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## Pulling the Purse Strings

AMERICANS will remember that one of the aftermaths of the first World War was a long list of uncollectable loans. With the notable exception of Finland that war turned out to be one long donation day. And now the borrowers are back for a renewed siege upon the U. S. Treasury. Generalissimo Franco of Spain, suspected of casting longing eyes toward Gibraltar, once taken from them by the British, has informed our government that he will be good if a \$100,000,000 credit for food-stuffs can be arranged with America. Obviously this is to be considered a peace-offering from America to keep Spain from actively joining the armies of the Axis powers. From Argentina comes a request for a loan of \$50,000,000 which is necessary, it is reported, to bolster up her currency. And the Greeks, short of breath from chasing Mussolini's retreating legions, are also short of cash and have so hinted through their king to President Roosevelt. So far the Greeks have only gotten our green light signal. But the amount of help Great Britain is asking for no one seems to know. With a daily drain of \$45,000,000 for the pursuit of war her needs are mounting. While Federal Loan Administrator Jesse H. Jones maintains that "Britain is a good loan" we are constrained to believe the good is in protective rather than collective value. And if we are really serious in saying that England is fighting our war why force England to pay all the bills? Why ask the British Empire to obligate itself to repay a war loan when they practically laughed at us for presenting the bill for the last war? Perhaps we could trade our surplus materials for an island or two somewhere in the Atlantic or the Pacific. At any rate it would save ill-feeling in the future. But America had better not be too free with her financial blood transfusions on behalf of sick patients abroad since she herself has not fully recovered the glow of health.

## Hitch Hiking

HITCH HIKING is not merely a means of transportation. It is a social disease. The symptoms are psychological rather than physiological—the mind is affected. The professional hitch hiker feels the world in which he lives owes him a free ride. He does not propose to buy the machine which furnishes him transportation; he contributes nothing for gas or oil. Of course there are many helpless victims of impoverishment to whom the government definitely owes free transportation. The jobless, the crippled, the widows and orphans are the definite responsibility of a humane society. But aside from this worthy group there are many hitch hikers who could by their own efforts pay their way if they had the will to do so. And they are not all lined up on our highways. There are community hitch hikers—people who appropriate the blessings of their community yet contribute nothing in return. There are citizenship hitch hikers—people who allow others to pay taxes for the support of worthy institutions yet deliberately evade paying their own. There are church hitch hikers—people who continually receive the blessings of the church for themselves and their families and pay nothing for its support—people who ask others to teach their children in Sunday School but will take no responsibility themselves. The real Christian will not say, "How little can I give and get by with it," but "How much can I share with my Lord."

THE CHURCH WILL RAISE UP PROPHETS TO LEAD THE PEOPLE—OR PRIESTS TO READ THE CEREMONY AT THE FUNERALS OF THE CHURCH.  
—E. STANLEY JONES.

## A New Voice

FROM the virile pen of Dr Roy L. Smith, editor of the *New Christian Advocate*, which made its initial appearance last week, comes such scintillating sayings as, . . . "If the Kingdom of God could be established by holding banquets, the Methodist Church could do it unassisted. . . . There is no use exporting a religion that will not work at home. . . . A good many church services are being defeated by dignity. . . . The only collections of which we have any record in the New Testament were taken for the relief of the poor. Yet such collections are the most unpopular in some of today's churches. . . . The length of a sermon is not nearly so important as its depth and its breadth. The man who judges entirely by the watch is very likely to miss the other dimensions. . . . The greatest sin of some congregations is pure pettiness. No one can estimate what "smallness" has cost the Kingdom of God. . . . The sermon that does not sound as if it had stirred the preacher is not very apt to stir the people. . . . This may not be a good time to mention it, but someone ought to tell the draftees that they will also be expected to pay for their training after they get out of the army, because those \$14,000,000,000 worth of bonds for defense will be waiting for them. . . . Perhaps one reason why so many people drop out of the Church without a thought is because they came into it the same way."

## Democracy In Action

AMONG the many pieces of social legislation that has been put in effect during the last eight years one of the nation's largest and most appreciated benefactions is the Social Security program. Since this program was launched five years ago approximately \$3,000,000,000 has been distributed to the aged, the unemployed workers, widows, orphans, and the blind. This program of human helpfulness has reached millions of our people in the lower salaried and no salaried groups and has, no doubt, alleviated much suffering. The unemployed compensation insurance, covering 28,000,000 workers has distributed more than a billion dollars in out-of-work benefits. The public assistance program aids some 30,000,000 persons monthly, most of whom are old people or dependent children. Whatever else may be said about the President, and much has been said, his concern for the aged, the unemployed and the impoverished, merits our highest praise.

## The Supreme Business of the Church

SOME organized churches are not unlike the business man who bought an amazingly efficient bookkeeping system. A few months later the salesman asked the business man about his business. "My business," he replied, "I sold the business to take care of the bookkeeping system." We have never had better organizations through which to carry on the work of the church. But we sometimes spend so much time oiling the machinery that we forget the product of the machine. It cannot be too often reiterated that the chief business of the church is the reincarnation of the spirit of Christ in the life of man. Obviously the methods of evangelism are not so simple today as they were a hundred years ago. Life itself has become more complex. But evangelism is not simply a method of reaching men for Christ—it is the spirit by which we employ all Christian methods to influence men for Christ. To use Paul's language, "if by any means I might win some." The winning is the primary thing; the means is always secondary. And that church or that official board or that minister can truly report a good year if along with a painted parsonage or a burned mortgage there were men and women made spiritually alive through a genuine experience of Christ.

## Worship

PROFESSOR HOCKING of Harvard University once said that a man's life could be reduced to two aspects, work and worship. Work is what we do ourselves, and worship is what we let the higher than ourselves do to us. Work is what we actively labor at, and worship is what we receptively are enriched by. Work determines what belongs to us because we achieve it; worship is what we belong to because it has mastered our loyalties. This beat of life is rowed with two oars—work and worship. The trouble with many of us is that we are trying to row with one oar—our work, hence are going around in circles and getting nowhere. The worship of God reminds us of the values that the world tries to make us forget. Worship gives us a proper sense of the direction of life, rebukes the evil within us, re-dedicates life to its highest purposes and releases its greatest powers. A Christian cannot long remain so if he neglects the instruments of worship such as meditation, prayer and praise. To neglect the private and public worship of God marks the inevitable decay of the soul. And what shall it profit us if we gain the whole world of things and lose the soul of life itself?

## Proper Frame of Mind

A WRITER recently described a modern bayonet practice in which our conscripts are required to engage. In describing the straw sacks which the soldiers attack with drawn bayonets he said, "The sacks are for accuracy in delivery, and soldiers are expected to snarl and show their teeth as they drive into the straw. This puts them in the proper frame of mind for a good workout." One cannot help wonder what is happening to the teachings of the Christian church which exalts all human life when our youth from 21 to 36 are encouraged to give vent to their animal instincts as a part of the preparedness program. For the greatest tragedy in modern warfare is the hate engendered in the hearts of the combatants which death itself cannot heal.

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## CHURCH CALENDAR

Jan. 12, Arkansas Methodist Forward Cam-  
paign.

Feb. 9, National Race Relations Sunday.

Feb. 16-23, Hendrix College Campaign.

March 2, Overseas Relief Sunday.

April 6, Palm Sunday.

April 13, Easter Sunday.

## BOOK REVIEWS

"Spirings of Creative Living"—Rollo May.

This is the Religious Book Club selection for November, 1940. Dr. May, the author of "The Art of Personal Counseling," in this his latest book says that healthy creative personality depends upon a satisfactory adjustment between freedom and determination. "The individual must be free—free to express his instinctual urges, free to love and work and spend himself in living. But the individual must recognize the structure of life which determines him—the physical structure which places limitations on his vitality, the social structure which requires that he play his responsible part in the human constellation, and the structure of life, defined as God, which determines his destiny." "People literally go to pieces when they can do anything they wish . . . on the other hand one questions the assumption that each individual invents his own morality. Ultimate morality connects itself with a structure outside the individual." Here is no book of easy orthodoxy but one pulsating with dynamic truth permeated by a religious atmosphere. Abingdon-Cokesbury Press. Price \$2. —The Editor.

*The Promises of God.*

"All the earth rests on the promises of God. Jesus knew the purpose of everyday things and gave to them a deep and abiding meaning" says Henry Young, author of this inspiring little volume. By scripture and example he shows us how too imbue ordinary everyday things with spiritual significance. Usual events are glorified and made meaningful if we relate every moment and motive to his divine promises.

For thoughtful meditation, for personal inspiration "The Promises of God" by Rev. Henry Young. Lutheran Book Concern. 85c.

—Mrs. Gaston Foote.

*Living Where Jesus Lived*—Emma Jewell Ross.

The author is a graduate of the University of Arkansas, and served with the Y. W. C. A. in France during the World War in a camp for refugee children. She later worked and traveled in the Near East and presents a vivid story of her impressions of the land of the Scriptures. She describes each scene with accuracy and charm at the same time vividly telling the Bible story that occurred there. Her book is the "next best" thing to an actual visit to the Holy Land. MacMillan Co. \$1.50.

—Mrs. Gaston Foote.

## ABOUT PEOPLE

REV. AND MRS. A. J. SHIREY held open house on January 5 for members and friends at the new Hunter Memorial parsonage, 1011 McAlmont.

MISS RUTH ORR and Mr. James Cunningham were married on December 21 at the home of the bride's parents in the Toler Chapel Community by Rev. A. J. Bearden. They will live at Donaldson.

REV. JEFFERSON SHERMAN, pastor of Gardner Memorial, who has been confined to the hospital for the past three weeks has improved and his many friends express hope of a complete recovery in a short time.

MR. L. C. ELLIOTT, treasurer of the Board of Hospital and Homes, wishes the churches to know his address so that funds for this purpose can be sent him. His address is 700 West 7th St., Little Rock, Ark.

STEWART HART CANNON, year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cannon of Venezuela, South America, and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. M. Cannon of Little Rock died on Decem-

ber 24. The sympathy of many freinds go out to them in their bereavement.

THE Methodist Episcopal Church of Italy was recently organized by unanimous vote of the Italy Conference of the Methodist Church, according to advices which have been received by the Board of Missions and Church Extension from Carlos M. Ferreri, of Rome, who has been in charge of all American Methodist work in Italy for some years. Dr. Ferreri was elected superintendent of the new church. All ministers of the Italy Conference, all supply pastors, and all lay delegates were present when this action was taken.

DR. FORNEY HUTCHINSON, after his sabbatical year spent at Mt. Sequoyah, Arkansas, is now happily situated in his new pastorate at Shawnee, Okla. Dr. Hutchinson says that he has a strong church in a good town and he regards his appointment as providential. We join with many friends in wishing for him not only a happy year but many years of usefulness in the Master's kingdom.—New Orleans Christian Advocate.

## With Our Readers

Dear Dr. Foote:

I wish to commend your work very highly as acting editor of ARKANSAS METHODIST. The arrangement of the materials and the content of the reading matter is very helpful and inspirational. Our people need a balanced grasp of the church program and spirit. It seems to me the paper is providing guidance for them to a deeper appreciation of the meaning of the church. Hoping you good success always.

Lake City

BATES STURDY

Dear Dr. Foote:

Your kind favor received advising of your determination of making the ARKANSAS METHODIST a real success and a desirable paper that not only should be but will be wanted in every Methodist home. I can honestly say that you have made a good start and to show my faith and belief in your future success am inclosing my check for a year's subscription.

Very truly,

Pine Bluff, Ark.

MRS. CHRIS H. MEYER

Dear Mr. Williams:

May I take this occasion to express my appreciation of the splendid improvement that has recently been made in the ARKANSAS METHODIST, both as to content and appearance. The timely articles and news items that have been appearing will, I am confident, increase interest in the paper to such an extent that the subscription list will be considerably enlarged.

Sincerely,

Dermott

R. D. HARRISON.

Dear Dr. Foote:

I also wish to voice my appreciation to you for your willingness to act as editor for our fine paper and the fine things you have already suggested and done to make our paper a better one. We must have the paper and I shall do all I can to help place it in every Methodist home on my circuit.

Dell, Ark.

W. C. SMITH.

Dear Dr. Foote:

May I congratulate you on the fine way in which you are editing our fine paper, the ARKANSAS METHODIST. I think you have made a wonderful improvement, both in the appearance and style of this great paper.

Malvern, Ark.

MRS. H. R. LAWRENCE

Dear Dr. Foote:

I am enclosing renewal price for my ARKANSAS METHODIST. With it may I send my best wishes for the continued improvement of the paper, which has brought a number of expressions of favorable comment. I am certain that the January drive will bring in many subscriptions if the church at large can be promised a paper of the quality of the last three weeks' issues.

McCrory, Ark.

ALFRED KNOX

Dear Dr. Foote:

The Methodist has become a great paper under your leadership. I shall cooperate with the drive of early January to circulate the paper. If there is anything that I can do to be of help, do not hesitate to call upon me.

Junction City, Ark.

R. O. BECK.

Dear Dr. Foote:

Please allow me to congratulate you upon the attractive appearance of the new ARKANSAS METHODIST and upon the content of the paper. The Christmas number was so good that I have filed it away with things I like to keep. With deep appreciation of all your courtesies to us in giving us favorable publicity and printing our reports, and the wish that the New Year will bring you great happiness and prosperity in your work, I am,

Little Rock, Ark.

MRS. W. T. LANE,

Matron, The Methodist Orphanage.

Dear Dr. Foote:

I wish to congratulate you and your associates on the very creditable paper you are giving us.

Paris, Ark.

JAMES T. WILLCOXON

## Arkansas Methodist Campaign

Subscriptions are pouring in from every corner of the State due to last Sunday's efforts of the pastors. Many others have written or called saying they would put the campaign over next Sunday. Brother pastor, please do your best to reach your goal—A subscription for every ten members. This Campaign determines the future of your Conference paper. We publish a complete list of churches and subscriptions next week.

—The EDITOR

# THE CHURCH WORKSHOP

H. MELLE FIKES and C. R. HOZENDORF, Editors

## Record Card

Rev. Charles Geissen of Blevins has worked out a very satisfactory circuit (or station) record card. It includes practically every needed data about the individual member or the family group. Brother Geissen maps out his territory by church communities and then secures the following information: name, home address and telephone number, business with the address and telephone number, date of birth, married or single, and if there are any children and their names.

He includes a service record securing the following information: local church member, Sunday school member, Woman's Society of Christian Service, youth society, home department of the Sunday school, missionary council, trustee, visitor, tither. Along with this information is included the present official position: teacher, choir, steward, superintendent of Sunday school, officer in W. S. C. S.

Under the heading, Church Record, these facts are included: date baptized, not a church member, member of another church, dismissed—how and when, how and when received, by whom received, church preference, what church.

A place is designated to indicate the person's interest in the church by contributions, Sunday school attendance, church attendance, Youth meetings, W. S. C. S., correspondence, shut-in, and other miscellaneous information. There is also space designating the proper place on the church roll: constituency, resident, non-resident, preparatory, affiliated, or prospective member. Following this there is a place for recording a ten-year record of pastoral visits by the quarter.

The Mexican Government, through its Anti-Alcohol Bureau, prints on all electric light bills, "Alcoholism is the most stubborn and fearful enemy of progress."

## Public Library

At a recent pastors' meeting in Talladega, Alabama, the ministers agreed to help build up the religious book section of the Talladega Public Library. Each minister agreed to give several volumes from his library that would help get this movement started. As a result the library has received some very valuable books on religion. One of the ministers in Atlanta is so interested in this movement that he has given about ten very recent books on religion. The object of this very worthy movement is not only to help build one of the best religious book sections to be found in any library, but to provide a central place where Sunday school teachers, preachers, pupils, anyone wishing to do research work on religious problems, may find a place to spend an evening in joyful spiritual relaxation.

