, are striving for a Special Scholarship in every District. There's a marked increase in all funds throughout the year, assuring both Conference and Council Pledges "in full."—Mrs. W. T. Bacon, Treasurer, Booneville, Ark.

ZONE MEETING AT LAVACA

Zone No. 2, of Fort Smith District, held its regular meeting at Lavaca, September 23. This meeting was combined with coaching day, and the morning session was given to Coaching Day program, Miss Pearson in charge.

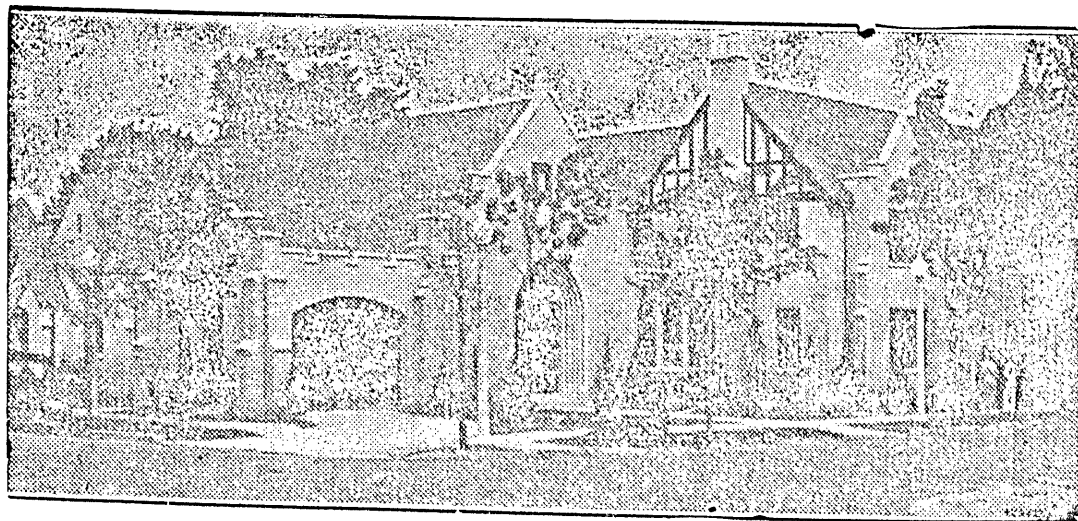
Welcome address by Mrs. Dorman of Lavaca. Response by Mrs. Davidson of Paris.

Mrs. Warren Johnston spoke, after which an air journey over the Moslem World was taken, with Mrs.

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A Talk by Mrs. Davidson and a solo by Mrs. Wiggins of Paris were enjoyed.

Mrs. Gieck of Scranton, former missionary to China, conducted a worship period before the noon hour.

The cooperative lunch was enjoyed by all.

The afternoon Devotional was conducted by Bro. Dorman of Lavaca.

Representatives of seven Auxiliaries were present and gave splendid reports.

Talk by Mrs. Stone, urging each Auxiliary to observe Week of Prayer, also that the Auxiliaries of Fort Smith District make Mrs. Bacon, our Conference Treasurer Life member.

Mrs. Stone gave interesting facts on Mt. Sequoyah and its teaching; also on Baby Special, voted to meet with Greenwood in December.

Committee appointed to nominate officers for ensuing year, consisting of Mrs. B. L. Ware of Greenwood, Mrs. Joe Lee of Paris, Mrs. West of Lavaca. Collection \$3.11, amount on hand \$6.92.

Dismissed by Mrs. Spicer of Booneville. There were 44 women present.—Mrs. A. K. Chastain, Sec.

ZONE MEETING AT HERMITAGE

Hermitage was the hostess for the Quarterly meeting of Zone No. 1, Monticello District October 7. The Wilmar Auxiliary was in charge of the program and Mrs. W. S. Anderson presided over the program.

Devotions: "Room in God's Paradise."—Mrs. W. L. Wooton, of Hermitage.

Prayer:—Mrs. W. B. Reasons.
Vocal Solo: "In the Garden."—Mrs. Rhea Byars, of Warren.

Talk: "Progress in the Past Century,"—Rev. J. R. Sewell of Hermitage.

Mrs. Anderson talked on "Present Day Duties," and read an article from ARKANSAS METHODIST, on "Status of Women," by Mrs. L. K. McKinney.

Rev Jack Taylor, a guest, brought a few remarks, and closed this period of prayer.

During the noon hour, a fellowship period and pot luck luncheon in the parsonage were enjoyed.

Afternoon Session

Devotions: Based on Dr. Fred B. Fisher's Booklet, "Gifts from the Desert,"—Mrs. W. O. Pontius, Warren.

Prayer,—Mrs. L. E. N. Hundley, Warren.

Mrs. J. H. Hutchinson, of Monticello, Zone President, presided over the business session, during which various committees were appointed and different points of interest were discussed and voted on.

Mrs. V. O. Burks, Monticello District Secretary, contributed important informative material.

Prayer was given by Mrs. V. O. Burks.

Adjourned to convene in Dec., in Monticello.—Mrs. W. O. Pontius, Secretary.

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The Little Rock Conference Board of Christian Education will meet at the Methodist Church at Hope for its annual meeting at 2:30 p. m., Wednesday, November 10.—Leland Clegg, Chairman.

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION PLANNING YEAR-BOOK REPORT

The annual report of the Little Rock Conference Board of Christian Education is now being prepared and will be issued in the form of a year book, a copy of which will be available for all members of the Annual Conference at Hope. We take this opportunity to thank the preachers and superintendents who have cooperated so beautifully in helping to get our reports absolutely accurate. We shall hold our financial report open throughout this week in order to include Fourth Sunday offerings that may come in. If any pastor or superintendent finds that the records as sent them by our Treasurer recently, does not correspond with the records of his church, we would appreciate it if they would write us at once. Our records must be correct. This week the Treasurer of our Young People's work will mail to each pastor, a report on Missionary offerings paid on Mission pledges through the Young People's Treasurer. The pastor will of course add the amount the young people paid to the regular Fourth

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Sunday offering sent in through the Sunday School in order to get his total report on Missionary offerings received from the Church School.

