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"The World is My Parish"—John Wesley

"Go ye into all the world"—Mark 16:15

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Different--Dangerous-- Damned

HUMAN society has always dealt roughly with two types of people; the above-the-average, and the below-the-average. Prisons of history have been filled with two kinds of people, the worst and the best. In the jail at Athens there was the scum, but there was Socrates. In the jail at Philippi there were the rogues, but there was Paul. Even at Calvary there were the thieves, but there was Christ. The reason the thieves were there was because they were below the average. They would not conform to the law of common honesty. At least one of the reasons Jesus was there was because He was above the average. He, too, would not conform to the conventional. He upset the conventional sanctions of the law, preached a new and a most damaging doctrine, and put a new frame around the picture of God. His actions were motivated by love, not by authority. He cut across racial barriers—treated gentiles as gentlemen. He broke with the Pharisees—preservers of the traditional religion of the day. He was different. He would not conform. Being different, he was dangerous—dangerous to the entrenched religious leaders of the day. Dangerous to the prelates of the church—dangerous to Pilate, to Caesar, to the State. Because He was dangerous He was damned—damned by those whom He endangered. Being different He was dangerous, being dangerous He was damned. It was so with the ancient Prophet. It is so with the modern prophet. To defy the status quo, refuse to conform to the majority opinion, to stand alone against the crowd; this is a dangerous position; and in war times it can mean near crucifixion. But to die for truth's sake is not to die in vain. For beyond the crucifixion was the resurrection.

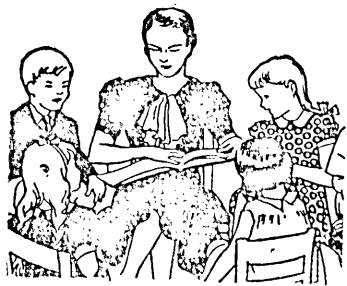
Hitler Didn't Plan It

THE war in the Balkans is one war Hitler didn't plan to fight. In all probability his original plan called for surrender of each small country in his way without firing a shot, as was the case of the Czecks and the Danes. But the unexpected turn of events in Yugoslavia and Italy's reverses in Greece called Hitler's hand. It is possible that he will be completely successful in his war in both of these countries. But he is paying for it and the price is heavy. Reports from Greece indicate that he is sacrificing thousands of men in his march toward the Mediterranean. These men were marked for the invasion of England and not to be slaughtered in a minor skirmish from Hitler's standpoint. An immense amount of mechanized equipment is also being put out of commission. This, too, will be desperately needed in case of invasion of the British Isles. But perhaps Hitler's chief disappointment in the Balkan war is the fact that the food, oil and minerals which he expected the Balkan states to produce for him will not, in any great quantity, be forthcoming. Normal shipment of these supplies into Germany stopped when the war started and will not soon be continued. Many of the mineral mines and foodstuff factories have been wrecked by the Germans themselves. Added to this difficulty is the increased difficulty of policing the conquered territory. Possibly Hitler may win the Balkan war in his drive for the Suez, but the cost will be more than he anticipated.

"IF YOU THINK TWICE BEFORE YOU SPEAK ONCE, YOU WILL SPEAK TWICE AS WELL."—William Penn.

Our Greatest Responsibility

THE greatest responsibility of the church is for its children. The church educates people in the mind of Christ and the children are the most susceptible to this educational process. It is estimated that a child learns more prior to the seventh birthday than in the next 25 years. It learns the English language, for instance, and few adults ever learn more than one language. In spite of this fact many of our churches spend their greatest energies upon adult education to the neglect of the children. Too often the children's division of the Church School is housed in the unattractive basement where the windows are high and the air is damp, while the adult classes are housed in the most attractive rooms of the church. This writer must confess that, as a preacher, his most difficult



problem has frequently been that of getting the church fathers and mothers to make even minor concessions in behalf of the better educational facilities for the children and youth of the church. It is frequently easier to attempt to move the Statue of Liberty from New York harbor than to move an old established adult class in behalf of better quarters for younger people in the church. Why should this be? Are not these our own children? Are not they the church of the future? Is not the church built on sacrifice? What other conclusion than neglect of the children can be drawn when the educational quarters of the church for adults are made attractive by draperies and curtains, floor coverings and fresh paint and paper, and those for children are unattractive and uninviting? Children are instinctively attracted to the attractive. A clean, well painted, well furnished attractive room for children stimulates the child in the feeling of worship, reverence and appreciation. Disciplinary problems for teachers are much easier under such circumstances. Let's celebrate Church School Day in our churches by beginning a movement for more attractive quarters for the children. And let us have the courage to start in our home church.