This is a very fine thing! Why not so in Arkansas?

## Do You Need An Assistant Pastor?

Do you need an assistant pastor? If you do, look no longer. There are laymen in your church who are eager to serve as an assistant to the pastor. Every minister needs help in his church, and the layman is the answer to the question. The most efficient pastor trains as many people as possible, gives them responsibility

## Ten Reasons For Going To Church

The following reasons for going to church were given in a sermon by Dr. Peter Y. F. Shih, who is dean of West China Union Theological College, Chengtu:

I love to go to church because I want to follow the example of Jesus in all things. His regular church attendance is referred to in Luke 4:16,

## Who Will Build the World Anew?

Who will build the world anew?  
Who will break tradition's chains?  
Who will smite the power of gold?  
Who will chant the Spirit's gains?

War and hatred, let them go!  
Caste and creed have had their day;  
Pride and lust will lose their power—  
Who will find the better way?

Who will preach that might is weak?  
Who will teach that love is power?  
Who will hail the reign of right?  
This his day and this his hour?

Faithless priests and warring lords  
Are as Babylon and Tyre,  
Making way for prophet hosts  
Shouting truth in words of fire.

Who will live to slay the false?  
Who will die to prove the true?  
Who will claim the earth for God?  
Who will build the world anew?

—THOMAS CURTIS CLARK.

## Try Publicity

Our rural churches do not get as much publicity through the daily newspapers as they could. Most of the papers will welcome a write-up of the activities carried on in your local church. Outside of personal work, newspaper publicity is the best form of publicity for the open-country church, because seventy-five per cent of the people who read, read nothing but the newspaper. The news column is free and it is better than paid advertising.

The cue to securing good publicity is writing up your activities in newspaper style. Learn the difference between news and preaching. Anyone interested in church publicity will be doubly rewarded by a study of what is news and how to write it. Make friends with newspaper men and women, especially the church editors. Type all material, double space it, and leave plenty of margins on four sides; get it in in plenty of time. Leave out invitations to any meeting of the church, and just simply make it a news item.

News writing does a minister good. It aids him in speaking the language of the common people, and it can become a source of great joy and profit. Church members, as well as others, like to read about themselves and their church and its activities.

"Creeds never satisfy the future. Institutions must be adapted to meet new situations; techniques developed to keep folks sensitive to the demands of a growing world. Experience abides."

to help people to find God, and this is one of the means through which we can bring them into a deeper awareness of Him.

I love to go to church because the minister needs my moral support. A full church is a great inspiration to the minister, therefore I want to be there regularly to show my loyalty to the great Christian enterprise and to all workers in it.

I love to go to church because I can hear at church the Word of God. The minister is a prophetic voice. I am glad I can have the privilege of hearing the Word of God through the lips of my minister.

## Wanted!

Those responsible for the materials that make up the Workshop Page are anxious to do the largest service possible. Accordingly, it is their desire to have the help of everyone who will assist in making it the more constructive and consistently helpful. Please send in for our use, reports on any good and notable discovery you have made—any new undertaking in which you have succeeded—in your work and experience. Thus you can make material contribution to what we earnestly trust will become an increasingly valuable conference publication.

WHEN YOU HAVE SOMETHING, SEND IT IN!—Page Editors.

ty and inspires them to do the work.

Church work is not mysterious. On the whole, the people in the congregation are like those we deal with every day of the week. If a man is successful in his everyday work, and every talent can be used in building the Kingdom, he can be successfully trained to do church work.

The pastor must train laymen for their tasks. To do this, he should organize two classes: a teacher training class and a personal workers' class. Use the laymen to the greatest possible extent. Remember that each member should have something to do in the church; open up new activities to absorb the abilities of growing members; lay responsibility on men as soon as they are ready to accept it; stress the necessity of spiritual development; recognize all services rendered; the Kingdom of God is greater than the interests of an individual; give everyone a voice in the church's program, and then expect the support of each member.

"As it faces its world field, the new Methodist Church is confronted by a Christian education task presenting many difficulties. But it can be said that in practically every missionary field there exists an indigenous church, deeply rooted, possessing within itself a leadership which is intelligent, devoted, courageous, and determined that the Christian church and the ideals for which it stands shall survive."

"As his custom was, he went into the synagogue."

I love to go to church because it is an institution which God has ordained through Christ, who is the foundation of the church.

I love to go to church because the church reminds me of the many great souls in history who gave their lives completely to the great task which Jesus began. It gives me courage to go forward when I feel myself a part of a great tradition.

I love to go to church because the church is a universal institution. I worship with all the believers in Christ in every part of the world, and in this way become aware of my place in the great family of God.

I love to go to church because the church is a good place to worship. The music, the Scripture reading, the sermon, and the offering each represents an act of worship enabling me to feel God's love and nearness.

I love to go to church because the church needs my moral and financial support. It is my church, I am a part of it, and I want to see it grow into perfection for the welfare of mankind and the glory of God.

I love to go to church because the church gives me the opportunity to meet godly people from Sunday to Sunday, and to worship with them. It is good for my soul to have regular fellowship with godly people.

I love to go to church because I have power to influence others to go to church. It is our Christian joy





# I ACCUSE!

By  
HAROLD G. BLACK

I am borrowing the famous words of Emile Zola in denouncing the American liquor traffic.

*I accuse the liquor business* of full responsibility for ten per cent of all admissions to state hospitals for the insane in the United States last year.

*I accuse the liquor business* of being responsible for fourteen per cent of the 202,208 crimes committed by persons under twenty-five years of age last year.

*I accuse the liquor business* of being responsible for twenty-four per cent of all rejections of applicants for life insurance last year.

*I accuse the liquor business* of being responsible for twenty-five per cent of all the automobile accidents during the year 1939—a toll that is represented by a seven-mile-long column of marching men.

*I accuse the liquor business* with having been responsible for the imprisonment of fifty-one per cent of all prisoners in American city and county jails.

*I accuse the liquor business* of being in the entertainment business for the purpose of making pictures feature drinking scenes so attractive that youth will think it is "smart" to drug oneself into intoxicated insensibility.

*I accuse the liquor business* of being a determining factor in at least \$2,400,000,000 of our annual \$15,000,000,000 crime bill; of utterly failing to produce enough government revenue to pay the enormous cost of the crime it incites, and the

cost of maintaining police officers, courts, and institutions necessary to care for its products—idiots, insane, and criminals.

Look at these figures! In the first six and three quarters years following the repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment, while the Federal Government debt increased \$17,900,000,000—an amount equal to that spent for relief—the net cost of alcoholic beverages consumed was \$25,750,000,000. In 1939 our consumption of liquor cost over \$3,225,000,000. If put into piled-up silver dollars, this would make a solid silver column reaching to a height of 5,058 miles. That year we spent seventy-five per cent more for liquor than for education, and over six times as much as for all Church purposes. We drank fourteen gallons at a per capita cost of \$24.64.

*I accuse the liquor business* of contaminating political life, of corrupting courts and public officials, of making highways increasingly unsafe, of contributing to juvenile delinquency, of leaguering itself with gamblers, gangsters, hoodlums, and houses of prostitution.

*I accuse the liquor business* of increasing insurance costs, decreasing the drinker's insurability, hindering legitimate business, impairing industrial efficiency, impoverishing men's families, starving little children, breaking up homes, increasing the divorce toll, enslaving the will, multiplying the conscience, and despoiling all of human personality.

*I accuse the liquor business* of lack of patriotism because of the way it intrudes itself by every device and subterfuge into the military camps where the nation's defenders are being trained, debauching, despoiling, and unfitting them for their responsibilities, just at the time when the nation is bending its utmost effort to put its defenses into shape.

The crimes of the liquor business root down in certain facts—stubborn facts.

One of these facts is that alcohol is a poisonous narcotic. All reputable scientists admit it; so do even the brewers themselves. Dr. Yandell Henderson, professor of biology at Yale, writing in a publication of the United Brewers' Industrial Foundation, said, "Alcohol is a drug of the general class of anaesthetics, such as ether and chloroform." This! From a brewers' journal!

A second stubborn fact is that alcohol is not a stimulant at all, but a depressant.

Most stubborn of all, however, is the fact that beverage alcohol is the parent of human misery. No other business exists, the staple products of which have been so universally condemned by scientific findings and social experience.

*I accuse every newspaper* that accepts liquor advertising, every politician who accepts liquor support, every preacher who keeps silent in the face of the havoc wrought, with complicity in the crimes committed by the liquor business.

*I accuse every hostess* who serves liquor on her dinner table with contributing to the hazards of the highways, for the drinking driver is more dangerous than the drunken driver.

*I accuse every Sunday school* that is without regular and scientific education on the subject of alcohol with being guilty of a crime against the child who comes to it for instruction in right living.

*I accuse every court* with a miscarriage of justice which does not deal firmly and vigorously with the traffic whenever it infringes upon the rights of the non-drinking public.

*I summon the eight millions* of Methodists, recently united in one vast church family, to lead in a crusade against this diabolical business, and in defense of our homes and our children.

*I summon all good citizens* who are truly concerned for the nation's safety in this critical hour to join in an unrelenting assault on this despicable traffic.

The American flag will never be wholly clean so long as it floats over a traffic so diametrically opposed to all the high ideals for which the nation was founded.

The indictment is in. The verdict is in the hands of those who love their country, their homes and their little ones more than anything else in the world.

The Lord God of Hosts is watching as we decide!

## THE CHRISTAIN CRUSADE NOW

By HARRY DENMAN

Christian evangelism is Methodism's supreme opportunity to help Christ save this broken world. The new life and the better way which Christ gives offer to mankind the only sure hope of spiritual renewal.

Against the black background of man's sin and hate we see with increasing clarity that only the radiant evangel of the Son of God can redeem this troubled, tortured world. All other systems are divisive; Christ's alone unites and saves.

### Methodism's Supreme Task

Evangelism has always been Methodism's first love. Methodism needs now to return to her first love, her passion for souls, if she would recover her lost radiance of the warmed heart.

To win adults, young people and children to a firm faith in Jesus Christ and a loving loyalty to Him; to persuade them to believe in Him as their personal Saviour and guide; and to hold Him before the whole world as the redeemer of men from sin, greed, hate and war—this commission still holds for the people called Methodists.

The challenge to Methodism of our day is to write a new chapter in the history of the Church of Christ, even as the Methodism of the Eighteenth Century wrote such a chapter. For the Methodism of the Twentieth Century the issue is, Shall we prove our right to enter into this inheritance from the past; and are we

willing to pay the price always demanded of those who give first place to the first principles of the Kingdom?

Our Methodist inheritance sets us free to walk in new ways that offer larger opportunities for service. Methodism would not have had its day of birth unless Wesley and his fellow laborers had been willing to leave the beaten paths for new ways. This we must hold as one of our best possessions.

Let every Methodist take up the evangelistic working tools of the Kingdom of God with intelligence and enthusiasm for this desperate day.

### And What Is Evangelism?

Evangelism is more than program, plans, or promotion. Methods and machinery, terms and techniques are but means to the end that men may become Christians.

Evangelism is bringing men to Christ and Christ to men.

Evangelism is the divine new life of God brought through faith in Christ into the life of the believer.

Evangelism is Salvation from Sin, Life instead of Death.

Evangelism is challenging men to obey Christ's command, "Follow me!"

Evangelism is seeking and winning the lost to Christ and to the Christian way.

Evangelism is offering the rich, abundant, victorious life of Jesus Christ to the world through faith in Him.

Evangelism is "Intelligence on Fire".

Evangelism is bringing New Life, the Divine Life of Christ, to all who believe, so that the convert walks in a new Way, sees a new Truth and lives a new Life.

Let us make it clear that there is to be no compromise or conflict between the individual and the social gospel. The new Evangelism should be a wise and virile combination of the two. It is futile to expect to build a transformed social order upon the foundation of unregenerate individual lives. On the other hand, we should make it perfectly plain that inevitably a call to follow Christ is a call to build a better world, "a new heaven and a new earth in which dwelleth righteousness". A sincere follower of Christ cannot live on terms of peace in a world that is full of the brutality, insanity, and destructiveness of war. He is committed to seeking first, the Kingdom of God, which is an ideal society in which the relation of men to God is that of children, and to each other, that of brothers. In such a world those stupendous wrongs that have oppressed mankind through all the weary centuries must disappear. Industrial and economic injustice must be overthrown, racial hatreds and prejudices must be conquered; poverty, ignorance, moral disintegration, economic misery, must be confronted with the good news of deliverance for those who are in bondage. There is a human equation to solve in every soul, a social order to reconstruct and purify, a Temple to cleanse, a church to build, and a motley world in which to build it. It is a staggering proposition, but not too great for the Church of God, with

a dynamic gospel to proclaim and a Christ who still has power to give life more abundantly.

### Varied Methods With But One Aim

All wholesome methods of evangelism have received the blessings and reward of God, as they did in St. Paul's time, when he "became all things to all men that he might win some". Among the most successful ways of winning men are:

Pulpit Evangelism, where through the preaching of the Word men decide for Christ;

Educational Evangelism, through the Church School, the youth groups, the preparatory class and the home;

Visitation and Personal Evangelism, through the calling and persuasion of trained lay workers;

Clinical Evangelism, through counselling and conversion;

Public Evangelism, through a preaching mission of evangelistic services by the minister or by an approved evangelist;

Group Evangelism, through the winning of a group of persons by Christians who are members of that organization or group;

Social Evangelism, through a crusade against war, hate, liquor, greed, racial hatreds, gambling, Sabbath desecration, or any evil in the community which destroys personality and life;

Stewardship Evangelism, through which our members dedicate their personal time, talents, and possessions to Christ; and

Prayer Evangelism, through which groups meet regularly to pray for individuals, Churches, Communities, Nations.

Let each minister and church select those members that are best adapted to the needs of the community that non-Christians may be brought into the fellowship of Christ.

# THE DEVOTIONAL PAGE

ROY BAGLEY, Editor

## PUNGENT PARAGRAPHS

There is nothing more real than what comes in religion. To compare facts such as these with what is given to us in outward existence would be to trifle with the subject. The man who demands a reality more solid than that of the religious consciousness, seeks he does not know what.—F. H. Bradley, Appearance and Reality.

Either take Christ out of your lives, or cast him out of your lips. Either be what thou seemest, or else be what thou art.—Dyer.

No matter what a man's aims, or resolutions, or professions may be, it is by one's deeds that he is to be judged, both by God and man.—H. W. Beecher.

Diligence is the mother of good luck, and God gives all things to industry. Work while it is called to-day, for you know not how much you may be hindered tomorrow. One today is worth two tomorrows; never leave that till tomorrow which you can do today.—Franklin.

Do right, and God's recompense to you will be the power of doing more right.—F. W. Robertson.

Education is the knowledge of how to use the whole of oneself. Many men use but one or two faculties out of the score with which they are endowed. A man is educated who knows how to make a tool of every faculty—how to open it, how to keep it sharp, and how to apply it to all practical purposes.—H. W. Beecher.

## Technique For Daily Living

By MURIEL LESTER

"When you wake in the morning, immediately greet God as an objective reality—in unseen presence close beside you. Picture Him as radiant beauty, creative power, unfailing serenity and love. Before you come down to breakfast, make a prayer dedicating your entire day to God and His service. Remember that He has some lovely mission for you to perform if only you will put yourself unreservedly in His hands. At each meal during the day thank God for His mercy in providing food for you, and then make a prayer for those who must go hungry. They, too, are God's children, but they are less fortunate than you. As you go about your work during the day, remember that all the people you meet belong to God just as you do. Keep praying for them, and, as you do, remember that their problems can be solved—solved by the God who is continually sending his light and life into human hearts. At the end of the day, in a time of silence and amid the conscious presence of God, let the failures and anxieties of the day pass through your mind and then vanish forever. As they vanish God will lift the burden from your spirit, will make everything clear again. When you finally drop to sleep, let your last thought be this: 'Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit!'"