Again we thank all pastors and superintendents for the fine cooperation that they have given the work of this Board throughout this year.—Clem Baker.

CHURCH INSTITUTES IN ARKADELPHIA DISTRICT

In preparation for the work of the new Church School year, the Presiding Elder of Arkadelphia District, Rev. Roy E. Fawcett, planned two Institutes for his district. The first was held last Sunday at Princeton for all churches in the south end of the district. The second

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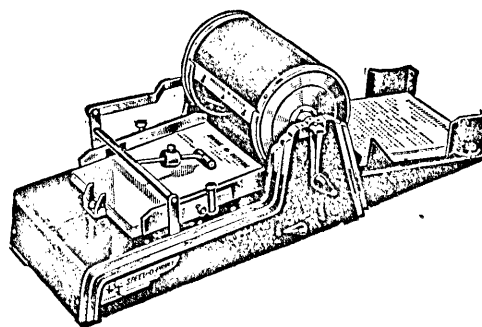
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will be held at Malvern, beginning at 2:00 p. m., next Sunday afternoon, for charges in the north end of district. When Brother Fawcett asked us to participate in this Institute, we were a little doubtful about being able to get our people together this late in the Conference year, but to our surprise and joy, the meeting at Princeton last Sunday was the best attended and the most successful Institute we have held this year. The church was crammed full of people, and we have never found a more interesting group. Brother Fawcett was there for the opening, but had to leave for a quarterly conference at Sardis. This left Dr. J. P. Womack in charge. In addition to Brother Womack, Miss Fay McRae and the writer participated in the program. We were in session from two until four o'clock and every minute was used to advantage. Brother Robison of Holly Springs Circuit and Brother Rutledge of Princeton Circuit added much to the success of the Institute. We are now looking forward with joy to the next meeting, which will be held at Malvern beginning at 2:00 p. m. next Sunday.—Clem Baker.

TRAINING IN RELIGION AT HENDRIX COLLEGE

The administration of Hendrix has always been loyal to the ideals and purposes of the Church in its founding and maintaining the college. It is understood that the Church established the College to provide opportunity for higher education equal in quality to the best, and equal in opportunity for education and growth in morality and religion. Of course, as the College has grown in attendance and in physical and personal resources, and as education has grown in

theory and method, the ways of dealing with the religious experience and its cultivation have changed. The naming of curricular offerings in ethics and religion at pivotal points will throw some light on what these changes have been.

In 1887-8, under the head of Moral and Mental Science, courses were offered in Logic, Mental and Moral Philosophy, and Evidences of Christianity.

In 1898-9, under the head of Philosophy, courses were offered in Psychology, Logic, Ethics, Bible, Christian Evidences, History of Philosophy, and Ethical Theories. This was the first time that a course in Bible was offered, and it was stated that the course would be given once a week throughout the year if three or more students elected to take it. All these courses were taught by the President, and there was little change in the offerings for the next ten years, except that two or three courses in Education were added to the President's teaching load.

For the 1908-9 session the Bible Department was established and a teacher employed to take charge of it. Courses were offered in New Testament History, Old Testament History, and Social, Civic and Religious Institutions. This plan was continued for five years. Then, for five or six years some courses in Religion were taught by different heads of other departments.

In 1922, one of the best trained men in Religious Education to be found was employed for the Department of Religion. He organized, and for two years carried on, a well rounded curriculum of Religious Education. But the Church seemed hardly ready for such technical and pioneering methods as he used, and for the next two or three years

courses offered and methods used leaned toward the conventional type. About nine years ago a second teacher, one especially trained in Religious Education, was added, and since that time two people have given full time to teaching and counselling in Religion.

For some years a minimum of two courses in the Bible were required for graduation. Many students took much more than was required. The faculty has always studied and changed the curriculum, in the light of the best educational thought, with a view to meeting the needs of students more effectively. These efforts at greater efficiency have been much intensified in the last four or five years; and in making the curriculum more flexible so as better to meet the needs of individual students, a number of specific requirements for graduation were left out, one of which was the requirement for study of the Bible. This fact and the stress on the new scheme seemed to affect registration in Religious courses unfavorably. This situation has provoked concentrated attention and thought by the faculty, and brought to light several encouraging facts and set up some promising changes.

In the first place, the administration has always believed that sound educational procedure would inspire college students to assume responsibility for their choices and for self-control, instead of imposing regulations. This theory seems now to be justified in regard to students' taking courses in Religion. During the first semester two years ago fifty were taking courses in Religion; a year ago, there were 56; now there are 136.

In the second place, the reorganization of the curriculum has unified all class work under one dominant

objective, and it tends definitely to put Religion into its rightful place as a big factor in the growth of civilization. In teaching practically all subjects occasions arise for presenting the work and influence of religion, the church and eminent religious leaders. These occasions are not used for preaching or propaganda; but as all the teachers are Christians, they are dealt with factually, discriminatingly and sympathetically. That the members of the faculty of a college, individually and collectively, recognize that religion is an essential part of a liberal education, is an important distinction of a loyal church college.

In the third place, in order to give more prominence to Religion, a fourth division of curricular subjects has been made, composed of Religion, Education, and Philosophy. Some courses in this division are open to freshmen and sophomores, and juniors and seniors may major in it. At least two courses in the division are required.

Hendrix recognizes that one of its important duties is to train young men for the ministry and at the same time to provide all students with opportunity and incentive to become intelligent and loyal church workers. Effort is constantly made to keep courses in Religion on an educational and cultural level with other courses, and to make them bear helpfully on the problems of every-day-living. In trying to prepare young men for the ministry three objectives are kept steadily in mind: First, whatever their gifts and attainments may seem to be or become, to avoid a fruitless and futile ministry they must have a vital, growing and sacrificial religious experience; secondly, they must have knowledge of human nature; its culture and history, as

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broad, deep and appreciative as they can get; thirdly, they need at least an introductory acquaintance with the Bible and the principles of its interpretations, of religion in general, and especially Christianity, as these religions have influenced civilization.