The Greatest Cost Of War

THE greatest cost of a war is not the tremendous financial cost which must be borne by the unborn generation, but the shattered emotional life of those who participate in it. For to be a good soldier means to be a good hater and to intensely hate is to cultivate emotional instability. The New York Sun carried a human interest story recently which illustrates the point. A group of R. A. F. pilots were engaged in informal conversation and one of them said, "I've nothing against Jerry (German soldier). He's a good sort really, and it isn't his fault, but I've got to kill him. It's either him or me. If I could sit down behind a machine gun nothing would please me more than to have the Jerries march up in front of a wall so I could mow them down twenty-four hours a day—day after day. That's the only way there'll ever be peace. There must be only one kind of peace. Germany must be completely destroyed. As long as there is any Germany there will never be any peace." Needless to say, such hate will not only wreck the world but the hater as well. The greatest cost of any war is the dragon's teeth of hate which, seemingly, must inevitably be sown. If this is but the continuation of the first World War, what assurance is there for peace after the next armistice? It is no mere preachment to say that the world MUST choose between Christ or Chaos.

Prisoner's Menu

A PRIVATE news bulletin from Europe gives a vivid description of a prison camp for Polish soldiers in Germany. There have been as many as 25,000 prisoners in this camp but the number is constantly changing as the strongest prisoners are sent out to work for the enemy and the weaker ones die. The camp commander is unusually brutish and sadistic and the list of punishments for infraction of minor rules is more than terrible. Sanitary conditions are disregarded and overcrowding is the rule. The daily menu is 27 decagrams of poor quality black bread (about nine ounces); black coffee only in the morning; three-fourths of a liter of soup (pint and a half) per person at noon, made of turnips, carrots and potatoes, unpeeled; black coffee again in the evening. These people who are suffering in these camps are not all soldiers who have been captured. Many of them are women and children and old men who simply lived formerly peaceful lives in the territories now occupied by the enemy. Which all goes to show that in modern warfare the well cared for soldier may suffer life or death, the civilian may suffer a much more terrible living death.

Give Thanks

AMONG our greatest sins is ingratitude. Of the ten lepers healed by Jesus only one returned to thank him. When you awaken in the morning, before you do anything else, breathe a little prayer of thanksgiving. When you eat your breakfast with the family, utter a prayer of thanksgiving for health and home and loved ones. As you start to work, thank God for a job, a mind to work, a comparatively peaceful nation in which to work. As you

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CHURCH CALENDAR

May 4, Church School Rally Day, North Arkansas Conference.

June 2-13, Arkansas Pastor's School, Hendrix College.

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North Arkansas District Conferences

April 28-29, Conway District, Pottsville.

May 5-6, Paragould District, Imboden.

May 8, Jonesboro District, at Half Moon on Dell Circuit.

May 13, Fort Smith District, at Charleston.

May 13, Fayetteville District, Berryville.

May 14-15, Batesville District, Cave City.

May 15, Helena Dist. Conference at Marvell.

May 20, Searcy District, at Cotton Plant.

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Little Rock District Conferences

May 7, Texarkana District, at Rondo on the Texarkana Circuit.

May 13, Arkadelphia District at Ebenezer on Traskwood Circuit.

May 14, Prescott District, at Glenwood.

May 15, Monticello District, at Jersey on the Hermitage Circuit.

May 20, Little Rock District, at Hazen.

May 21, Pine Bluff District, at Roe.

May 22, Camden District, at Chidester.

BOOK REVIEW

"What's Right With the World"—By Gordon Palmer.

This is a book published a year ago with an emphasis now needed more than ever before. Amid a world of chaotic discouragement, Dr. Palmer, President of the Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary, discusses the positive elements in our social order that are right and should give us hope. In the chapter on what's right with our thinking Dr. Palmer says, "Every nation should have a Peace Department as well as a War Department . . . it takes as much courage to cure the causes of war as it does to fight when war is declared." "Character is that which is left when all the superfluous acquisitions of life have been wiped away by the heartless hand of time." "Think failure and defeat will meet you everywhere. Think achievement and you are on road to success." In his concluding chapter on the triumph of right he says that Christianity will triumph because it is the supreme revelation of God; the life of Jesus will never be surpassed; there are in Christianity the elements of individual and social redemption." An informative, inspirational book designed to give hope and courage amid hopeless discouragement. Fleming H. Revell Co. Price \$1.50.—The Editor.