## POEM OF THE WEEK

*"O for a heart to praise my God,  
A heart from sin set free,  
A heart that always feels thy blood  
So freely shed for me!"*

*A heart resigned, submissive, meek,  
My great Redeemer's throne;  
Where only Christ is heard to speak,  
Where Jesus reigns alone;*

*A humble, lowly, contrite heart,  
Believing, true, and clean,  
Which neither life nor death can part  
From Him that dwells within;*

*A heart in every thought renewed,  
And full of love divine;  
Perfect, and right, and pure, and good,  
A copy Lord, of Thine!*

—CHARLES WESLEY

from the Methodist Hymnal.

## TEACH US THY STEWARDSHIP

"I have a stewardship entrusted unto me" (I Corinthians 1:17).

Saint Paul is speaking. "I have a stewardship," he cries. "Whether I like it or don't like it; whether I get a reward or don't get a reward; I face the fact; I have a stewardship!"

"I have a stewardship." Read between the lines and hear what Paul has many times said to himself. "I have a stewardship. I can't get away from this everpresent truth. In my waking hours it presses on me; when I am asleep it stirs me in my dreams, I have something to do. I have something to be. It is my task and no one else can do my work. If I don't do it, it will not be done. God help me, I have a stewardship!"

"It is God-given, this stewardship. Some day I will have to answer to my Maker. I can never get away from Him. I have tried; I know! 'Whither shall I . . . flee from Thy presence? If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea; even there shall thy hand lead me and thy right hand shall hold me' (Psalm 139:7-10).

"But how strange that I should ever have tried to get away from God! That is what it meant, to flee from this stewardship of mine. Blessed was the day when I learned the truth, when I made the discovery, that to take up my stewardship was to find God and life. O life that is everlasting! Yes, and with it joy and peace and power. Oh, it was to find myself. Thanks be to God, I have a stewardship!"

Paul was a great adventurer—a great spiritual discoverer! God bless to us his memory lest we forget. That is the trouble with us, we forget. We forget that, whether we like it or not, we have a stewardship; every one of us has a stewardship! There is no inactive membership in the Kingdom of Christ, even if sometimes we seem to think there is in the Church on earth.

But, someone says, to be a Christian is to believe. Yes, it is, but to

believe so deeply that we must do something about it. Too much of our believing isn't believing at all. Does a man really believe a truth until that truth moves him to action?

It is indeed a great truth that Adventurer Paul is disclosing to the Corinthians. Would that we all might grasp it! He says, "necessity is laid upon me; for woe unto me, if I preach not the gospel" (I Corinthians 9:16). The Christian is a compelled person. When he accepts Christ, he is given a stewardship. It is in the form of a cross. It is his whether he accepts it or not. And woe unto him if he accepts it not!

But we must not be misled by the word "preach". Paul is not putting professional preachers in one group and professing Christians in another. The preaching that Paul is talking about is witnessing—witnessing to what God has done for us through Jesus Christ. Did not Jesus command this of all disciples? He said, "Ye shall be my witness . . . unto the uttermost part of the earth" (Acts 1:8). Truly, every Christian is called to say, "I have a stewardship." But do we really understand what Saint Paul is saying in this scripture? "For if I preach the gospel, I have nothing to glory of; for necessity is laid upon me . . . For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of mine own will, I have a stewardship entrusted unto me" (I Corinthians 9:16, 17).

### A Prayer

O God, for Christ's sake, who loved us and gave Himself for us, help us this day to see life as a trust from Heaven, an opportunity to bring the eternal life from above down to earth. And if in hours of weakness the battle seems too hard and we grow faint, help us still to stand! Remind us then that to the faithful is the road to power and peace and God. Amen.

### Meditation

"God has a life plan for every

## SENTENCE SERMONS

If it were not for tears in the eyes there could be no rainbow in the soul.

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The God we worship writes His name across our face.

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A person may be entirely moral and impossible to live with.

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A man cannot buy respect; he must live the life to win it.

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The most serious problem confronting ministers and religious educators is the passive interest fathers and mothers evince toward the church and religion in general.

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You must dig deep to build high.

human life in the eternal counsels of His will. When He arranged the destiny of every star and every sand-grain and every blade of grass and each of those tiny insects which live but for an hour, the Creator had a thought for you and me. It was a thought of what we were to be, of what we might become, of what He would have us do with our days and years of influence with our lives."—Henry Drummond.—From "I Have a Stewardship" by Bishop Ralph S. Cushman.

## The Bible's Message For Today

By CARL E. KEIGHTLEY

"Arise, Barak, and lead thy captivity captive. . . ." (Judges 5:12).

Men are not only led captive by the military force of unfriendly nations. Sometimes they are shackled by poverty, disease, ignorance, and racial discrimination. Sometimes they are enslaved by their own indifference and inertia. But, whatever the cause, we need not remain slaves. We can be free. Call the roll of the world's great characters, and you will find that most of them succeeded in spite of great handicaps. They led their captivity captive.

It is the courageous spirit of determining never to be enslaved by men or circumstance that brought a Pilgrim's Progress out of a prison, and it was this same spirit that made Paul preach the kingdom of God for two years in his prison-house at Rome. Neither life, nor death, nor principalities can enslave him who is determined to be free.

From a sick bed came Stevenson's great books and poems. As a hopeless tubercular, Babson began his career as a statistician. Near Ellensburg, Washington, live the "borrowed timers". The doctors say they should be dead, but they have cheated death and go on living useful lives. On a cross they put Jesus to death, but death could not bind Him. They placed Him in a sepulchre, but a tomb could not hold Him. See. He is let loose in the world to rule the hearts of men. Four walls do not a prison make to men of courage and of devotion to their higher selves.

"Arise, Barak, and lead thy captivity captive."

## Items Of Interest From Batesville First Church

In a special service on Christmas eve George Terry, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. George J. Terry, was baptized and dedicated to the service of God.

On Sunday night, December 22, young Bobby Berryman, sixteen years old, presented himself as a Christmas gift to the church and the Kingdom. He said that he wanted himself to be a Christmas gift. The pastor took him in.

Through the efforts of our church twenty-five needy families received as Christmas gifts food and clothing.

On Sunday evening, December 22, was presented a Christmas play, "The Greatest Gift," under the direction of Mrs. Charles F. Cole, Jr. The cast of characters was as follows: Barbara Ann Murphy, Mary Lee Neoman, Lawrence McCrehead, Billy Ruth Stokes, Billy Longley and Reginald Lane. In addition to this the primary children sang, "Away In a Manger" and the Juniors sang "Sleep, My Little Jesus."

—H. W. Jinske, Reporter.

## Bono-Trinity Circuit

This is our first year on the Bono-Trinity Circuit. We have worked hard. I have made 1,000 pastoral visits this year. Have baptised seven babies, had sixteen conversions in our revivals, doing the preaching myself. Six joined the church on profession of faith and received nine by certificates and otherwise.

We have two Sunday Schools where the Youth Division is doing good work at both morning and evening sessions. These two schools are Bono and Trinity. The attendance has increased about twenty-five and thirty per cent.

Our acceptance on Benevolences, now World Service funds, has been mailed to the treasurer in full. Upon the word of the officials all finances will be reported in full. The Board at Bono voted for our return. We have done a hard year's work, but have enjoyed it.—A. L. Riggs,

## Des Arc and DeVal's Bluff Charge

We have been most cordially received by not only the people of our own church but the whole community over the entire charge. Under the efficient and wise leadership of Mr. J. E. Berry, our Church School at Des Arc has grown for the past two years until now we have the largest attendance for any Church School in this county. We fully expect to have more members received during December than we had all last year at Des Arc.

We are sure of great year with these dear people.—W. W. Nelson, Pastor.

## Monette

The Christmas program was a happy occasion for the Monette Methodist Church, because at that program enough money had been raised to pay off the debt on the church. The work of re-decorating the church, both inside and out, was started December 31, and a new flue has been built in the educational annex.

On Sunday night, January 5, the Buffalo Island Young People's Union had a candlelight installation service at Back Oak church.—Geo. L. McGhehey, Pastor.

# With The Churches

## Huntsville

The work of the Huntsville Charge has moved off with a flying start, according to reports made to the first quarterly conference which met at the Huntsville church Sunday evening, December 29, with District Superintendent Sam Wiggins in charge.

A Senior League has been organized and meets twice weekly, once for worship and once for social. The juniors are being organized under the direction of Miss Imogene Rye and Mrs. S. M. Auslam.

The pastor's salary has been paid in full to January 1, 1941. \$1.50 was sent to the Methodist Orphanage by two children's classes of the Church School.

The pastor has been invited to speak to the Huntsville camp, Civilian Conservation Corps, twice monthly. Two engagements have already been filled there; also one at the National Youth Administration camp.

The church membership gave the pastor an old-fashioned pounding the last week of November. Everything a bachelor could use was included.

The parsonage has undergone the following improvements: Painting of bedroom furniture, painting of cane bottom chairs, an exchange of day-enports, new breakfast table and chairs, putting of windows, installations of porch light and telephone.

—Wilson B. Shultz, Pastor.

## Leola

We have been very graciously received for the second year on the work. We were given the usual pounding that goes with the new preacher coming on the work. Then we were glad to be able to get our Christmas offering in on time. We found quite a debt on the parsonage when we came to the work, but this day we paid the last of it and now we have the old papers in our possession and the parsonage is debt-free. The people are glad, and we are glad to work with a people that want to do things, and now we are looking forward to another good year. With the help of the people and the Lord's help we will have a good report at the next Annual Conference. Brethren, pray for us.—A. J. Bearden, Pastor.

## Have You Books For China Seminary?

Union Theological Seminary, of Foochow, China, is now holding its sessions and training young men for the Christian ministry "several miles up the Min River" from Foochow. Despite its "exile"—due to Japan's bombing of Foochow—the Seminary is carrying on its ministry.

In a recent letter from its principal, Dr. C. F. Yang, he requests American friends to send two volumes by Dr. K. S. Latourette—books especially needed by students. They are "History of Christian Missions In China" and "History of the Expansion of Christianity." Any reader who is willing to give either of these publications to the Seminary, will please communicate with the Board of Missions and Church Extension, 10 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

## Meeting Of Searcy District Staff

Rev. George Pyles, district superintendent of the Searcy District, met with his staff on Wednesday evening, December 11, at First Methodist Church, Searcy. The following members of the staff were present: Rev. S. O. Fatty, district director of adult work; Rev. Alfred Knox, district director of youth work; Miss Irene Forrest, district director of children's work; Mrs. Alfred Knox, district director of the Golden Cross; Mrs. G. W. Pyles, district secretary of the Woman's Society of Christian Service; and Rev. R. E. Connell, district missionary secretary.

Rev. Ira A. Brumley, conference executive secretary, met with the group after bringing the prayer meeting of the Searcy congregation an interesting message from the educational conference in Nashville.

Bro. Brumley guided the educational staff in the formation of its plans for the year. The set-up was also perfected for the District Training School, which will be held in Searcy the week of January 27.

Plans were discussed for the District Missionary Institute which will be held on January 8. Mrs. Pyles gave the dates for approaching meetings of the women in the different zones of the district. Mrs. Knox called attention to the date and arrangements for the Golden Cross enrollment in 1941. Bro. Connell advanced some very forward looking plans for his year's work as missionary secretary, which should help make the district more missionary-minded.

Bro. Pyles' staff of workers for the year promised a full schedule of activities in each of their fields of work in the Searcy District.—Alfred Knox, Secretary.

## Woodruff County Ministerial Alliance

The preachers of Woodruff County in the Searcy District met at the home of Rev. A. N. Storey in Augusta on the first Monday in December and organized the Woodruff County Methodist Ministers' Alliance. The meeting was chiefly an informal gathering for the purpose of fellowship and an exchange of ideas.

Officers were elected for the group, which will meet monthly, but the group does not plan to have formal programs. The officers elected were: A. N. Storey, president and Alfred Knox, secretary.

It is felt that a great deal of mutual benefit will come from the informal exchange of ideas and plans, rather than formal discussion. The next meeting will be at the home of Alfred Knox in McCrory on Jan. 1.

The Woodruff County preachers are: A. N. Storey, Augusta; E. E. Stevenson, Cotton Plant; W. M. Womack, DeView; W. H. Harrison, Hunter; Ernest Hance, Gregory; and Alfred Knox, McCrory. — Alfred Knox, Secretary.

Into the woman's keeping is committed the destiny of the generations that are to come after us.—Theodore Roosevelt.

## Acts Of The Apostles Of The Little Rock District

A. J. Shirey, progressive pastor of Hunter Memorial Church, together with Mrs. Shirey and the ladies of the Hunter W. S. C. S. held open house in the new parsonage of Hunter last Sunday.

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J. R. Sewell, "Mustang" Circuit Rider of the Austin Circuit reports that "Cold Weather" is ideal for his congregations out on the great old Austin charge. More power to you, Ralph. "Ride that Mustang" boy, and God will bless your efforts.

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Richard (Dick) Perry, the aspiring young pastor of the Bryant Circuit reports a "bumper" Watch Night Service on New Year's eve. "The only thing," opines Dick, "I don't have a wife to clean up the parsonage."

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Mark Vaught, another aspiring young theologian, who is extremely happy in his work on the Keo-Tomberlin Charge, reports that things are moving like a "house on fire" down Keo-Tomberlin way. Mark also feels very keenly the need of a "better half" to assist him in the discharge of his high calling among fine folk down there. Well, Mark, "keep-on-a-keeping-on" and one day you may get your "wish."

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The "Apostles" heartily welcome in their midst a promising young Neophyte by the name of Wesley Ruetz—sounds like, from his name, he might go places in the Methodist Church. A hearty welcome, Wesley, we are glad to have you as one of us.

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All the other "Apostles" in the District have been cordially received by their congregations and prospects for a great year loom large right now, and we are all hoping, that with God's help, the fruits in the fall, will be in keeping with the "looming prospects" of the present.

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Our amiable "Chief Apostle," Dr. C. M. Reves, reports, in spite of the "flu" and other disorders of the Christmas season, that when he read Van Dusen's "Methodism's World Mission," he felt like a new man. Who can doubt his statement after having heard him during our Missionary Institute on last Monday? We all love you, Dr. Reves, and find your great leadership an increasing inspiration to us in the glorious job of being "Apostles" in this great district, and our greatest desire is that we not let you down in your enthusiastic plans for the year.

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How about it, you "Apostles" in the other Districts, what are you doing, how much joy are you getting out of being in this "high calling" and what do you think about the outlook for 1941? Let's hear from you.—"Apostle Tertius" The Scribe.

## Newark

We arrived in Newark on November 14, and have been received in a fine way. We were given a reception on Friday night, the 11th, and a pantry shower with a lot of good things to eat. The Board has been well organized and the finances are in good shape. Brother Seals left everything in fine working order. The outlook for the year is good.—J. M. Hughes, Pastor.



## Getting Acquainted With Our Hendrix College Faculty

By ERNESTINE MATKIN  
Class of 1940



MR. E. WAINWRIGHT MARTIN  
Our Business Manager

One who followed Mr. E. Wainwright Martin through a typical day's activity on the Hendrix campus and over Conway would realize, without knowing of his many positions, that he is a very busy man. For this treasurer and business manager of Hendrix College has, by reason of his efficiency and wide interests, been made member and officer of many important Arkansas committees and organizations.

Mr. Martin seems reluctant to admit that he was born "near the turn of the century" (March 21, 1898, to be exact) in the small town of Monett, Missouri. His family is an old Methodist one, both his grandfather and great-grandfather having been Methodist preachers. He does not consider Monett "home town," though, for during his early years he lived in Fort Worth, Texas, in Little Rock, and finally in Texarkana, which he considers the real home of his boyhood.

It was from Texarkana that he came to enter Hendrix College. He was graduated in 1919, having done most of his study in mathematics and science, with astronomy as a side interest. Incidentally, he is still very much interested in these subjects and all the natural sciences today.