Standard medical colleges require at least two years, or sixty "hours" credit in college work for admission, eighteen of which must be in the basic sciences. Other professional schools seem to advise general training instead of specified courses. Of course, emphasis is given to subjects that are basic to any professional field, such as Economics for Business training, and Mathematics and Science for engineering. In planning its offerings to students for the ministry Hendrix keeps in mind the standards of the General Board of Christian Education, and it advises with our schools of religion. The Department of Religion offers thirty-two hours, and the subject of Religion receives considerable attention in Literature, Music, Art, History, Philosophy, and other subjects. The crisis through which ministerial students go in deciding their life work, the enthusiasm for their work, the financial and other considerations which they receive, tend to set them apart in their own minds and in the minds of other students. The more thoughtful students recognize that each group needs to mingle with the others on a common human level. Of the twenty-six ministerial students now enrolled in Hendrix, twenty plan to go to a theological seminary, and two are undecided. For these reasons the faculty has not yet set apart certain courses and called them preministerial.—C. J. Greene.

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—Mrs. R. A. Thomas, Treasurer.
The above includes only offerings received through Saturday before the fourth Sunday in October. Offerings received this week up to Monday of next week will be included in our year-book report to the annual Conference.—C. K. Wilkerson, Treas.; Mrs. R. A. Thomas, Treasurer Y. P. Organization.

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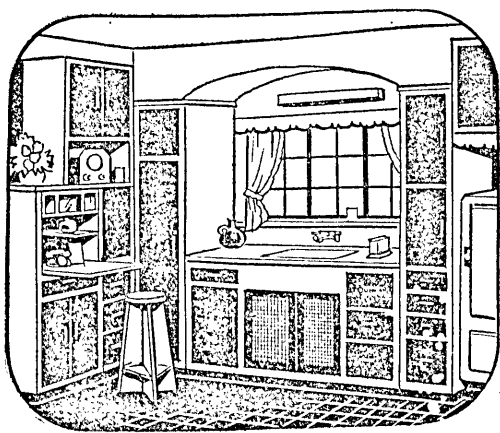
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The Board of Finance will meet in room designated in the Methodist Church, Hope, November 11, at 1:30 p. m.—M. W. Miller, Sec.-Treasurer.

LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE NOTICE

The Committee and Class of the First Year are called to meet in place designated at the Methodist Church, Hope, at 2:30 p. m., November 10.—M. W. Miller, Chairman.

LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE NOTICE

Candidates for Admission or Re-admission into the Little Rock Conference will please meet the Committee on Admissions at 3:30 p. m. Wednesday, November 10, at the Methodist Church, Hope.—J. T. Rodgers, John B. Hefley, and Fred R. Harrison, Committee.

NORTH ARK. CONFERENCE MINISTERIAL AID

Report of what has been paid to date:

Batesville District	\$ 96.00
Helena District	\$ 62.00
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This will be the last report to appear before Conference. I will be ready to take the money at some designated place in the church at Fort Smith.

It would be better for me if every one who gives to this fund would give cash or money order as we wish to write all checks to the men before Conference adjourns. I would appreciate it if you will give me the cash. Please see me as soon after you arrive as you can. The Presiding Elders have been asked to give me a list of the men who will receive from the fund.—I. L. Claud, Treasurer.

ARK. METHODIST ORPHANAGE

I spent Sunday with Dr. DeVore at First Church, Texarkana. Had a most delightful day. That is truly a great church and under the leadership of our good friend, Dr. DeVore, it is prospering. First Church, Texarkana, is true in its cooperation with state-wide enterprises; has given as much to Hendrix College as any community in the State and does as much for our Home for motherless and fatherless children.

In the days of Colonel Thornburgh and while the writer was pastor at First Church, Texarkana, the Colonel wrote me that he was short on money at the Home. My recollection is that it was the latter part of the summer; however, whenever it was, I made a statement and took an offering and the people gave me over \$700. There is never any trouble about raising money when our people understand.

Of course, I am anxious about the Christmas Offering for the Orphanage. We need funds badly, and I am appealing to my brethren of the ministry all over the State to prayerfully enter into this request for a big offering at Christmas-time.

In my humble opinion, no State can boast of a more consecrated

ministry than Arkansas. Our preachers are brotherly and largely see alike in state-wide matters.

I am looking forward to the sessions of the Annual Conferences with more than ordinary pleasure. I do love to meet my brethren at these annual conventions. I sincerely hope that our good Bishop will come to us in fine physical trim.

With high personal regards for all and love from our attaches at the Home and family, I am, your brother, James Thomas, Executive Secretary.

HUNTER CIRCUIT

We are closing our second successful year with a group of people who are loyal to God and the program of the church to which they belong. There is not a more loyal group of people in the North Arkansas Conference than there is to be found on the Hunter Circuit.

Last year our obligations were met in full (plus) by Conference. This year we raised our Benevolences almost 20% and paid in full (plus) by Easter. Our district assessment and Church School Day quota were paid in full and an offering has been made for the superannuate fund and college day.

Salaries are in full for the year. Wiville paid out on October 8, and Hunter on October 24. We have had five additions on profession and seven by letter. The parsonage has been fenced, roofed and painted. This has been a good year and I believe we are moving forward in the promotion of God's Kingdom.—M. L. Kaylor, P. C.

FIRST CHURCH NEWS

Childhood and Youth Week has been observed in our church. The purpose of the observance of this week was to acquaint parents with the work that the church is trying to do for the children in the community. The week was profitable for many who took the leadership in the observance, and it is hoped that all parents in the church were benefited by the program. For the workers in the church school the work will continue. It is ever their desire to bring the children in their classes into a closer fellowship with God and throughout the year they will be working toward that end. The sermon by the pastor, October 17, "The Romance of Parenthood," was extremely helpful and instructive. Those who missed it because of the inclement weather are fortunate in that he has reserved the right to deliver it again under more favorable circumstances. When you see the above subject on the bulletin you may immediately know that you will hear a sermon that will make you a better parent.