In 1920, the year following his graduation, he established an agency for fire insurance in Texarkana. He worked with this agency until 1933, when he was elected to his present position at Hendrix.

His work at Hendrix, Mr. Martin enjoys thoroughly. He not only likes the very college grounds (having gone to college here), but he enjoys the work too, and most of all, the people with whom he works. He believes he couldn't be associated with a finer group of students and faculty.

In 1926, Mr. Martin married Miss

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Catherine Smith of Fayetteville. She, too, is of an old Methodist family. They have two children, a son, Wainwright, 13, and Mary Jane, 10.

Mr. Martin says his children are one of his two hobbies. The other hobby is photography, and in this hobby members of the Hendrix Photography Club testify to his proficiency.

Aside from filling a full-time position at Hendrix and enjoying several hobbies, Mr. Martin takes a very active part in church and civic activities. In the First Methodist Church of Conway he is chairman of the finance committee and chairman of the Board of Stewards. He is also treasurer of the Board of Missions and Church Extension of the North Arkansas Conference and treasurer of the Arkansas Pastor's School.

He is a past president and active member of the Conway Rotary Club and while in Texarkana he was scout commissioner of the Texarkana council of the Boy Scouts of America.

During the last world war Mr. Martin was a second lieutenant of the infantry, although he did not go overseas. After the war he was a charter member of the American Legion Post of Texarkana, of which he is a past commander.

Although Hendrix students and faculty sometimes jokingly use Mr. Martin's name as a synonym for "watching of pennies," they respect his ability to keep the budget of such an intricate institution in order. They like him as a genuine person with many interests. To his associates in general he is known as a true business man of the finest type.

## Plans Made For Student Leadership Training Conferences

The first meeting of the Program Planning Committee for the Second National Methodist Student Conference was held at St. Louis, Missouri, November 29-30-December 1, 1940.

In this meeting the committee, according to Dr. H. D. Bollinger, Secretary of the Methodist Student Movement, Department of Student Work of the Board of Education, accomplished two major tasks. The first was to make plans for the Methodist student leadership training conferences that are to be held in four different regions of our country next summer. Dates, places of meeting and plans for these conferences will be announced in the near future.

The second major task was the inauguration of plans for the Second National Methodist Student Conference that is to be held December 29-31, 1941-January 1-2, 1942. The first such conference was held at St. Louis, Missouri, during the Christmas vacation, 1937. It was then voted to hold one such conference during each student generation, and the plans are now underway for the second great nation-wide gathering of Methodist students during the Christmas vacation of 1941—one year from now.

The place of holding the conference is yet to be determined. In the near future the place, program plans and leadership will be announced.

## Mississippi County Union Meets

The Mississippi County Young People's Union held its December meeting in Luxora. Approximately ninety people from Blytheville, Osceola, Manila, Dell and Luxora attended. The monthly council met at the parsonage preceding the assembly of the group.

Bob Ware, president of the Luxora young people's division, was in charge of the devotional program in which the spirit of Christmas was effectively carried out. The following numbers were given:

Song, "Joy to the World."

"The Heavens Declare the glory of God"—Ann McLendon.

Solo, "Silent Night, Holy Night"—Ditsey Siliman.

Responsive Scripture reading led by Marvin Spann Wilson.

Piano solo, "Spirit of Christmas" (medley of Christmas tunes)—Roy L. Ware.

"On Earth Peace, Good Will," talk—Billy Langston.

Song, "There's a Song in the Air."

Prayer—Rev. E. B. Williams, Blytheville First Church.

During the business session the discussions were largely centered around the changing of the monthly meeting date to the second Monday night in each month. The new ministers and their wives were introduced to the group. Those present included Rev. and Mrs. Martin Bierbaum, Luxora; Rev. and Mrs. W. J. Spicer, Osceola; Rev. and Mrs. Harold Eggensperger, pastor, Blytheville First Church; Rev. O. M. Campbell, Manila; and Rev. E. K. Sewell, Blytheville Lake Street.

The efficiency banner was awarded to Dell.

An exchange of gifts from the Christmas tree provided entertainment during the social hour. Each person was given a number and presented a gift determined by a corresponding number on the tree. Refreshments of iced drinks and cookies were served in the recreation hall in the basement of the church.

The next meeting will be held Monday evening, January 13, at Blytheville First Church.—Reporter.

## Christian Adventure Institute At Mammoth Spring

A Christian Adventure Institute was held at Mammoth Spring on December 20-21. Two courses were offered, "What Boys and Girls Are Asking," taught by Rev. Earle DuBois with eight enrolled, and "The Story of Amos," taught by Mrs. D. G. Hindman with seven enrolled. Mrs. Earle DuBois had charge of the devotionals. Miss Eloise Hindman was pianist and Miss Marilyn was assistant recreational director. Rev. D. G. Hindman was the dean.

Supper was served in the basement of the church on Friday and lunch on Saturday. The institute was a success in every way.—Reporter.

"He that hath clean hands and a pure heart . . . he shall receive the blessing from the Lord and righteousness from the God of his salvation."—Psalm XXIV. 4 and 5.

## Hendrix College News

Much interest has been expressed in the article by M. J. Lippman, assistant professor of music and director of the Hendrix band, which was recently published in the Music Educators Journal, official magazine of the music educators national conference. The article was entitled, "Band Lights On a Small Budget," and concerned the small flashlights used by the Hendrix band in night field formations. Since the appearance of the article in mid-December, Mr. Lippman has received 22 inquiries for further information on the lights and their use.

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In connection with the emphasis being placed upon better Latin and South American relations at Hendrix College, an exhibit of works by the important Mexican artist, Jean Charlot, opened last week in the Hendrix library. The exhibit, which consists of fifteen paintings by Charlot, will remain at Hendrix until January 20.

Charlot, a realist, was born in Paris in 1898 of Mexican-French parentage. He moved to Mexico in 1921 where he became closely connected with the Mexican art renaissance. He has done much work with ancient Mayan frescoes and bas-reliefs and has acquired an intimate vision of Mexico which is reflected in his work. The public is invited to visit the exhibition.

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The piano recital of Mrs. Benjamin Owen, which was to have been Tuesday, January 7, was postponed because of her illness. The next recital on the concert calendar of the Hendrix music department will be by David R. Robertson, violinist and head of the Hendrix music department.

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A student, Wilfred McKinney, senior from El Dorado, was the speaker in the Hendrix assembly last week. In his address, which was entitled, "Radio and Democracy," McKinney explained some of the effects that radio has had on the life of the nation, in fields of politics, religion, education and patriotism. The talk was the first to be made by a student in the series on "The American Way of Life," which was begun last fall. McKinney is president of the Hendrix Men's Club, co-chairman of the student social committee, and was recently selected to appear in Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities.—Glenn Black.

## Children's Workers Meet

The Children's Workers of the North Little Rock churches met last Thursday night at the home of Mrs. Oscar Goss of Gardner Memorial. The devotional was given by Mrs. Roy Burns and new children's songs were learned. Announcement was made of the District meeting of children's workers to be held at Morrilton Tuesday, January 7.

The remainder of the evening was spent in preparing to teach the Missionary Unit on China. Refreshments carrying out the Chinese motif were served by the hostesses.

The meeting adjourned after planning to meet again in April to study plans for better Vacation Church Schools.—Reporter.

It is almost as presumptuous to think you can do nothing as to think you can do everything.—Phillips Brooks.

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# "Every Methodist Write a Will . . ."

## COUNCIL ON WILLS .

A group of friends of Hendrix College met at the home of Justice Frank G. Smith and organized a Central Council On Wills. The purpose of the organization is to call the attention of people to the importance of writing wills and directing their attention to Hendrix College as a worthy institution for them to remember in their wills.

In the organization of the Council, H. T. Harrison, lawyer of Little Rock, was elected chairman and E.

W. Martin, treasurer of Hendrix College, secretary. These officers with DeMatt Henderson, Jerry Bowen and Dr. J. D. Hammons compose the executive committee. Other members of the Council are: Justice Frank Smith and Associate Justice J. Seab Holt of the Arkansas Supreme Court; Judge J. S. Utley of Third Division Circuit Court; A. L. Barber and Wallace Townsend, lawyers; E. J. Risley and E. B. Stokes, trust officers; J. J. Harrison, state manager of the Union Central

Life Insurance Company and J. T. Thompson, state manager of the Mutual Life Insurance Company; W. P. Gulley, president of the Pulaski Federal Building and Loan Association, all these of Little Rock.

Coordinate Councils will be organized in different parts of the state. These Councils, while primarily in interest of Hendrix College, will seek first of all to educate the public concerning the importance of writing wills, which will likewise be of interest to other institutions.

## You CAN Take It With You!

By HARVEY T. HARRISON

A worldly wise admonition frequently heard in this era of speed and splurge is: "You can't take it with you." The idea which the admonition seeks to implant is: "Loosen up. If you want to get your money's worth out of life you had better shuffle off your mortal coil before you shuffle off your mortal coil."

As a counsel to the miserly tightwad who exercises no control over his worldly goods except to hoard them or the sole gratification of his sense of possession, the admonition is not without a certain element of truth and value in so far as it relates to temporal possessions and animal behavior. But for the person who assumes that life is a perpetually going concern, that human personality is indestructible, and that the life of the flesh is merely an episode in an adventurous pilgrimage, it is a superficial and fallacious assertion to say that you cannot take with you throughout eternity the really precious values residing in the property you accumulate here on earth, and that you cannot cling to those incidents of ownership which lend power and dignity to the possession of property.

The value of property is measured in terms of its usefulness, that is to say, its power to provide satisfaction for the wants of the body and the desires of the spirit. Ownership of property is measured by the extent of one's power to dispose of it as he pleases and to control its use. It is in the disposition of property and the control of its use that the owner of wealth finds the opportunity to take it with him.

The most effective and most frequently employed method of controlling the use of property perpetually is by executing a will directing the kind of needs and desires the property shall be used to satisfy when its owner has passed from the scene of temporal experience. A fact interesting to note is: You cannot perpetually control the use of your property for the satisfaction of the purely mundane wants and desires of anybody, however near and dear to you that person may be. Under the law of Arkansas you cannot control the use of your property for the satisfaction of anybody's physical wants beyond two generations after your death.

To exercise the prerogatives of owner-

ship and the control of the use of property throughout all time, it is necessary to devote its values to the satisfaction of spiritual needs. Since whatever is eternal in human personality is spirit, it is a short-sighted and improvident owner of property who neglects to use his property in a way to satisfy the needs of the spirit. Therefore, a man who commits his body to the dust of the earth and his spirit to the God who gave it, without committing any of the wealth he may have accumulated in the field of time to the service of institutions devoted to the advancement of the human understanding and the enlargement of the human spirit, takes nothing with him and enters into the new world of the spirit a naked and impoverished little ghost, however grandiose may have been his riches in the kingdom of this world. How uncomfortable such a person must feel in the presence of those far-sighted, large-minded souls who, though long removed from mundane occupations are still deriving rich incomes from investments made in spiritual enterprises.

In that realm where spiritual values constitute the measure of wealth dwells Alan Basset, who quit living after the fashion of the flesh nearly seven hundred years ago. Allan Basset's holdings did not bulk large beside the riches of many of his earthly contemporaries. Yet his investment in Oxford University through a bequest in his will has made him one of the wealthiest personalities of all time. Throughout these centuries he has derived and is still deriving a continuous and ever-greater flow of dividends, the worth of which is measured in terms of the influence which has been exerted by that great university for the enlightenment of mankind.

Time would fail us to call the roll of those sagacious economists who heeded the mandate of the wisest economist the world has ever known—Jesus, the carpenter's son—and laid up treasure for themselves in the imperishable and incorruptible storehouses of the spirit, upon which they can draw eternally for the satisfaction of their spiritual desires. In that company are many Americans who have left off their earthly occupations but whose wealth is still carrying forward the great work of Yale University, Harvard University, Cornell and many other institutions of like purposes, whose output is figured in the calculus of eternity. The Scotch soul of quaint Andrew Carnegie no doubt contemplates with boundless satisfaction the libraries which he is operating throughout the land. The youthful soul of John D. Rockefeller, having put aside its worn and hampering robe of dust, discovers that he has taken with him into deathless life all that he can now enjoy of that vast fortune he amassed in the days of his flesh and which he has so used as to win, no doubt, the commendation of the Lord of life: "Well done, thou good and faithful ser-

vant. Thou has been faithful to the trust assigned to you in the province of this and are now ready for greater things."

However, the power to take it with you does not depend upon the mass of your accumulations here. It is not the amount of property one has that invests him with significance in the realm of spiritual values. It is the way that it is invested. So whoever wishes to enjoy income from his property eternally must invest in those enterprises which are devoted to the production of spiritual goods. There is no more thriving enterprise of this sort in the State of Arkansas than Hendrix College. It is not a fresh-water institution but, on the contrary, is one of the oldest, most firmly established and wisely operated plants west of the Mississippi River for the production of worthwhile men and women.

While the number of Arkansas citizens who have invested in Hendrix College is disappointingly small, no less discriminating a financier than John D. Rockefeller deemed Hendrix a sufficiently good risk to justify an investment of half a million dollars in it through the agency of the General Education Board of New York, one of his philanthropic foundations. I am sure that the Rockefeller of the celestial world is enjoying his income from this investment. Though relatively small as compared to his wealth, it nevertheless is a part of the vast holdings which he took with him into eternity.

Arkansas citizens, and Methodists in particular, should not allow outsiders to get all the benefits of such a valuable investment as Hendrix College offers to those who desire to explode the fallacy, "You can't take it with you."

If you have not already done so, why not make your will at once and include in your bequests something for Hendrix College? If you have made a will without remembering Hendrix, there is nothing to prevent your adding a codicil devising a part of your earthly belongings to this splendid institution and thereby having something you can take with you into eternity. For, believe it or not, YOU CAN TAKE IT WITH YOU.



## A Christian

"I am arranging for Hendrix such money as I am able to save as a Christian business man."

"I have taken out life insurance in case I die before she does," he says, "and give him just three things:

"First. It is my desire to leave him to Hendrix College."

"Second. I wish to give him to Hendrix College."

"Third. I want to leave him to Hendrix College. I wish to leave him a legacy of work even as I did. Observe, a thing that can happen to a young man who has money that he can work or not."

"Therefore, since I am resolved to accumulate in my life to my own selfishly on myself, I am resolved to be good. Hendrix affords me the opportunity that has a nobler history, finer educational service than Hendrix College."

Let every reader of this Clasp this successful business man.

## Wills As a Measure

Statistics show that compared with people of other countries, Americans are not yet will-conscious.

## A Bequest Form May Be As Follows:

"I give, bequeath and devise to Hendrix College, of Conway, Arkansas, the sum of \_\_\_\_\_ Dollars (\$ \_\_\_\_\_) in trust, the income therefrom to be expended by said college for such purposes as the Board of Trustees may elect;

Or the income therefrom to be expended by said college for the following purposes: \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE:** In the event a specific purpose is designated in the will it is wise to consult with some officer of the college that the special purpose may be properly understood and designated.



# and Every Will a Christian Will!"



## SAVINGS THROUGH BEQUESTS AND GIFTS

Rapid and often unpredicted changes in the method of distributing wealth are occurring in the United States, and wealthy individuals find themselves confronted with new and perplexing problems, particularly in the effective disposal of their surplus accumulations.

Men of achievement do not want the rewards of their years of hard work and heavy responsibility dissipated by undue taxation. They wish their accumulations to serve best in an enduring purpose. To accomplish such a purpose under present day conditions calls for serious

study of gift, income and estate laws.

Cornell University has made a detailed study of the income and inheritance tax laws with reference to bequests to educational institutions. They point out by charts several facts:

(1) That the cost of bequests to tax exempt institutions is greatly reduced by the savings of estate and inheritance taxes.