The annual Father and Son Banquet was sponsored by the Bethell Class, Mrs. H. B. Bethell, Teacher. Under the direction of Dr. J. R. Luten an interesting and entertaining program was arranged. The committee is to be congratulated for the high type of arrangements and cooperation in the planning of the program. The officials of the church appreciate the willingness with which they responded.

The Recreational Committee, under the chairmanship of Mr. Tillar Adamson, has entered two teams in the Church Volleyball League, sponsored by the Y. M. C. A. The teams are composed of three boys and three girls, with ten members registered for each team, which allows four substitutes on each team. Mr. Roy Alexander and Mr.

Pete Wall have arranged for the two teams of boys, and Mrs. Roy Alexander and Miss Eva Raney have been in charge of the arrangements for the girl participants. It is hoped that this will provide fun and fellowship for the twenty participants from First Church with other church participants.

The choir, under the direction of Mr. John Summers, has made noticeable improvement every Sunday since its organization September 1. From the first a great deal of interest has been manifested by the talented singers of First Church. There have been from 25 to 32 singers present every Sunday morning since its organization. It is fast becoming the pride of every member of First Church and many are predicting that within a short time it will be the pride of the city.

The church school is showing a decided increase in attendance practically every Sunday. That is only as it should be. First Church has one of the best trained groups of workers in the Conference and it is but natural that parents should want their children under their care. First Church is well equipped to train boys and girls in Christian living and that is the aim toward which its teachers work. When you withhold your child from church school you are depriving him of that which rightfully belongs to him. Bring your children to the church school that they may be brought up under the guidance of trained and consecrated teachers, who give of their time and efforts for the purpose of offering Christian experiences for children. Bring your own children, and stop by a neighbors home to bring them also, and then attend one of the adult classes or remain in the department with your child so that you may help guide his experiences. By all means affiliate with some branch of the church school.

The Century Class offers a wonderful opportunity for the men of the church to study and learn how to be better Christians. The class, under the presidency of Mr. L. P. Hutton, has planned for the best year in its history. Mr. H. T. Harrison is the teacher, and there are few who are his equal as a lecturer in any field of life and fewer still who will devote their time and efforts in the manner in which he does. Any man who has heard Mr. Harrison will say that he is one of the best in the city. The men of the church are urged to take their

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The Young People's Department is one of the most wide-awake divisions of the church school. There are about 75 members of the department, which is supervised by Miss Sue Medlock, who is doing fine work here and the young people are cooperating wonderfully with her program. The new staff of leaders has taken hold with renewed interest and zeal, and the department has before it the most profitable year in its recent history. All young people are urged to attend its morning and evening programs. A feature of interest to young people of the church is the "Hollywood Party" Thursday evening, October 28, at the church. Arrangements for the party are in the care of Kay Reed, chairman of the recreational committee, and the games will be conducted by Mr. and Mrs. Sanders Bridges. You are invited.

The Young Adult League, under the supervision of Mr. H. F. Buhler, has had a marked increase in attendance during the last few Sundays. The average during this time has been between 65 and 75. Interesting programs are being appreciated by the entire group, and the recreational period following the service of worship is being enjoyed by a goodly number of the attendants. Plans are being made for a "Halloween Party" Friday evening, October 29, at 7:45. It is not a masquerade party, but any desiring to come in costume are urged to be present. If you are of this age you will be welcomed at the Sunday evening meetings of the League and also at the party.

—C. R. Hozendorf.

NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE TREASURER'S REPORT ON BENEVOLENCES OCT. 21

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Moorefield-Sulphur Rock, Dunlap.....	20.50
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Mountain View, Johnston, J. W.....	49.00
Newark-Elmo-Oil Trough, Seals.....	33.50
Newport: First, Fikes.....	300.00
Umsted Memorial-Hope, Pearce.....	25.00
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Salem, Harris, A. W.....	100.00
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Yellville Ct., Johnston, B. W.....	36.00
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Prairie Grove, Lindsey.....	11.00
Pea Ridge-Brightwater, Fryar.....	310.00
Rogers, Morehead, C.....	58.00
Siloam Springs, Hamilton, F. R.....	670.00
Springdale, Bollin.....	300.00
Springtown Ct., Hutton.....	740.00
War Eagle Ct., Henson.....	51.00
Winslow-Chester, Waggoner.....	25.00
Total.....	75.00
Fort Smith Dist, Warren Johnston, P. E.	\$5,519.60
Alma-Mulberry, Barnett.....	
Altus, Eggenberger, H.....	\$250.00
Booneville, Spicer.....	100.00
Branch Ct., Cofer.....	450.00
Charleston, Russell.....	80.00
Clarksville Sta., Stewart, A. D.....	175.50
Clarksville Ct., Eggenberger and Wilcox.....	\$1,000.00
Fort Smith: First, Henderson.....	20.00
Dodson Avenue, Goodloe.....	2,525.00
Midland Hgts, Wilford, S. B.....	375.00
Second Church, McDonald.....	350.00
Greenwood, Glover, J. W.....	180.06
Hackett, Humphries.....	275.00
Hartford, Franklin.....	115.00
Hartman-Spadra, Villines.....	110.00
Huntington-Midland, Webb.....	155.00
Kibler Ct., Shelby.....	100.00
Lavaca Ct., Dorman.....	140.00
Mansfield, Lark, J. E.....	130.00
Magazine Ct., Howard.....	210.00
Ozark, Sta., Storey.....	80.00
Ozark Ct., Storey and Eggenberger.....	300.00
Paris, Davidson.....	44.00
Prairie View-Scranton, Gleck.....	700.00
S. Fort Smith, Upton.....	120.00
Van Buren, First, Whaley.....	65.00
East Van Buren, Brown.....	329.45
Waldron Sta., Stroup.....	102.45
Waldron Ct., Robertson, B. E.....	100.00
Total.....	61.30
Helena District, A. W. Martin, P. E.	\$8,642.70
Aubrey, Dodgen.....	
Brinkley, Tolleson.....	175.00
Clarendon, Galloway, P.....	50.00
Crawfordsville, Holloway.....	225.00
Colt Ct., Sturdy.....	100.00
Elaine, Patchell.....	200.00
Forrest City, Hayden.....	325.00
Harrisburg Sta. and Ct., Decker.....	\$1,351.00
Haynes Ct., Jett.....	320.00
Helena, Crichtow.....	110.00
Holly Grove-Marvell, Burton.....	1,000.00
Hughes, Galloway, J. J.....	250.00
Hulbert-W. Memphis, Claud.....	190.00
Marianna, Sherman, J.....	275.00
Parkin, Sewell.....	610.00
Vandale Ct., Harvison.....	121.34
Weiner Ct., Patton.....	64.00
West Helena, Weaver, L.....	134.00
Wheatley Ct., Couchman.....	200.00
Widener-Madison, McKnight, T. E.....	130.00
Wynne, Hughey.....	
Total.....	305.00
Jonesboro District, E. W. Potter, P. E.	650.00
Blytheville: First, Wade, H. L.....	\$6,785.34
Lake Street, Johnston, M. N.....	
Blytheville Ct., Holman.....	100.00
Bono Ct., LaFavers.....	16.00
Brookland Ct., Hollifield.....	100.00
Dell-Halfmoon, Graves.....	120.00
Dyess Colony, Barger.....	65.00
Joiner, Cooley.....	7.00
Jonesboro: First, Griffin.....	40.00
Fisher Street, Hoggard.....	1,500.00
Huntington Ave., Blevins.....	209.00
Lake City Ct., Minnis.....	125.00
Leachville, DuLaney.....	70.00
Lepanto, LeRoy.....	90.00
Luxora-Kelser, Randle.....	125.00
Manila-St. John, Harrison.....	114.50
Marion, Allbright.....	157.75
Marked Tree, Womack, J. A.....	300.00
Monette Ct., Sweet.....	300.00
Nettleton-Bay, Moore, J. W.....	133.00
Osceola, Morehead, R. C.....	
Trumann, Few.....	202.00
Tyronza, Reynolds.....	600.00
Total.....	21.75
Paragould District, E. B. Williams, P. E.	100.00
Ash Flat Ct., Leve, Luther.....	\$6,146.00
Biggers Ct., Stewart, J. B.....	\$40.00
	49.25

Maynard-Middlebrook.....	* 40.00
Corning, Wilcoxon.....	200.00
Gainesville Ct., Findley.....	* 125.00
Hardy, Shell.....	85.00
Hoxie-Portia, King.....	87.00
Imboden-Blackrock, Gray.....	73.00
Knobel-Peach Orchard, Benbrook.....	* 80.00
Lorado-Stanford, Williams, W. J.....	90.00
Mammoth Spring, Bierbaum.....	* 150.00
Marmaduke, Hall.....	63.00
Paragould: First, Pyles.....	600.00
East Side, Watson.....	239.00
Paragould Ct., Cherry.....	67.70
Paragould E. S. Ct., Hughes.....	70.25
Piggott, Cravens.....	250.00
Pocahontas, Wilford, B. L.....	318.50
Ext. Church, Attica-Oak G., Wilford, B. L.....	3.00
Rector, Taylor.....	175.00
Smithville Ct., Richey.....	73.25
St. Francis Ct., Yount.....	127.50
Walnut Ridge Sta., Rowland.....	155.00
Walnut Ridge Ct., Mathis.....	73.45
Total.....	\$3,234.90

Searcy District, E. H. Hook, P. E.	
Antioch Ct., Lee.....	* 90.00
Augusta, Glover, J. F.....	399.00
Bald Knob, Harger, H. J.....	* 235.00
Beebe, Patty, S. O.....	332.07
Bellefonte Ct., (With V. S.).....	* 75.00
Cato-Bethel, Thompson.....	* 35.00
Clinton, Kaetzel.....	195.00
Clinton Ct., Hatchett.....	19.87
Cabot-Jacksonville, Mann, L. E.....	* 500.00
Cotton Plant, Chalfant.....	335.00
Gregory-McClelland, Talkington.....	* 115.00
Griffithville, Howerton.....	185.00
Harrison, Dodson.....	* 500.00
Heber Springs, Bumpers.....	* 400.00
Hunter Ct., Kaylor.....	plus, * 126.00
Judsonia-Bradford, Franks, C. L.....	* 125.00
Kensett, Wilson, R. E.....	130.00
Leslie, Hamilton.....	plus, * 100.00
Marshall, Chambliss.....	75.25
McCrory Ct., Robertson, R. A.....	122.50
McCrory St., Oliver.....	* 440.00
McRae Ct., McLester.....	* 225.00
Pangburn Ct., Harger, J. W.....	* 185.00
Quitman Ct., Marlar.....	151.44
Rose Bud Ct., Wlenand.....	* 75.00
Searcy, First, Walton.....	* 1,000.00
Ext. Gum Springs, Walton.....	* 25.00
Scotland Ct., Noggle.....	46.55
Valley Springs, Peterson.....	* 120.00
Total.....	\$6,362.68
Total Benevolences (76.8%).....	\$48,482.32
West Helena for 1937-38.....	21.15
On 1935-36 Benevolences.....	15.25
Grand Total Benevolences.....	\$48,518.72

District Standings		% of	% of
		Accept.	Askgs.
Fort Smith.....	\$8,642	85.7	51.5
Conway.....	8,539	96.2	65.5
Helena.....	6,785	72.1	49.5
Searcy.....	6,362	92.6	49.9
Jonesboro.....	6,146	59	40.6
Fayetteville.....	5,519	97.2	56
Batesville.....	3,251	53.3	31.1
Paragould.....	3,234	57.7	28.8
Last year this date,			
Benevolences.....	\$48,240.84		
Increase.....	\$ 241.48		
Charges paid IN FULL or over.....	85		
Charges paying Askings IN FULL.....	5		
Brethren, please bring exact amount you intend to pay at Conference in cash-ier's, or certified check, or bank draft or money order payable at Fort Smith. Do not bring small member checks. If you pay in currency or cash, having exact amount in as large bills as possible will save much time and give others a chance—Guy Murphy, Treasurer.			