(2) That the cost of gifts during lifetime to these institutions may even be less than the cost of be-

quests, by reason of income tax savings.

(3) That the income of a donor making an immediate gift may be maintained or increased by using income tax savings to purchase a life annuity.

(4) That the donee may receive immediately the full income from the gift, without income tax deduction, while the income of the donor is maintained or increased.

(5) That the donor may adopt the deferred-use method of giving, thereby approximating the bequest method and further increase his own income.

## IS YOUR WILL IMPORTANT?—J. H. BOWEN

### 's Purpose

College to receive a large share of my life time," said a successful

for the protection of my wife in. "I have one son. I want to

him a good name.

good education. I intend to send

the necessity of earning his own money, but so little he will have to be persuaded me that the worst man is to leave him with so much as he pleases.

not to leave all that I am able to since I do not wish to spend it put it where it will do the most duty. I know of no institution that renders better service.

a Purpose follow the example of

Intestate is an ugly word. It is the one which lawyers and the Courts will use in describing you if you should happen to die without having made a will. Its implications for your loved ones may be even more ugly than the sound.

The right to make a will is not an inherent one. It is one which the State has given you. If you fail to take advantage of this privilege the State will take over the disposition of your property for you. It has already prescribed those who will ultimately receive it. It has already set up hard and fast rules for the method of settling your estate. These rules, which are statutes upon the books, were made many many years ago when business customs and practices were much different than they are now; when the nature of the estate of most people was much different than it is now; and when the Courts, because of a smaller volume of business, could give closer personal attention to the estates which came within their jurisdic-

tion. The State, acting through its Courts, will even designate the one who will handle the administration of your estate.

It may be possible that the State's designation of those who will receive your estate coincides with your wishes because, generally speaking, those who will receive it are those who are of closest kin to you and normally these will be the ones whom you wish to have your property. However, few people would want to have their estates handled according to the antiquated rules which now control the administration of estates. Few people would like to leave the choice of their administrator to the Courts.

Even though all of the laws relating to the administration of your estate might be exactly as you would have them, there is still another reason why the making of a will is important. Christian people order their lives. They plan their lives according to their own ideas of Christ's way of living. They believe in the immortality of their souls. They prepare as best they know how for the well-being of their own souls after they shall have passed on. Is it not equally a Christian duty to prepare as best you can for the material well-being of your loved ones? Is it not almost equally important for their comfort to let them know by your will that you have thought of them and their well-being even when you will not be here to help in looking after them?

To many people the thought of making a will is revolting. They seem to think that it means that one has a feeling of impending death. The opposite should be true. A will should be made when you are in the best of health, when your mind is clear, when you have every thought that you will live ten, twenty, fifty or seventy years longer. It is at such a time that you can see more clearly the needs of your loved ones, the needs of the charitable and educational institutions whom you would like to share in your estate, the identity of the person to whom you would like to entrust the handling of your estate, and the method of handling your estate. Only at such a time can you adequately decide whether the laws coincide with your own ideas. Only by making your will at such a time can you say to your loved ones that you have thought ahead for them and made plans for them.

In addition to promptness in making your will, there are three cardinal rules which everyone should follow. The first

and most important is, have your will drawn by an attorney. A will is an implement of the law. Because of this, the laws about it are very technical. Only one skilled in the law should ever attempt to draw even the most simple will. If your will is not properly drawn the Court may brand you "intestate" even though you may have tried to avoid this. Within the past three or four years the writer has come into contact with two estates in which the Courts were forced to do just this. In both instances, the men were active in business, had employed attorneys for numerous other purposes during their lives, and could have had the services of able attorneys. But they felt that they were thoroughly competent to draw their wills and so did not consult with their attorneys. As a result, their property was distributed, not by them, but by the law. Their loved ones were put to much additional expense. Being technical, wills must be clearly expressed in terms the Courts have interpreted. Even though the Court may uphold your will, it may have to decide just what you meant to say. This sort of litigation is frequent and usually expensive. The comparatively small fee which your attorney will charge you for drawing your will may be saved for your loved ones many times over.

The second rule is almost equally important. If you make your will, as you should, when you are young and in good health, it should be brought up to date from time to time. Whenever there are any important changes in your family or even if there are no such changes, every three or five years you should get out your will, read it, see if it still says what you want it to say. If it does, well and good. If it does not, change it.

The third rule is this. Talk with the person whom you name as executor, whether that person be an individual or a bank or trust company. Let him know ahead of time that you have enough confidence in him to name him as your executor. Give him as much information as you feel you may regarding the nature and size of your estate. Elaborate on the terse statement of your wishes which your will contains. He can do a much better job if you will do these things.

Your will is important. It is important to you for the satisfaction you will get from having planned intelligently for your loved ones. It is important to your loved ones for the help it will give in caring for their material well-being and for the subtle expression of your love for them. It is important to society because it will reduce litigation, and if your estate is more than adequate to care for your kin for whom you are responsible, it will afford you the means of giving some of your property to worthy, well administered charitable and educational institutions.

## of College Support—W. E. Hogan

us. Only about one-third of the estates in the United States are bequeathed under wills while in 1929 four-fifths of the estates in England were settled under wills. Through an organized effort to secure more bequest contributions our college officers see an opportunity of showing men and women how they may protect their personalities into the future and continue to live and serve for all time to come; how they may make their own private law for the disposition of their property after death; and how a man's stewardship does not end at death. More and more are thoughtful and discriminating men and women seeing that there is a posthumous stewardship

which makes a person responsible for what his money does after his death. Mr. Julius Rosenwald, who was certainly no novice in the art of giving, is quoted as having said, "it is nearly always easier to make one million dollars honestly than to dispose of it wisely."

In its campaign for more wills the college must not overlook the importance of better wills. How may we get better wills? Make them. And only attorneys can insure their legal correctness, and they must be legally correct if the donor's wishes are fulfilled. Let the college educate its friends and prospective benefactors in the importance of safe wills, written by able lawyers.



# CHILDREN'S STORYLAND

MISS KATHLEEN SHEARER, Editor



## DON'T GIVE UP

If you've tried and have not won,  
Never stop for crying;  
All that's great and good is done  
Just by patient trying.

Though young birds, in flying fall,  
Still their wings grow stronger;  
And the next time they can keep  
Up a little longer.

Though the sturdy oak has known  
Many a blast that bowed her,  
She has risen again and grown  
Lottier and prouder.

If by easy work you beat,  
Who the more will prize you?  
Gaining victory from defeat,  
That's the test that tries you.  
—Selected.

## LITTLE DEEDS OF KINDNESS

"Whew!" puffed Granny Duffy, as she drew her little plaid shawl tighter around her thin shoulders. "This wind is a real hurricane." She struggled to close the shutters to protect her stock of red, juicy apples. But Granny was not quick enough. The wind had already sent the apples rolling over the pavement.

Poor Granny! She was too lame to stoop. What was she to do? She looked up the street and down, but there was no kind policeman to help her. Suddenly, from every direction there came a swarm of newsboys. "Hi, Granny!" they cried; "we'll help you."

Then something happened to Granny. She sat down in her old chair and dropped her gray head into her hands.

"What the matter, Granny?" asked Tim Murphy, a freckled, red-headed newsboy.

"I'm afraid I'm sick. I'll have to go home." For a moment nobody spoke; then the boys drew together in a little group. Their faces grew sad. They looked first at each other,

then at the bundles of papers which they had to sell.

"You sit still, Granny. We'll close the stall and I'll take you home," said Tim.

"An' so will I," agreed Skinny Jones.

Granny knew these boys and loved them. Their extra pennies often found their way into her cash box, but when they had none, Granny trusted them. She was kind to all newsboys, and they, in turn, repaid her. So today Tim and Skinny took Granny home. It was not very much of a home—just an old shanty.

Tim made a quick fire in the old stove and soon he had the teakettle singing. "Here, Granny," he laughed; "drink this tea. It will do you good. Tea always helps my mother."

"You are dear boys," smiled Granny Duffy. "Take down the brown jar from the shelf and help yourselves."

That was what the boys liked to hear, for Granny's cookies, they said, "touched the right spot."

"We'll have to go now," whispered Skinny, "or we'll never sell our papers."

Tim nodded. "You run over and ask the woman next door to stay with Granny. We can't leave her alone."

The next day all the newsboys went to the apple stall, but they did not find their old friend, Granny. Instead, there was a fat, good-natured man who told them Granny was in the hospital.

The boys looked very sad; then Skinny lifted his head. There was a happy smile on his face now. "Fellers, meet me on the lot tonight as soon as your papers are sold."

"Okeh," answered the boys, as they scattered.

Early next morning there was a

great deal of noise around Granny's house. All the boys were there. And what a racket they did make! Soon the neighbors were aroused, and one woman called from her open window, "What are you boys up to over there?" Her voice sounded harsh, so Tim jumped over the fence, and, while he was talking to her, the boys saw her face light with a smile.

Just as the boys were making the most noise a heavy voice came from the corner of Granny's house. "Make yourself scarce, fellers! What are you doing here?"

The boys were startled this time, for there stood a policeman. The noise stopped. Tim, being the oldest, walked over to the officer and said, "You see, sir, it's this way"; then he lowered his voice and no one except the policeman heard what he said. The policeman went away smiling. For several days this racket continued.

Then came the day when the nurse told Granny she might go home. Of course, Granny wanted to go, but she wished her shanty were not so old and shaky. She had been so snug and warm in the hospital. But, oh, what a surprise was waiting for Granny!

When she reached 2022 Walnut street (that was her number) she could not believe her eyes. Her shanty was gone! In its place there stood a dear little house painted white with green trim. What could it mean? Had she lost her home while she was in the hospital? Granny turned sadly away. Where could she go? Just then the front door flew open and all the newsboys came running out. "Granny, Granny!" they cried. "Don't you like it? We tried to make it nice."

Slowly Granny turned back. It was hard for her to understand.

"Why," she faltered, "you don't tell me you boys did this for me?"

"Sure!" They laughed and helped Granny into the house. Then they all slipped out of the back door.

Granny was rocking in her little rocker. There was a happy smile on her face. Then came a knock on the door. Granny was surprised to see a policeman standing on the threshold. "Mrs. Duffy," he said pleasantly, "I have a message for you from the force. You've been a big help to us in keepin' the newsboys in our district out of mischief, so we've made up a little purse for you, and we've paid that little mortgage you had on the house, so you can live in comfort now."

Granny tried to thank him, but she couldn't find words. All she could say was a verse her mother had taught her many years before, when she was a little girl:

*"Little deeds of kindness,  
Little words of love,  
Make the world an Eden  
Like the heaven above."*

—By Philippa Lindemann,  
in Junior Life.

## DO YOU KNOW HER?

By MONICA WILLIAMS

Thoughtful, thoughtful Mary Lou,  
Thinking of kind things to do;  
Quickly she runs to open the door,  
When Mother comes from the grocery store.

With a cheery smile she knows it is fun,  
To brush up the crumbs when the meal is done,  
Carry the plates to the kitchen with care,  
While Mother rests in the big arm chair.

And when all the others rush out to play,  
She waits for a moment just to say—  
"Goodbye Mother, I do love you."  
Thoughtful, thoughtful Mary Lou.

—Southern Churchman.

## JUST FOR FUN

Very delightful were the words Mr. Ryan used about his wife on the day she left this world for another. "Bridget's gone, poor soul," he said, and added: "Faith, an' she was a good woman; she always hit me wid the soft end av the mop!"

A minister, traveling on one of those trains that stop at every station on a side line, was reading his Bible.

"Find anything about this railroad in that book?" asked the conductor as he reached for the minister's ticket.

"Yes," replied the preacher, "in the very first chapter it says that the Lord made every creeping thing."

"Ah, me," sighed the old white-haired lady, "things aren't at all like they used to be. The only time a modern mother puts her foot down is when the traffic light turns green."

You may want to hear about the little boy who was asked what his favorite composition was. After a little deep thinking, he replied that he thought the piece he liked best was "Sherbet's Serenade."

Doctor: "I told you to stick to a vegetable diet, and now I see you eating rabbit."

Patient: "Well, you see, this rabbit ate up my vegetable garden."

Booth Tarkington was visiting Naples; he was present at an eruption of Vesuvius.

"You haven't anything like that in America, have you?" asked the Italian friend, with pride.

"No, we haven't," replied Mr. Tarkington. "But we have Niagara Falls—it would put that thing out in five minutes."

Negro Mammy: Ah wants to see Mistah Tompkins.

Office Boy: I'm sorry, but Mr. Tompkins is engaged.

Negro Mammy: Go 'long, chile. Ah don't want to marry Mistah Tompkins. Ah jes' wanta see him.

"Miss Strong," asked Mrs. Human Dynamo, unbending a trifle, "may I ask why you are trimming the corners off that stationery?"

"You told me to get up a circular letter."

Teacher: Who discovered America?

Student: Ohio.

Teacher: No, Sonny, Columbus.

Student: Aw, that was just his first name.

## Children's Workers Meeting Paragould District

The new stone church at Hardy was the scene of a very enjoyable and profitable meeting Dec. 10. The Hardy Society of Christian Service, led by Mrs. Dougherty, acted as hostess and served a plate lunch at noon. The occasion was the meeting of Children's Division Workers of the Church School in Group 1 of the Paragould District.

The following program was rendered with variations:

Mrs. Sherman Bates, Group Leader, presided with Mrs. Oyler of Corinth Church as Secretary. Rev. D. G. Hindman, pastor of Mammoth Spring-Hardy, led a most appropriate opening worship, in keeping with the Christmas theme.

The superintendent of Hardy Church School, Mr. Cowan, talked on the possibilities of accomplishment during the school year if the workers plan together.

Mrs. D. G. Hindman, associate pastor, Mammoth Spring-Hardy, gave a helpful talk on Creative Teaching which led to a discussion.

Mrs. Earl Dubois spoke on Music in Worship and after lunch we gathered around the piano and sang Christmas songs suitable for children.

Afternoon session opened with a discussion period led by Mrs. H.

Lynn Wade, District Director of Children's Work. Among the items discussed were the use of materials in planning for Sunday morning and how to prepare for class session. She also explained the duties of the Nursery Home Visitor and the Children's Yearbook. During the discussion, the workers from Pocahontas contributed, Mrs. Clem Cox, who read a Christmas Litany, composed by the Junior Department, and Mrs. Throgmorton told of ways in which her teachers made the lessons leading up to Christmas more meaningful by activities.

The District Superintendent, Rev. H. Lynn Wade, talked briefly to the teachers on the need for understanding our church doctrines.

The final treat was a reading by Mrs. H. Thode of Hardy, with violin accompaniment by Miss Fizer of Morrilton and piano, by Mrs. Conway Horn of Hardy. The meeting was closed by the Litany of Consecration and Prayer Hymn from the Children's Division Yearbook.

The following churches compose Group I: Mammoth Spring-Hardy, Ash Flat Circuit, Imboden Circuit, Smithville Circuit, Pocahontas, Biggers Circuit, Maynard Circuit.

Five out of the seven pastors were present and assisted us in various ways. There were forty-three present.—Mrs. Sherman Bates, Group Leader.

# WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

MRS. J. R. HENDERSON, Editor

## Women And The New Missionary Organization

During this week, all districts in North Arkansas and Little Rock conferences will be holding their Missionary Institutes, the theme of which is: Methodism Mobilized to Meet the Challenge of the Present World Situation. At all of these meetings, we will be hearing about the place of women in the new missionary organization. Through the organization of the new church, women of Methodism have their greatest opportunity to bring to the local church the advantage of their years of study of missionary work. Two members of the Women's Society are to be members of the Local Church Board of Missions and Church Extension. To this Board our women will bring not only a wealth of information gained from their years of mission study, but also special training in many lines of missionary endeavor, and a great love for the missionary enterprise.