REPORT OF PERRY CIRCUIT

After a very inspirational sermon, by our beloved Presiding Elder, on October 24th, he held our Fourth Quarterly Conference at 2:00 p. m. All the churches had representation. The Churches at Perry, Perryville and Casa assured the Elder that they would pay in full; Adona was doubtful.

We elected the following stewards for next year:

Adona, B. E. Turner, W. B. Holbrook, Ila Kindrick, Will Wade, Jessie Turner; Casa, W. H. Tucker and H. C. Franklin; Perry, G. B. Colvin, V. I. Crager, A. B. Green, W. A. Glenn, J. S. Harris, Sr.; Perryville, Milburn Adams, John Bell, W. F. Higgins, William Scroggins; Honorary Stewards: C. C. Adams and G. N. Permenter.

Mrs. John Bell was elected Supt., of Young People's Division in the place of Mrs. Carl Adams who has moved to Atkins.

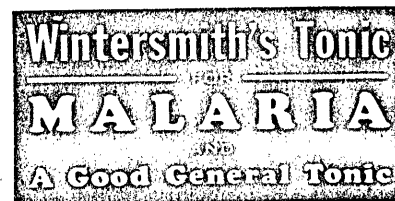
Mr. John Bell was elected Supt., of the Adult Division in the place of Garner Smith who moved to Morrilton.

We have had a good year. We

have three Missionary Societies doing good work. They have raised about \$200 dollars this year.

We have four Sunday Schools fairly well organized and doing excellent work, save in the training courses. Only two long courses have been credited this year, and that was by the pastor at the Pastors' School.

We have had eighteen additions



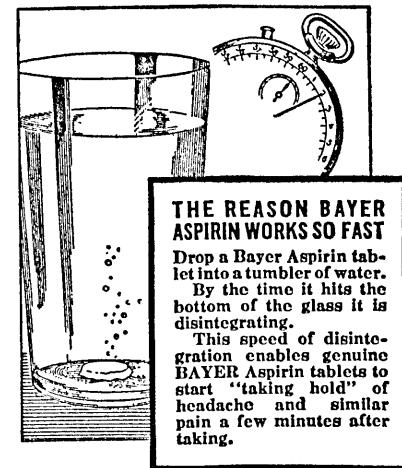
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on profession of faith and twelve by certificate. We have lost twelve by death and otherwise.

Our Conference claims are paid in full of the acceptance with 5% increase. We paid \$27 on the Bishops' Crusade. Our Fourth Sunday Offering has been about \$20.

—A. L. Riggs, P. C.

PLEASANT PLAINS CIRCUIT

We are closing our first year on this charge. At Pleasant Plains nearly all the folks who took an interest in church went to California for work, so the Sunday School went down; but after the revival which was held by the pastors, we reorganized it, and have an attendance of about twice what it had been. Finances will be in full.

At Corner Stone, some of the folks tried the Lord's acre plan. We are almost sure that we will go over the top on finances. The people say this year was the first real revival they have had in many years.

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At Oak Grove we have 117 enrolled in Sunday School with an average attendance of 67; have raised \$84 for Sunday School and are free from debt. The people said we had the greatest revival there has been in six years. Our finances are all in full.

This year we were unable to secure help for any of the meetings. The pastor did the preaching, except a few sermons preached by Rev. Hoy M. Lewis and J. W. Norton. 23 professed faith in Christ; 12 united with our church, some go to other churches.

We have had three vacation church schools, two weeks each, with an enrollment of 60; one training school, with eight credits earned.

On September 24, our little girl underwent an operation for acute appendicitis. It seemed to us that every kindness that could be shown was shown to us by our good people of Batesville and other places. They can never know our appreciation. The Lord has been with us this year; has blessed us in our labor and we give Him all the Praise.—L. L. Langston.

MACEY CHURCH

Macey Community Sunday School, near Monette in the Jonesboro District, has certainly had a wonderful year.

We have had a good revival with 30 conversions, and they all joined the church.

We have a cottage prayer meeting every Tuesday night and at the meetings we have had 15 conversions. Also in our church, one young man, J. C. Riggs, has had a call to preach, and has been authorized by Dr. Potter to become a local preacher. Bro. Riggs preached his first sermon Oct. 17.

We also have a very wide-awake Missionary Society.

This is our first attempt to report on our very lively little country church.—Mrs. J. E. Harrell.

OPENING OF EAGLE CHURCH

The Eagle Methodist Church of Lonoke County, on Sunday, October 24, held in the new church, the opening services as follows:

Song Service by Mr. Allen Brummett, with Mrs. A. G. Litton at the piano.

Prayer—By the Pastor, Rev. D. T. Rowe, comments by pastor as follows:

Appreciation of the lot donated by Mrs. M. E. Dunaway; donation of piano by Mrs. George Bailey; donation of time by Mr. Albert Walls and sawing by Mr. George Bailey; Introduction of the Building Committee who supervised the construction of the church: W. J. Elmore, Fred Lingo, Roy Elmore, John Brummett, Allen Brummett and Ernest Lassiter.

Greetings from Lonoke Methodist Church by: Mr. Dave Hutchinson; Mr. E. R. Robinson (who read a splendid poem from his own composition, "The Little Country Church"); talk by Mrs. D. T. Rowe, talk by Mrs. J. D. Hammons, talk by superintendent and chairman of the building committee, Mr. W. J. Elmore who emphasized the following: The cooperation of all denominations, leadership of pastor.

Generous donations and a financial statement.

Sermon—Dr. J. D. Hammons. Scripture—Matt. 17:20.

Dismissal—Mr. W. J. Elmore.—Betty Jean Litton.

INTERNATIONAL Sunday School Lesson

Lesson for October 31 THE MORAL ISSUE IN THE DRINK PROBLEM

LESSON TEXT—Romans 13:12-14; I Corinthians 6:9-11; Galatians 5:16-24.
GOLDEN TEXT—Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh—Galatians 5:16.