Our women should not only attend but should take an active part in the School of Missions for the local church. The general study book for 1941, Methodism's World Mission, by Henry Van Dusen, will be recognized as one of the courses for Woman's Societies of Christian Service when taken in a School of Missions or church-wide class.

Certainly this will be an opportune time for our women to secure additional subscriptions to our two missionary magazines, The World Outlook, and The Methodist Woman. Without these two periodicals we cannot keep ourselves informed about what our church is doing in a missionary way.

Women, let us do our part in these next few months to mobilize the members of our Societies "to meet the challenge of the present world situation."

## New Society At Welcome Home Church

Recently at the invitation of Rev. Hoy Lewis of the Griffithville Circuit we visited Welcome Home church. The women of this church had expressed a desire to organize a Woman's Society of Christian Service and met for that purpose. We found them an interested group already making plans for their year's work. Bro. Lewis conducted the devotional after which the organization took place. The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. Lester Keathley; Vice-President, Mrs. Elizabeth Bragg; Recording Secretary, Mrs. George Holloway; Treasurer, Mrs. Gladys Hembrick. Rev. George Fyles, the District Superintendent, closed the service with prayer.—Mrs. George Pyles, District Secretary.

## Buckner Women Paper Parsonage

The women of the Woman's Society of Christian Service have recently re-papered two rooms of the parsonage here. We appreciate this interest on the part of the ladies here very much.—Rev. and Mrs. F. C. Cannon.

## Financial Assistance Needed For Overseas Relief

Your sacrificial gift over and above your regular support of your own church and its benevolences is urgently needed today. The Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief is actively engaged in seeking aid for "orphaned missionaries" and for women and children of war-torn areas. The following articles, which have come to us from our Board of Missions and Church Extension, written by A. L. Warnshuis of the International Missionary Council, tell us of something of what this Committee is trying to do and some of the needs that face Christian people at this time.

### Orphaned Missionaries

There are 168 missions today serving throughout the world but unable to receive any support from their parent churches in Germany, Denmark, Norway, Finland, Holland, Belgium, and France, because of war. These are known as "orphan" missions.

They are located in Africa, the Near East, India, China, Japan, Manchuria, Netherlands Indies, other islands of the Pacific, and South America.

Over 2,500 "orphaned" missionaries (out of a normal staff of about 4,000) are at their stations courageously carrying on.

Normally a combined budget of about \$4,500,000 is available from Europe for their work. After voluntary reduction of salaries, suspension of some activities, and increase in local income, \$2,000,000 will be needed to maintain these missions on a subsistence basis for one year.

By December 1, \$263,400 had been sent from North America to aid 101 missions in distress. The number needing help will grow each month as their present reserves are exhausted. Churches in Great Britain have given over 5,000 pounds. South Africa and Australasia are raising funds. Chinese, Indian, and African Christians have given money for this purpose. This is a united effort of the world-wide church.

### Scandinavian Missionaries "Orphaned" In India

It was by the direction and under the protection of Frederick IV of Denmark that the first Protestant missionaries, two Germans, went to India. From that day to this, the Christians of India owe much to the Scandinavian countries.

When the Germans invaded Denmark and Norway last April, the source of support for several missions was cut off. Fortunately for a few, the mission boards in Denmark, and especially in Norway, seemed to realize that there was a German invasion imminent, and they sent out all the funds they possibly could get just before the invasion. But other missions found themselves with just enough to carry on for two weeks. And all mission bodies realized that they would soon be in dire need. Neighboring missions came to the immediate rescue with small gifts, but they were themselves in straits on account of the war. The Lutheran Federation of India sent an appeal to the only remaining land of hope, America. The response was immediate, and the most pressing

needs were somehow met. Imminent disaster was averted, but remained as a possibility of future disaster.

The smallest of the orphaned Scandinavian missions in India is the Danish Pathan Mission working among the Muslim tribes on the Northwest Frontiers, the smallest mission, but the hardest field. Flint-hard Mohammedan raiders are their daily companions. They live in fear of their lives constantly. But their medical and evangelistic work is known and praised throughout all of India.

The largest Scandinavian mission in India is the Mission to the Santals, with 62 missionaries and about 25,000 Christians. The day of the Santals is at hand. The doors are open. New work was being planned. In addition to its old established leper colony of 400 lepers, a new colony was being started in the Province of Assam that would care for over 200 patients. Then came the 9th of April—and those scores of lepers will have to continue to walk as beggars along the jungle trails.

In the same mission a hospital took care of 32,420 out-patients last year and 1,250 in-patients. The one missionary doctor, assisted by a European nurse, two Indian doctors, and a number of male nurses, cared for hundreds of patients every day. But he had to dismiss one doctor and several of the nurses. When asked a short while ago how they were carrying on, the doctor said, "Those of us who remain have to do double duty. The men have to take extra night shifts. They can stand it for a while, but they cannot carry on that way very long."

In many an Indian village you find an evangelist and a teacher living side by side. The teacher is busy all day with his school, the evangelist with his preaching trips and individual visits. But since April many teachers and evangelists have had to leave their work and go home for lack of support—leaving their partners to do double duty—But no man can be two places at once!

Heroism is seen in the Scandinavian missionaries. For instance, a couple now out for their fourth term, their two teen-age daughters at home in Norway. The mail comes at sundown, but never a word from their daughters. Only their own letters returned, one after the other, "Returned from Bombay", "Returned from London", "No mail accepted for Norway". Yet cheerfully they go out to the villages to care for Christians in distress. . . . Double duty!

### Former Chicken-Coop is Haven for Starving Foochow Children

An old abandoned chicken-coop in Foochow, Kukien Province, China, was recently secured by Mrs. Arthur W. Billing, Methodist missionary in that Japanese-controlled city, and converted into a temporary home and shelter for ten starving Chinese children.

The story began when a guest at the home of Professor and Mrs. Billing gave \$200 to care for a deserted Chinese baby. But when a good home was found for the infant, the guest agreed that the \$200 might be used to feed ten half-sick and half-starving children in the immediate vicinity.

"We secured a building that had

formerly been used for setting hens but had not been used for several years," says Mr. Billing. "We cleaned it thoroughly and installed a needy old couple to cook for the children. The table was an old door laid on piled-up bricks and the seats were made by laying boards on brick pillars.

"There are several big trees with heavy foliage and the children have eaten all their meals for four months, with the exception of two or three, under these trees. Our only expense other than food was \$10 (Chinese currency) to cover an outdoor charcoal stove (contrived from a can), and for bowls and chopsticks. . . .

"The effect on the health of the little ones was almost immediately noticeable. Besides the children who get a meal a day we have a group of weed-pullers, almost all older boys and girls who were thin and half-starved and from homes that were desperate. They water and care for the vegetable gardens we dug and planted for the children's table. They are pathetically grateful for the chance to work, and for the small remuneration.

"At first rice from the Red Cross was \$46 (Chinese currency) a bag. The last was \$60, transportation besides. For over a week, no Red Cross rice has been available and we have been buying in small amounts at the rate of \$78 a bag. People have pawned their winter clothes and rice goes higher and higher.

"We would greatly appreciate any sum that comes regularly. Then we can make up the lack in other ways."

The Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief is giving some help to these "orphaned missionaries" and to these "war orphans". Any gifts for this work should be sent to Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

## West China Lacks Christian Literature

Because of the lack of Christian literature—and, in fact, of any decent literature—to supply the many thousands of Chinese, Christian and non-Christian, who are pouring into West China cities and towns from the Japanese-controlled provinces to the east, the Foreign Missions Conference of North America is seeking a fund of several thousand dollars to help in the production of Christian printed matter in that section of China. The Board of Missions and Church Extension of the Methodist Church is among the agencies requested to furnish from \$200 to \$500 for the project.

In Chungking, capital of West China, it is reported that considerable secular and war literature and Russian books are on sale, but that there is a great dearth of Christian material, and of books with a Christian point of view. This is especially serious because of the concentration of thousands of Christian students, church members, and educated people in this metropolis. The same appeal comes from Chengtu where little more than Buddhist literature is available.

The proposal of the Foreign Mis-



sions Conference, based on consultations with Dr. W. Y. Chen and other leaders of the National Christian Council of China, is that the Canadian Mission Press, practically the only Christian press now active in West China, be expanded by the purchasing of additional printing presses and the securing of added trained personnel; that there be established a book depot in Chungking, from which books will be secured from the coast and distributed; that there be a revolving fund for the purchase of books from overseas; and that the transportation of Christian books be subsidized. Both the cost of paper and the cost of transportation are problems hindering the wider use of good books.

Anyone interested in helping provide Christian literature, in any form, for the millions in West China, should correspond with the Board of Missions and Church Extension of the Methodist Church (Morris W. Ehnes, treasurer), 150 Fifth Avenue, New York City.—W. W. Reid.

### Christmas Party At Biscoe-Brasfield

The Biscoe-Brasfield Woman's Society of Christian Service met at the home of Mrs. William Fowler of Biscoe, December 19, for a Christmas tree. There were nineteen members and guests present. A covered dish luncheon was served at noon with four young lady teachers of the Biscoe school as our guests. After lunch, games were played and gifts were exchanged. The next meeting will be on January 8th with Mrs. H. G. Blassingame at Brasfield.—Mrs. W. R. Deener, Supt. of Publicity.

### Scarritt College Member of Southern Association

Friends of Scarritt College will be interested to know that at a recent meeting of the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools at Memphis, Tennessee, Scarritt was admitted to membership in the Association. Scarritt is the first institution of its distinctive type to be admitted into membership of a major regional accrediting association.

### The Most Beautiful Story That Has Come Out Of War

Bishop Arthur J. Moore, who had supervision of the work in the Orient of the former Southern branch of the Methodist Church during the past quadrennium, tells what he calls "the most beautiful story that has come out of the war."

The Allen Memorial Church has long been considered the Mother Church of Methodism in China. It is located in Shanghai, in which city were stationed some 65,000 Japanese troops. Ministers of the Japan Methodist Church asked permission of the Chinese Christians to use the Allen Memorial building as a place for services for those Japanese soldiers. At first the Chinese people hesitated, then after due deliberation, they granted this permission saving:

"We would not want the world to hear that the doors of our Church had ever been closed to any group that wanted to worship God."

The Christians of those two warring nations do not cherish any hatred or bitterness in their hearts, declared Bishop Moore.

### Expansion Of Commission On Public Information

An expansion of the organization of the Commission on Public Information on January 2, is announced by Ralph Stoody, Director, in the opening of two branch offices—one in Nashville, the other in Chicago, in addition to the New York headquarters at 150 Fifth Avenue.

Mrs. Maud M. Turpin, formerly Director of the Secular Press Bureau of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, will continue to serve in Nashville, but hereafter under the employ of the Commission. She will render to the Southern religious and secular press the same type of efficient service which she has been giving for nearly two decades. Her office will be in the Publishing House. Mrs. Turpin will continue her publicity work at Junaluska, the summer capital of Southern Methodism.

The Chicago office is located in the Christian Advocate suite with Mr. George B. Ahn, Jr., as the new manager. Mr. Ahn is a graduate of the University of Michigan, an active lay worker in Detroit and Michigan Methodism, and has been engaged for the past 12 years in various forms of journalistic and publicity work. Mr. Ahn will serve as the liaison link between the Commission on Public Information and the Christian Advocate, distributing to the secular press church news of public interest which comes into the Advocate office and aiding the Advocate and other church papers in the collection of news of strictly denominational concern. He should be addressed at 40 Rush Street, Chicago.

### Mount Sequoyah, 1941

By J. FISHER SIMPSON

Plans for the programs at Mount Sequoyah are well under way and include attractive features which will be of great help to conference, district, and local church workers.

The dates are as follows:

Administrative Conference: July 1-8. Planned by the District Superintendents' Conference, 1940, for the South Central Jurisdiction, to include all the bishops, district superintendents, executive secretaries, conference missionary secretaries, conference lay leaders, conference presidents of the Woman's Society for Christian Service.

School of Missions: July 8-18. A cooperative enterprise between the Woman's Division of Christian Service and the Board of Education in which leadership education courses are used.

Missionary Conference: July 11-18. Auspices Board of Missions and Church Extension.

Leadership School: August 4-15. Special opportunities are offered for conference and district workers, along with rich resources for workers with age groups in local churches.

Church School Superintendents' Conference: August 15-17.

Youth Conference: August 19-30. For leaders in youth work in conferences, districts, and union.

The last three are under the auspices of the Board of Education, Division of the Local Church.

A bulletin will be available in the spring giving full information. It will be sent upon request to the Department of Leadership Education, 810 Broadway, Nashville, Tenn.

### Kingdom Of Animal Vs. Kingdom Of God

By E. STANLEY JONES

People throughout the world are seeking something which they can ultimately obey. This is the secret behind the rise of Fascism, Communism, and Nazism. They are essentially religious movements, with the desire to get something to which they can give their all.

Religion in the countries where these systems arose was not demanding the all from people. It demanded the inner spiritual life and left the economic and social, the political and the international, outside of its command. Into that vacuum stepped these systems and took over where religion abdicated. This has come to us as a shock, and has made us go back again and see if we have any absolute which will command the all of life, bring it under a single dominance, and give it unity, cohesion and direction.

We can thank the totalitarianism powers for this that they are making us rediscover our absolute. That absolute is the Kingdom of God. It is God's final order which confronts all relativisms, with the peremptory demand—"repent, submit." Before this final order every order of lesser life must bend the knee and obey.

Instead of that, people have set up half gods and demanded that we obey them. The Kingdoms of Race, of Class, of Ecclesiasticism, of Mammon, of Family and of Self. Each one of these kingdoms in order to find itself must lose itself in something higher than Self. The verse that Jesus used most was "He that

saveth his life shall lose it." Center yourself on yourself and the self disintegrates. The self can only be found when it is lost in something beyond itself. This is not only true of the individual self, but every single one of the corporate selves.

Man stands between the Kingdom of animal and the Kingdom of God. The kingdom of the animal stands for self against the rest. The Kingdom of God for self for the sake of the rest. The Kingdom of the animal stands for the survival of the fittest, and the Kingdom of God stands for the survival of all. The kingdom of the animal is life organized around the hunger motive with the love motive subservient, and the Kingdom of God is organized around the love motive with the hunger motive subservient. The kingdom of the animal stands for mutual slaughter and the Kingdom of God for mutual aid. The Kingdom of the animal stands for reckless competition, and the Kingdom of God stands for righteous cooperation. The kingdom of the animal is a feud, the Kingdom of God is a family.

Life can be born from below, or it can be born from above. We have looked down to the kingdom of the animal and we have come down to that kingdom. We must now look up to the Kingdom of God, and we will go up. We can visit the Kingdom of God and all these things will be added unto us. We have been seeking first the kingdom of Mammon and all these things have been subtracted from us. That is the reason of wars and depressions.

### Little Rock District Rural Church Conference

A conference with pastors serving rural churches was held at First Church, Little Rock, last Monday afternoon and night following the Missionary Institute at Astury Monday morning. The conference was led by District Superintendent C. M. Reeves, with Miss Fay McRae, Rev. C. R. Hozendorf, Rev. Frank Walker and Clem Baker leading in the discussions which were participated in by all the pastors present. The purpose of this Conference was to consider ways and means whereby the rural churches in this district may carry out the District Goals and Objectives adopted at the Educational Institute in December. Among other things, plans were made for a series of Training Schools, one to be held in each charge outside the city of Little Rock during the week of March 17. Rev. Frank Walker, Director of Training Work for the District, is promoting these schools. Plans were made for a campaign to increase enrollment in all our schools and to organize mission schools in several places. This is one of a series of Rural Church Conferences to be held this month in every district in the Little Rock Conference.—Clem Baker.