The title of our lesson is well-chosen—"The Moral Issue in the Drink Problem."

First, let it be clear that there is an issue. Those who have business, social, or political connections with the liquor traffic would like to have us believe that the repeal of prohibition settled the matter once for all. But let us be sure of this fact—the liquor problem is at our very door, and it must be met.

In the second place, many would have us think that the matter of drunkenness is a social, political, or even a physical problem, without any moral implications whatever. But those who are informed know that even the supposedly innocent beer is inextricably tied up with vice and crime. A prisoner in a federal penitentiary writing before prohibition was repealed said, "Criminals hail with delight—the return of liquor via the beer route and the greater license that the return of the saloon will inevitably bring. With the return of beer will come open prostitution and gambling." His words were true, and that condition is here now. If you do not think so you do not know what is going on in the taverns, night clubs, and roadhouses in your community.

I. Drunkenness Is a Work of Darkness (Rom. 13:12-14).

Just as there are darkness and daylight in the physical universe, so there are two contrasting spiritual realms, of darkness and light.

Men "loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil," according to the Lord Jesus. (See John 3:19.) This spiritual realm of darkness is directed by "rulers of the darkness of this world" (Eph. 6:12), and their purpose is "spiritual wickedness." With the "works of darkness" the believer is to "have no fellowship" (Eph. 5:11), but is to "reprove them" and bring them into the light where their true nature is made manifest (Eph. 5:13).

"God is light, and in him is no darkness at all," and those who have fellowship with him "walk in the light." (See 1 John 1:5-7.) They so live that their actions, their words, their thoughts, can endure the light.

Drunkenness is a work of darkness. It separates man from God and makes him fear the glorious light of his countenance. The solution for that awful condition is revealed in v. 14. "Put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ." Pledges and promises have no permanent value, but regeneration remakes the life so that no provision is made for the flesh or its lusts.

II. Drunkenness Is a Work of Unrighteousness (1 Cor. 6:9-11).

No drunkard "shall inherit the kingdom of God" (v. 10), and the man who takes his first drink has put his foot on the path that leads to the drunkard's grave. Of course no man plans to go that far, but the fact is that such is the tragic conclusion for hundreds of thousands

of men and women—damned for time and eternity by drink.

Again in this passage we have the answer to our problems. Not reformation, not education, not culture (desirable and useful though we recognize these things to be), but being "washed," sanctified, and "justified" in "the name of the Lord Jesus and in the Spirit of God." Try that on your town drunkard. Thank God, it works!

III. Drunkenness is a Work of the Flesh (Gal. 5:16-24).

The flesh—that is our bodies ruled over by self-will as opposed to God's will—is revealed in the Scriptures to be thoroughly bad, and in opposition of God. Consider the appalling list of the works of the flesh in verses 19 and 20. And note that in the midst of them stands drunkenness.

It is the lowest in man that responds to intoxicants. Little wonder that the Brewer's Journal came out right after the election of 1932 with the statement that "not one tenth of one-per cent of American youths know the taste of real beer. We must educate them." In other words the normal taste of an intelligent person would revolt at the stuff, but once give it a chance to stir the lusts of "the flesh" and the victim is caught.

Once again, note the antidote—live in the power of the Holy Spirit, and the flesh with its lusts is crucified (v. 24). How shall we have the Holy Spirit and his power in our lives? By taking the Lord Jesus Christ as personal Savior. While the brewers give themselves to teaching men to drink let us be even more diligent in rescuing them from drink by winning them to Jesus Christ.

WARNING ORDER

In the Pulaski Chancery Court
State of Arkansas, County of Pulaski,
ss. No. 56220. Addie Roberts Goodson,
Plaintiff, vs. Charles A. Schmuck, et al.,
Defendants. The Defendants, Charles A. Schmuck and Ora Schmuck, are warned to appear in this court within thirty days and answer the complaint of the Plaintiff, Addie Roberts Goodson.

October 7, 1937.

H. S. NIXON, Chancery Clerk.

By Arline P. Turner, D. C.

J. S. Abercrombie, Solicitor for Plaintiff.
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Joint Circle Meeting

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OUR NEW MEMBERS

Mr. Fred King, Miss Bernice King, and Margaret, Frances, Bonnie, and Catherine Cooper, 2201 Chester; Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Brown and son, Wendell, 222 Barton; Miss Angie Lea Smith, 313 S. Valmar; Mrs. N. N. Cain, 1703 Summit; Mr. and Mrs. J. Weldon Crawford, 1812 N. Jackson; Mrs. L. G. Haislip, 2608 High; Miss Barbara Anderson, 2000 Broadway; Miss Mary Virginia Major, 1414 W. 6th; Mr. Virgil Pate, 1019 Rock; Miss Troy Catherine Morris, 3303 High; Mr. William Beatty, 5405 "U" St; Mr. L. C. Beaumont, 810 E. 17th; Miss Vera Hardcastle, 324 W. 14th.

"YANG AND YEN"

The women of Winfield will present Mrs. Gaston Foote in a dramatic reading at 2 o'clock next Tuesday, Nov. 2, in Fellowship Hall. Mrs. Foote will dramatize the book "Yang and Yen" by Alice Hobart, author of "Oil For the Lamps of China."

The stage settings will be Chinese and Mrs. Foote will wear a beautiful Chinese costume purchased in China. Tea will be served and the hostesses will also wear a Chinese dress. Admission 25 cents. Proceeds to be used for the Women's work.

AMONG OUR MEMBERS

Mrs. J. C. Moore is at St. Vincent's Hospital.

Mr. E. L. Farmer, 2211 Battery, suffered a broken ankle last week. Mrs. E. R. Hanna, 106 Fountain, is ill.

Miss Effie Bannon from Longview, Texas, was in the congregation Sunday. Miss Bannon was former office secretary for the church.

Miss Eunice Pennington was married on October 16 to Joe M. Bryan. They will live at 1202 Schiller Ave.

Miss Sarah Brain and Albert Crume were married on October 22. They are living at 1806 Main.