### Hendrix College and Ministerial Education Publicity Bulletin

A splendid bulletin published by the Joint Committee directing the Hendrix College and Ministerial Education Special is just off the press and should be in the hands of all the Methodist preachers in Arkansas

within the next ten days. We call special attention to the fact that this bulletin carries special suggestions for two committees which should be organized in each church in the Conference right away. It also carries the schedule of the rallies to be led by Bishop Sealeman. We trust that upon receiving these bulletins each pastor will first carefully read it and then make the best use of the copies he has in promoting this cause in his church.—Clem Baker.

### OLD AGE POLICY PAYS UP TO \$50 A MONTH!

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The Postal Life & Casualty Insurance Co., 320 Postal Life Building, Kansas City, Mo., has a new accident policy for men and women of ages 65 to 85.

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# THE LAYMAN'S PAGE

A. J. SHIREY, Editor

## More Reverence In The House Of God

Doubtless, many a devout Christian has suffered many times because of the utter lack of reverence shown by so many of our people in practically all of our Protestant churches. As a student in theological seminary, one of the writer's assignments for a semester was to see how many services of worship of different denominations I could attend each week. The purpose of attendance was to observe what was done and in what spirit the congregation participated in the service. This was one of the most astounding experiences of my life. Previous to this time I had never looked to see what went on in a congregation while the minister led in the "Pastoral prayer". Having always bowed my own head and kept my eyes closed, I did not know what my neighbors were doing, except as I frequently heard them whispering. Now that I was at church primarily to observe, I saw what went on—even while the minister led in prayer.

## It Is Shocking To See

It would, doubtless, be even worse to hear all that passes during many of our morning worship services. If it were possible to secretly make a moving picture of just 'most any of our Methodist congregations, not picking out the worst examples by any means, while they were going through the regular eleven o'clock worship service and then later without notice show those same people how they carried out at the service, they would be shocked. By actual count, repeatedly, and under widely varying circumstances, not twenty-five per cent of the average Protestant congregation give any evidence of being at prayer when they are supposed to be praying.

## Sensitive Souls Are Made To Suffer

Here is part of a letter from one who has been made to suffer from just the kind of thing that has been described. "To begin with, may I say that I was educated in a Catholic school, which explains my reverence for the house of God. Regardless of our attitude toward that faith, we of the sister's care were taught daily and were instilled thoroughly with the belief that we went to God's house to worship Him; not to meet friends whom we perhaps had not seen for a few days and there to discuss the gossip and worldly affairs to the utter distraction of all around who recognize God and His presence and are there with a purpose of drawing aside from the world to commune with the Divine. I have actually sat around some whose conversation knew no let-up even while the minister was in prayer. Again, I have been at funerals where the bereaved would be bowed in grief and not so far from me that their chatter would be sickening, sat some who seemingly assumed they were at the movies. In fact, they, no doubt, would have held themselves in check to a better degree had they been at the theatre. And still, we,

the laymen and ministers, condone this sort of conduct in the house of God on the one day of the week, or the few hours of it, when we are to meet with God.

Doesn't it strike you as being the duty of our ministers once in a while to dwell a little upon "TRUE REVERENCE FOR THE HOUSE OF GOD"?—Mrs. Ida Marie Edwards, Little Rock."

The above quoted letter is an earnest plea for something we must cultivate and acquire in our churches if we are to capture a sense of the presence of God in our worship services.

## Reverence Is Contagious

If you are reverent, it will help others to be. Enter church next Sunday, take your place in the pew and immediately bow your head in a word of silent prayer; do not go looking around to see whom your neighbors are or what they are doing. This will help to keep whispering conversations and confusion from arising. Your good example will be helpful in two ways. It will keep you right, first of all. It will make those less reverent conscious of the fact that there are those present who are there for the serious purpose of meeting with God.

## Laymen As Soul-Winners

At the recent session of the Memorial conference, the executive secretary of the General Board of Lay Activities, Dr. George L. Morelock, told of a great layman in Pittsburgh who put his religion into daily practice through the winning of his employees and friends to be followers of Jesus Christ. In his office he talked with the men who worked in his business organization—not about higher production or greater profits, but about the welfare of their souls. Many a prayer was offered to God for pardon and salvation with two men on their knees in that office, and many have risen to their feet with peace and joy in their hearts through the consciousness of sins forgiven.

Furthermore, Dr. Morelock issued the challenge that if any man could show that Jesus made any distinction between ministers and laymen in His commands to bear witness and win souls, he would turn in his resignation as a lay leader and worker in the church. He made an earnest appeal to every layman to become a soul-winner.

Let our laymen stop and consider, so that God's expectation concerning them may become clear as the noon-day sun and impelling as a powerful dynamo. Then let them become busy in this high and holy task of winning souls for Christ. There can be no doubt that this is the Master's desire and expectation concerning every one of His followers, laymen as well as ministers. The need for personal soul-winners is so apparent as to need no statement in proof.

Would you know the sweetest joy that Christian heart can have? Win a soul for Jesus today. Would you enter fellowship with the Master in His holy work? Win a soul for Jesus today. Would you form a friendship that will last throughout eternity?

Win a soul for Jesus today. Would you have a part in making heaven's angels to rejoice? WIN A SOUL FOR JESUS TODAY!—Reprinted from The Alabama Christian Advocate.

Laymen, get busy and send in your thought contribution to THE LAYMAN'S PAGE. Do not procrastinate.

## He Scoffed At Churches

Roger W. Riis, former New York newspaper reporter, writing in the American Mercury this month gave a personal report on a satisfying spiritual quest. "Six months ago," he related, "I scoffed at the churches. Then as the result of a sudden whim, I attended one, first out of curiosity and later because of a rising excitement. I have not 'got religion'; I always had that."

Then in conclusion he suggests: "This going to church is an exciting spiritual adventure. Try it. Pay no attention to denomination. Just out of the curiosity you owe your spiritual health, explore a little. You will almost surely find, in every community, one church that will give you what you want, even if you cannot put those wants into words."

"Whether or not we realize it, each of us has a spiritual quest. It is only ourselves we cheat when we ignore it. In this of all ages, it is time we were about that quest. I find the churches a good place to pursue it. If they offered nothing but that, they should now be upheld by all men of intelligence and good will."

Mr. Riis also observed that William Penn, when America's democratic form of government was taking shape, said, "Men must be governed by God or they will be ruled by tyrants."

This modern writer suggested, too, that "It may be that the democratic way will not overcome the totalitarian way until and unless the democracies somehow crusade under the banner of the church. It is significant that the two nations which are officially anti-church today are the nations of Nazism and Communism."

Active laymen in Arkansas and elsewhere may feel that they do not need a message such as Mr. Riis offers. Perhaps not, but who better than they can spread his message before men and women in and out of the church who do need it?

A great need of the day in Methodism is for its ministers and lay leaders to get the viewpoint of the average person toward the church and use that base as a starting point toward developing a church which offers more in the form of service to its membership. In such a program can be found greater opportunities for service for those now active as laymen, or who would be active if given an assignment which shows promise of bearing fruit.—J. L. V.

"Education is not a panacea and will not cure all the world's problems. On the other hand, the world will not be saved without education. The acid test lies in the quality of education and what it does to the soul of the person being educated. Every phase of education must be permeated with spiritual meaning."

## Bishop Cushman Speaks Against Liquor

Bishop Ralph S. Cushman, President of the Anti-Saloon League of America, in the convention key-note address held recently at Washington, D. C., emphasized the spiritual and religious foundation of the League and its work. He said, in part:

"The thing I hate about the liquor traffic and drinking is fundamentally that it robs a man of communion and fellowship with this living Presence, my Lord. We are not merely dealing with the individual, we are dealing with an organized liquor traffic, an anti-social institution that seeks to fix this habit on men regardless of their views."

"I am interested in this battle primarily as a churchman. No other group is going to solve this problem. The scientists are helping us mightily, our scholars are helping us mightily, our policemen are helping us. But this is the battle of the living God. The people of our churches will have to recapture the meaning of that phrase in the New Testament, that faith without works is dead."

"You just can't build a church with cocktail drinking officials. You cannot build a vital church of Christ with cocktail drinking laymen. Hitlerism is not the greatest menace to America. Our moral indifference is a far greater menace. We are not going to have a church that is a living, vital thing if it stands dumb before these moral evils."

## Free Tithing Bulletin Samples

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## Correcting Error

Through a mistake in the Conference Treasurer's office, First Church, Camden, shows to have paid on Ministerial Sustentation Fund \$86.00. This should be \$36.00. First Church, El Dorado, should have been credited with \$50.00.

I greatly regret this mistake in the copy of my report which we gave to the Secretary for the Journal.—C. E. Hayes, Conference Treas.

### Arkansas Methodist Orphanage

1610 Elm Street

I am making my second report of receipts for Christmas Offerings. Upon the whole, they are very encouraging, some few disappointments but I think all will come out all right. I hope every charge will send in its full amount of allocation and plus it whenever possible.

The people are certainly good to us and we are doing the best we can. We have 43 children in the Home now and all are doing well—no complaint of any kind.

Miss Inez is back in the office and I feel relieved. She is very much improved and I hope will soon be fully restored.

With love for all, I am yours truly.—James Thomas, Superintendent.

Arkadelphia District	
Amount previously reported	\$ 201.74
Carthage-Tulip Ct.—	
Tulip S. S.	1.50
Tulip	7.85
Willow	4.75
Hot Springs, Oaklawn Church	10.00
Hot Springs Ct., Bethlehem Church, additional	2.00
Pearcy Circuit, Friendship S. S.	2.00
Total	\$ 229.84

Camden District	
Amount previously reported	\$ 666.02
Parker's Chapel-Fredonia, Marysville S. S.	5.00
Junction City Ct.—	
Junction City	9.00
Ebenezer S. S.	7.00
Magnolia, First Church	50.00
Smackover	50.00
Thornton Circuit	12.00
Bearden	25.00
Centennial—	
Centennial S. S.	4.31
Magnolia Hgts. Mission	1.47
Quinn S. S.	1.47
Total	\$ 831.27

Little Rock District	
Previously reported	\$ 781.03
Des Arc-DeValls Bluff, O. C. Robinson, New Bethel Church, additional	1.00
Geyer Springs S. S.	10.00
Hazen	16.50
Hickory Plains Ct.—	
Hickory Plains S. S.	3.75
Hickory Plains Ct., additional	8.00
Little Rock—	
Capitol View Church	48.00
First Church	425.48
Highland	66.00
28th Street	30.00
Primrose Chapel	25.00
Total	\$1414.76

Monticello District	
Amount previously reported	\$ 706.83
Tillar-Winchester Charge, Selma S. S.	1.50
Total	\$ 708.33

Pine Bluff District	
Amount previously reported	\$ 621.64
Bayou Meto Ct.—	
Bayou Meto	3.00
Roe Circuit—	
Roe	5.70
Ulm	3.55
Shiloh	3.50
Hunter	2.25
St. Charles Circuit, DeLuce S. S.	3.00
Star City Circuit	15.00
Total	\$ 662.64

Prescott District	
Amount previously reported	\$ 200.19
Blevins Circuit	18.00
Bingen Ct., Doyle S. S.	1.25
Center Point Ct.	3.75
Columbus Ct.—	
Blackland S. S.	2.06
Water Creek	1.14
Forester S. S.	9.21
Gurdon	36.00
Waterloo Circuit	5.00
Washington-Ozan	14.25
Total	\$ 290.85

Texarkana District	
Amount previously reported	\$ 228.25
Ashdown (additional)	1.50
DeQueen	30.00
Dierks-Green's Chapel—	
Dierks	7.37
Green's Chapel	2.83
Wofford's Chapel	1.00
Pouke Circuit—	
Silverena S. S.	1.80
Fonke	1.50
Holly Springs	1.00
Boyd	.70
Lewisville-Bradley—	
Lewisville	40.00
Walnut Hill	.55
Lockesburg Ct., Gravelly Point S. S.	1.00
Richmond Ct., Ogden S. S.	3.00
Texarkana, Fairview Church	30.00
Total	\$ 450.50
Grand Total received from Little Rock Conference through 1-6-41, \$4,588.19.	

### NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE

Batesville District	
Amount previously reported	\$ 114.94
Total	\$ 114.94

Conway District	
Amount previously reported	\$ 47.65
Belleville, Martin's Memorial Church	7.15
Gravelly Ct., additional	1.00
Havana S. S.	4.00
Pottsville-Circuit, Bell's Chapel	3.85
Pottsville Ct., London S. S.	3.00
Morrilton S. S.	50.00
Total	\$ 116.65

Fayetteville District	
Amount previously reported	\$ 59.72
Berryville	5.00
Centerton Ct., Oakley's Chapel	4.00
Farmington-Goshen—	
Farmington S. S.	1.63
Goshen	2.37
Springtown S. S.	5.00
Total	\$ 77.72

Fort Smith District	
Amount previously reported	\$ 77.31
Huntington S. S.	6.00
Hackett	4.00
Kibler Ct., Mountainburg S. S.	2.00
Prairie View-Scranton, McKindree S. S.	2.00
Ozark	10.00
East Van Buren, City Heights Church	3.00
Aldersgate League Union consisting of Epworth leagues in Johnson and Franklin counties	4.00
Spadra S. S.	1.00
Total	\$ 109.31

Helena District	
Amount previously reported	\$ 121.90
Clarendon S. S.	5.00
Forrest City	20.00
Vanndale S. S.	3.00
Total	\$ 149.90

Jonesboro District	
Amount previously reported	\$ 183.61
Brookland Ct., Pine Log S. S.	1.56
Lake City Charge, additional	3.00
Manila	4.00
Wilson	10.00
Fisher Street Church, Jonesboro	2.50
Total	\$205.67

Paragould District	
Amount previously reported	\$ 27.88
St. Francis Ct., Cummins Chapel	1.75
First Church, Paragould	16.12
Hoxie	7.86
Total	\$ 53.61

Searcy District	
Amount previously reported	\$ 66.92
Gregory S. S.	11.80
Total	\$ 78.72
Grand Total received from North Arkansas Conference through 1-6-41, \$906.52	
Grand Total received from both Conferences through 1-6-41, \$5,494.71	
—James Thomas, Superintendent.	

### Report Of Orphanage Matron

During the month of December the following contributions were received at the Home: 3 bu. potatoes, 4 gal. syrup, ½ bu. cornmeal, 1 sack flour, 22 qts. canned food from Hunter's Chapel, Leola Circuit; 3½ gal. syrup, 1½ bu. potatoes, ½ bu. cornmeal, 19 qts. canned food, Toler's Chapel, Leola Circuit; 112 qts. canned food, Leola Methodist Church; quilt, 2 bu. potatoes, 16 qts. canned food, Home Demonstration Club of Hick's School on the Richmond Circuit; box apples, Young Matrons' Circle, Winfield Church; \$3.00 special gift, Susannah Wesley Class, Asbury Church; several hundred tulip bulbs, Mrs. O. D. Wasson, Western Grove; large assortment of candies, W. G. Angus, Little Rock; doz. bath towels with wash cloths to match, Mt. Carmel Church, Bryant Circuit; barrel canned foods, jellies and preserves, W. S. C. S., Siloam Springs Church; box clothing, Christmas packages, 2 qts. preserves, 1 qt. kraut, tag lost; General Foods Gift Box, R. P. Paddison Jonesboro; 22 qts. canned food, 10 lbs. sugar, 5 lbs. dried peaches, W. S. C. S., Mountain Pine Church, Hot Springs Circuit; \$6.00, special gift from Primary Department, Camden Methodist Church; dress and \$5.00 cash for Dorothy Shelton from Character Builders Class, Magnolia; 9 hand-made tea towels, Circle 6, Lakeside Church, Pine Bluff; 30 packages rice, 1 pkg. evaporated apples, 2 lbs. raisins, 2 lbs. prunes, 7 lbs. popcorn, 10 lbs. peanuts, 2 lbs. mixed nuts, 1 lb. hard candy, 12 hand-made pillow cases, 9 bath towels and wash cloths to match, 1 linen towel, 1 hand-made linen scarf, 1 teddy bear, 26 qts. canned food and box used clothing, Silver Thimble Club, Carlisle; 7 jars jelly, Primary Department Bethlehem Church, Dalark Charge; 8 jig-saw puzzles, Mrs. Lou Williams and Mrs. Nora P. Hopkins, Branch; 2 large bottles vanilla, Circle 10, Winfield Church; foot ball, 2 shirts, 3 prs. socks, pr. gloves, candy and nuts and money for shoes for Harold, Young People, Salem Church; box of Christmas Gifts and 9 qts. canned food, W. S. C. S., Harrisburg Church; quilt, 3 pillow cases and gown, Mrs. J. T. Crown, Scranton; box apples, Scott-Mayer Co.,

Little Rock; shirt, cap, shoes, socks, foot-ball, pump, lunch down town, and \$3.00 for Joel, Evelyn Schaffhauser and Hettie Osment, Little Rock; box of gifts for Maurine, Mrs. L. A. Wilkins, Little Rock; gift of \$6.00 for Maurine, Virginia Howell Class, Asbury Church; bag pecans and 12 qts. canned food, Glenwood Methodist Church; 20 lbs. shelled popcorn, Mrs. Walter Bartlett, Circle 3, First Church, North Little Rock; trousers, shirt, foot ball, knife for Billy Blaylock, Queen Esther Class, Magnolia; large bag peanuts, popcorn, peas, Mrs. M. A. Cherry, Plainview; 10 lbs. hard candy, Moorefield Sunday School Class; quilt and 30 handkerchiefs, Ogden Methodist Church; set of 12 volumes of "The Source Book" by Mrs. W. O. Davis, Little Rock, in memory of her late husband, William Oliver Davis; 2 lbs. black pepper and box toilet soap, a friend; crate of oranges, Judge and Mrs. Frank Smith, Little Rock; 2 bedspreads, W. S. C. S., Norphlet; hand-some Victrola and records, Mr. and Mrs.

A. C. Davidson Little Rock; large box of gifts, Beginners Dept., First Church, Little Rock; crate each of oranges and apples, 25 lbs. hard candy, 5 lbs. chocolates, 10 lbs. mixed nuts by M. J. Pruniski, North Little Rock; special gift of \$6.00, Business Girls Circle, Lakeside Church, Pine Bluff; gifts for Harold and Maurine, Mrs. Pat Neidemeier, Pine Bluff; gifts for Roberta, Mrs. Rodenberger, Little Rock; gift of \$5.00 for Frances Hundley, McDonald-Streepy Class, Pulaski Heights Church; large box candy and nuts, W. S. C. S., Bald Knob Church; large tricycle, Mrs. Vada Ott Little Rock; shower of canned food, Methodist Church and Home Demonstration Club, Douglasville; large assortment of toys, Nursery Dept., First Church, Little Rock; 4 gal. ready-to-serve spaghetti, D. B. S. Sorority; a gift, individually wrapped and tagged, for each person in the Home, Young People's Dept., Parker's Chapel, El Dorado; 12 prs. flannel pajamas, made by women of Washington Avenue Methodist Church,

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Cash on hand and on deposit in Federal Reserve and Other Banks	\$8,473,023.65
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CCC Cotton Notes	2,088,465.76
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Undivided Profits and Reserves	204,549.72
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Commercial, Individual, and Others	\$11,736,044.10
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In addition to the above list many of the children received gifts and courtesies from relatives and personal friends.

There are no words with which I can tell you how much we at the Home appreciate these expressions of your love for us and your interest in us. I trust every one of you had a happier Christmas because of having shared with us.

In view of the fact that flu is so prevalent we feel very fortunate in having had only a few mild cases so far. Most of the children are strong and well and do not easily contract colds and other diseases. With the help of our faithful doctors we are trying very hard to bring all up to par in the matter of health.

That the New Year will bring a large measure of health, happiness and prosperity to you all is my prayer. Very sincerely yours.—Mrs. W. T. Lane, Matron.

## Obituary

**CUMMINS**—Walter P. Cummins was faithful and efficient in service, first in the church where he served for many years in an official capacity; second, in the town where he served as a business man and also in an official capacity where he strived to deal out justice to his fellowman. From day to day he cut from the "Tree of Life" those deeds that made him that which he was, a noble, good man whose citizenship is worthy of emulation. He loved his church, the people and his country. We, the classmates and teacher of the Goodwill Class of Huntington church, mourn because we have lost a good man and may he forever rest in peace.—A. C. Houser, W. A. Davis, Harlen Looper, Secretary.

The height of illegibility—a doctor's prescription written with a post office pen in the rumble seat of a second-hand car.

## INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

### Christ's Valuation Of Personality

LESSON TEXT—Luke 14:1-14.  
GOLDEN TEXT—Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment?—Matthew 6:25.

People, people, and more people! Have you ever said, "I'm just so tired of people. I wish I could get away from everybody"? Most of us have felt that way some time and have possibly needed and deserved a rest. We must not permit that feeling to so color our thinking, however, that we lose our interest in men and women, boys and girls.

Jesus had His times of prayer and quiet communion with the Father, but for the most part we find Him out among people. He loved them and consequently dealt faithfully with them, showing tenderness to those who needed it, and often being severely plain and direct in dealing with those who were hypocrites. He valued human personality highly, hence He gave himself in sacrificial devotion to winning, guiding, controlling and, above all, saving men.

The lesson presents some interesting contrasts.

I. How and How Not to Use the Sabbath (vv. 1-6).

Jesus was at a formal gathering with invited guests (v. 1) in one of the chief houses of the community, on the Sabbath Day. That such a gathering was held on that day was a sign of the degeneracy of the age. "The same thing is being done on Sunday by Christian people today. They go to church (if convenient) in the morning and devote the afternoon and evening to recreation and "social" occasions. We agree with Dr. Morgan that "the whole thing is a sign of spiritual decadence." That's how not to spend the day of rest and worship.

Another wrong thing was that they used the occasion to try to entrap Jesus. He was at the feast, not to "have a good time," but to minister to their spiritual needs. They brought the sick man in to tempt Jesus to heal on the Sabbath Day. He used their trickery to condemn them and to silence them (vv. 4, 6).

Declaring God's truth and His love for man by worship and by work for Him—

that is the right way to use the Lord's Day. Let's get back to its proper observance.

II. What and What Not to Do for Advancement (vv. 7-11).

Getting ahead, even at the expense of others, seems to have been quite the thing in our Lord's time, as it is today. Looking at that smug, self-satisfied crowd of "grabbers," Jesus made good use of His presence at the feast to expose their folly and selfishness. Again we agree with Dr. Morgan that one should not "try for the chief seat. Why not? Because the place of honor is for the honorable man; and a man who struggles to sit in the place of honor proves thereby that he is not an honorable man." Think it over!

The way up in spiritual things is always down. Humility, which is so despised by the world, is precious in the sight of God, and will be rewarded by Him. The principle stated in verse 11 is and always will be true. The young man or woman who really wants to get ahead will do well to let it control both thought and deed. It is a far better rule for the New Year than any resolution you may have made—and probably forgotten by now.

III. Who and Who Not to Invite for Dinner (vv. 12-14).

Is the Lord interested in such a matter as that? Indeed He is! Everything about life concerns Him, and, as a matter of fact, this is a very important point. Here an attitude toward life is revealed which is vital and fundamental.

Hospitality is a virtue highly regarded by the Bible (see such passages as Rom. 12:13; 1 Tim. 3:2; Titus 1:8; 1 Peter 4:9). To debase it by asking only those whom we expect will ask us in return, is really to destroy it. It is not hospitality at all to limit our invitations to those who invite us. Obviously we are not to cut them off simply because they do ask us. That is not the point. We are not to let that be the controlling factor.

Ask those who cannot pay you back if you really want to get a blessing out of it. There is so much need in the world that we who follow Christ have little time to spend merely entertaining those who have no need. God will recompense. Dr. J. W. Bradbury in *The Gist of the Lesson* well says, "There is a good reason not to seek recompense here; there are more enduring and valuable recompenses hereafter (Matt. 6:1-6, 16-18). When we get no recompense here for the good we do, we ought rather to rejoice than be sad. It assures better recompense hereafter."

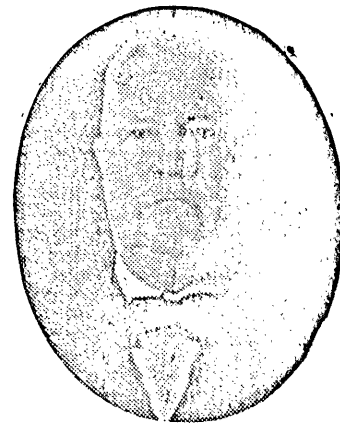
He goes on to say, "The professing church has often followed the world's method rather than Christ's (James 2:1-6)." Sad—but true. What shall we do about it?

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WEDDING

Miss Thelma Dowell and Stuart Barden were married at the church Tuesday, December 31, with Mr. Foote performing the ceremony. Our congratulations and best wishes to these young people.

OUR SYMPATHY

Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to Mr. and Mrs. J. S. M. Cannon, whose grandson, Stewart, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cannon, passed away at his home in Venezuela, South America, on December 24.

BUSINESS WOMEN TO MEET  
TUESDAY

Members of the Wesleyan Guild will meet Tuesday evening, January 14, in Fellowship Hall at the church. Dinner will be served at 6:30, after which the business and devotional meeting will be held.

All business women of the church are invited to attend.

ACCORDING TO YOUR VOTE

Two hundred and twenty-three people checked sermons last Sunday previously preached by the pastor in the last two years. They were indicating their desire to have their choice sermon re-preached. According to the vote the three sermons which elicited the greatest interest were: "Why God Does Not Stop the War", "Why Worry?" and "The Story of Methodism". Accordingly, on subsequent Sundays this month, these sermons will be revamped and the fundamental thesis will be represented in a new setting.

EVENING PROGRAMS

Junior High Department, leader, Miss Helen Dillahunt; subject: "Those Who Follow John Wesley".

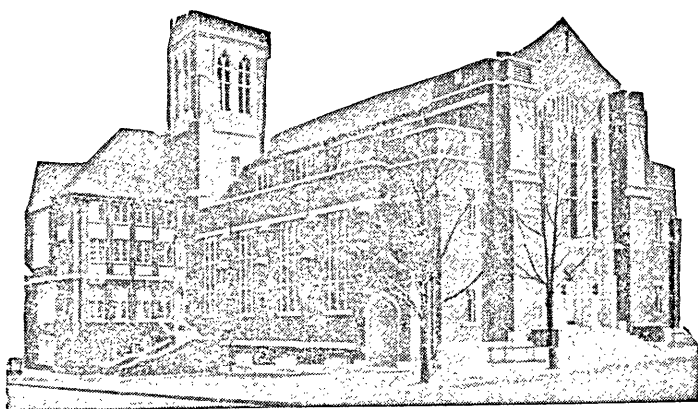
Senior High Department, leader: Miss Sara Louise Steed; subject: "Everybody Can Have Friends".

Young People's Department, leader, "The Sinner Who Became a Saint". Leaders of program, Mr. Marlin Burkhardt, Mr. Bob Vandagriff and Miss Gladys Helen Nations Sunday Evening Club, speaker, Mrs. W. P. McDermott.

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Sixteenth and Louisiana, Little Rock

This Page Devoted to the Interests of This Church

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Next Sunday At Winfield

(Where Old-fashioned Friendliness Survives)

10:00 A. M. CHURCH SCHOOL—Not an obligation but a HIGH PRIVILEGE. Use It!  
11:00 A. M. "Why God Cannot Stop the War"—Sermon by Pastor.  
6:00 P. M. Jr-High, Senior, Young People's Leagues and the Sunday Evening Club.  
7:30 P. M. "HOW YOU MAY SUCCEED"—Sermon by Pastor.  
(Where Old-fashioned Friendliness Survives)

THE PASTOR'S MESSAGE

By GASTON FOOTE

Making Your Membership Meaningful

Too frequently we have thought of uniting with the Church as the goal of life. While such action on the part of an individual is most commendable it is not the goal of life; it is the DOOR of a more abundant life. Union with the Church is as matriculation day at a University; it should mark the beginning of many worthwhile experiences and fellowships. When a youth matriculates at a University he does not sink into oblivion and expect a post-paid degree to be sent him four years later. He expects to work both physically and intellectually in the attainment of that high award. But many enter the fellowship of the Church and subsequently make no effort to appropriate its blessings by seating themselves in humility at the feet of the master Teacher, Christ. Not infrequently they are disappointed because their religious experiences have meant no more to them when, because of their neglect, they have refused such enriching experiences as the Church has to offer.

Before the Church can mean anything to an individual the individual must make his relationship with the church vital. He must make his Vows To The Church an act of daily consecration. He has promised God that he will "obediently keep God's holy will and commandments, and walk in the same all the days of his life." He has promised God that he will be "subject to the discipline of the Church, attend upon its ordinances (worship services) and support its institutions (pay for its program)." If he fails in these fundamental things he cannot expect to receive the blessings that God and the Church are able to bestow on him.

What does your Church membership mean to you? Does it mean a constant challenge to work with God and for God in the building of a better world? Have you really, in the last week, helped God get under the load of establishing His Kingdom? Does it mean you delight in public worship of God every Sabbath? Does it mean you will share with Him your substance? What does YOUR membership mean?

Christian Education

By HAL H. PINNELL

Church School Attendance

Last Sunday ..... 535  
A Year Ago ..... 323

Department Reports

	Pres.	Time	Cont.	Ch.	Stay
Jr. Hi .....	61	21	45	35	21
Sr. Hi .....	49	26	35	37	31
Y. P. ....	57	44	45	38	...

Adult Report

Hinton Class .....	43
Men's Class .....	37
Jenkins Class .....	33
Fidelity Class .....	27
Couples Class .....	31
Ashby Class .....	21
Wedding Ring Class .....	13
Young Men's Class .....	9
Bullington Memorial Class .....	7
Alstadt Class .....	9

Total.....232

BUILD THE CHURCH SCHOOL  
THROUGH CLASSES, DEPTS.

Junior Division:

NURSERY DEPT. ....	30
BEGINNERS DEPT. ....	30
PRIMARY DEPT. ....	60
JUNIOR DEPT. ....	60
JUNIOR HIGH DEPT. ....	70
SENIOR HIGH DEPT. ....	60
YOUNG PEOPLE'S DEPT. ....	65

Adult Division:

ASHBY CLASS .....	25
ALSTADT CLASS .....	25
BULLINGTON MEM. CLASS .....	25
COUPLES CLASS .....	50
FIDELITY CLASS .....	40
HINTON CLASS .....	55
JENKINS CLASS .....	40
MEN'S CLASS .....	50
WEDDING RING CLASS .....	25
YOUNG MEN'S CLASS .....	20

These goals are not "fill-in" space for the paper. They are a challenge to effort, and effort creatively implemented brings achievement. We can attain these goals. But they will be attained only through the effort put forth for the achievement of worthwhile results.

LET'S BUILD THE CHURCH  
SCHOOL! START NOW!

NEW TEACHER OF COUPLES  
CLASS

Dr. W. R. Alstadt, 5300 "S" Street, has been elected teacher of the adult class formerly known as the Brothers Class. This couples class offers a fine opportunity to young adults and the present membership of the class is looking forward to substantial growth in membership under the leadership of Dr. Alstadt, teacher, and Mr. Aubrey Kerr, president of the class. Young adult couples, investigate this fine class.

ADULT CLINIC—WEDNESDAY

5-15 p. m.—Religious Book Review "Is the Kingdom of God Realism?" E. Stanley Jones.—Review by Pastor.  
6:00 p. m.—Dinner and Devotions.  
7:10 p. m.—"Organizing the Adult Class"—C. R. Hozendorf.

Children's Division Workers Council—7:10 p. m.

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