LARGEST EVENING ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY

The largest attendance at the Winfield "Sixty Minute" services on Sunday evening for the last six months was recorded Sunday. The dramatic interpretations of Shakespearean plays by competent readers and the short appropriate sermon by the Pastor, are proving very popular. On next Sunday evening at 7:30, Miss Dorothy Bowers, stellar dramatic reader of L. R. High School will interpret familiar passages of "Hamlet." Dr. Foote will preach on "The Tragedy of Indecision."

TRI S FRATERNITY, GUESTS

Members of the Tri S Fraternity of Senior High School will be special guests at the evening services Sunday.

CATCH-UP DAY NEXT SUNDAY

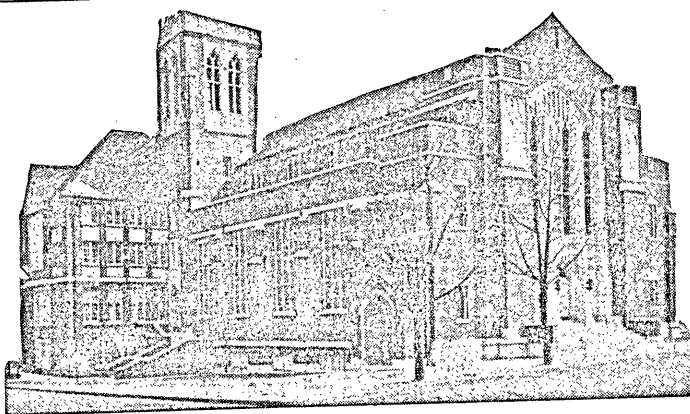
Our goal:—All pledges paid; a substantial payment from all who have not paid. This will be necessary to raise the \$3500 needed before Conference. Will you help?

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Associate Minister

MRS. I. J. STEED
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NEXT SUNDAY AT WINFIELD

10:00 A.M. Church School, all Departments
11:00 A.M. "Handling Handicaps"—sermon by Pastor
6:00 P.M. Senior and Young People's Leagues
7:30 P.M. Excerpts from Shakespeare's "Hamlet"
—Miss Dorothy Bowers
"The Tragedy of Indecision"—The Pastor

THE PASTOR'S MESSAGE

By GASTON FOOTE

Religion a Personal Matter

Religion is extremely personal—something each one must work out for himself. All great decisions of faith must be made in the silent sanctuaries of the soul. At the communion table each person faces the simple elements with nothing, and no one, between him and God. What the communion means to him depends upon his own heart and mind. In his prayer life, if he is honest, he allows nothing to remain between himself and God. If there is a task undone he agrees to perform that task before going farther in his prayer. If there is malice, he removes that malice before presenting another petition. With none to plead the cause save conscience and with none to hear save God, he comes to grip with the greatest issues of life.

In the last analysis, it is not the preacher, the sermon, the teacher, the S. S. class, or the church building that makes us religious. These are mere tools furnishing proper circumstances and environment, but the final judgments rest with us. If we are not entirely at peace in our own soul, we need to seek the Father's counsel. If there is hate or envy, grief or sorrow, worry or despondency, let us come face to face with the Infinite. It is within the secret places of our own souls that these things will be made right.

Nearing The Goal

To date, \$7300.00 has been subscribed on the debt refunding campaign. We are grateful for the fact that many of our people are sacrificially giving out of their scarcity to this great cause. The success of this drive will mean that never again will our debt become a source of embarrassment. The balance can be handled through the regular annual budget. But nothing less than \$10,000 will suffice in the meeting of our part of the contract. Many who have not made their subscription thus far, are being counted on to help Winfield go over the top. You will save a lot of time and worry if you will phone the church office and agree to pay your part of the \$2700 yet to be raised.

Christian Education

By CHARLES THIGPEN

CHURCH SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Last Sunday 549.

A year ago 445.

Department Reports

	Pres.	On Time	Cont.	Sty.
Junior Hi	.74	60	36	40
Senior Hi	.68	48	32	50
Y. P.	.38	30	26	30
Adult	201			

MEN'S CLASSES UNITE

On last Sunday morning, members of the Carmichael and Friendly Fellows classes decided that the groups should unite, with Judge Carmichael and Dr. Foote as the teachers.

Men !!! If you are not in Sunday School come to this great men's class. You'll find plenty of life, and inspiration here. Coffee is served at 9:50 in Fellowship Hall.

SCHOOL OF RELIGION STARTS

Last Wednesday evening the classes were started in our Fall School of Religion. These classes are of interest to all, the teachers are well prepared and will make the work interesting. Come out Wednesday evening at 6:30 for the Fellowship Dinner and stay for the classes.

SENIORS TO HAVE PARTY

Members of the Senior High Department will meet at the Church Saturday evening at 7:00 for a Masquerade Party. The program will be in keeping with the spirit of Halloween.

SUNDAY EVENING

The Young People's and Senior Leagues will meet at 6:00 for a joint recreational program under the direction of Elizabeth McNeely. Refreshments will be served by the Young People's Department.

The Senior worship service will be led by Charles Brodie, the topic being: "Guide Posts to Peace."

In the Young People's Department Neva Mae Moore will continue a discussion on Dale Carnegie's book: "How To Win Friends and Influence People."

CLASS NAME CHANGED

At a recent meeting of the Margaret Clifford Class, it was voted to change the name to The Mae Jenkins Class in honor of the present teacher, Mrs. E. W. Jenkins.

Mrs. James Clifford, the first teacher for whom the class was originally named, is now living in Alamogordo, New Mexico.

UNIQUE LUNCHEON FOR CHILDREN'S WORKERS

The Conference Council of Children's Workers held a two-day session at First Methodist this week. On Monday Miss Fay McRae, Director of Children's Work for the Conference, was hostess to the group at a luncheon served at Winfield Church.

The program theme was "Children Around the World," initiating the Christmas missionary work for the children. Dolls dressed in costumes of various nations, and other national decorations and souvenirs, added to the attractiveness of the luncheon and program.