Give Thanks

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meet your friends through the day, breathe a prayer of thanksgiving for them. If you really appreciate them, it will not hurt to let them know it. When you return home in the evening leave the cares and anxieties behind you. Share your joys and victories with the family circle. As you drop off to sleep let your last thought be, "Thank You—God."

ABOUT PEOPLE

REV. AND MRS. FRANK WALKER, of Bauxite, are the happy parents of a daughter, Jessie Lou, who was born on April 12.

HUNTER MEMORIAL CHURCH, Rev. A. J. Shirey, pastor, has paid its Benevolences of \$225 in full for the year.

A CANTATA, "The Day of Resurrection" was given by the choir of Imboden church, at the evening service on Easter Sunday. Earl DuBois is the pastor of this good church.

A NEW parsonage is being built for the Primrose charge, Little Rock District. Rev. M. W. Miller, pastor, and Mrs. Miller are happy over the new building which is being erected next to the old one.

DR. Y. C. YANG, president of Soochow University, has received a fellowship in Union Theological Seminary, New York, for the year 1941-42. Dr. Yang is one of the leaders of the Methodist Church in China.

REV. FRED R. HARRISON, pastor of Pulaski Heights Church, was guest speaker at the meeting of the Pulaski Heights W. C. T. U. at the Arkansas School for the Blind, Friday. His subject was, "Youth Goes Into Action."

REV. W. J. FAUST, pastor at Mansfield, will preach the closing sermon for the Mansfield High School, Sunday night, April 27. This is a large consolidated school with an enrollment of about 1200. There are forty-eight in the graduating class.

DR. W. C. WATSON, pastor at Malvern, had a great Easter service with a packed house. He baptized eight infants. There were 128 present in the Men's Bible Class. Seventeen were received into the church on Palm Sunday. Finances are in full.

BEARING credentials as the fraternal representatives of numerous bodies, Dr. Lynn Harold Hough, dean of Drew Theological Seminary, will sail from Los Angeles to Australia on the S. S. Monterey, April 30 to deliver the Cato lectures before the Australian General Conference.

REV. S. O. PATTY is having a fine year at Cabot. He has added fifty-one to the church since Conference. All finances are in full, including the Hendrix College fund and Day of Compassion offering. Bro. Patty preached each evening in his church during holy week with large crowds in attendance and splendid interest shown.

AS a result of the February special campaign, the two conferences in Arkansas presented Hendrix College with checks for \$10,100 in a special service last week. Dr. C. M. Reves, district superintendent of the Little Rock District, presided at the service. Rev. Leland Clegg, district superintendent of the Camden District, presented a check for \$5,000 from the Little Rock Conference and Rev. A. W. Martin, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Jonesboro, a check for \$5,100 from the North Arkansas Conference. An

additional \$8,000 raised by the February Special went to a fund for Ministerial Education. Dr. J. H. Reynolds accepted the money for the board of trustees.

REV. J. C. WEAVER, age ninety, superannuate member of the North Arkansas Conference, died Tuesday, April 15, at his home in Waldron after an illness of one week. He had made Waldron his home since his superannuation in 1917. His wife, a son and a daughter survive him. The sympathy of many friends goes out to the family in their bereavement.

HENDRIX COLLEGE ALUMNI will hold their annual reunion at the college Saturday, April 26. The day has been designated "C. J. Greene Day" and will honor Dr. C. J. Greene, vice president and a member of the faculty since 1904. Speaker at the alumni banquet will be A. L. Hutchins, chancellor of the fifth chancery circuit, Forrest City. Judge Hutchins graduated from Hendrix in 1904.

THE Elizabeth Rimmel Bible Class, First Methodist Church, Little Rock, celebrated its twenty-fifth anniversary, Friday evening, April 18, with a banquet at the church with 115 present. Mrs. W. P. McDermott, teacher of the class for the past 18 years, presented to the church on behalf of the class a silver service set. Mr. H. T. Harrison, teacher of the Century Class for the past 25 years, was the principal speaker of the evening.

THE sum of \$828,155 has been received through April 14 for the Methodist Relief Commission's appeal for Overseas Relief projects, help for British missionary work, and religious work at American training camps, according to Dr. O. W. Auman, Treasurer, of 740 Rush Street, Chicago. This offering was taken throughout Methodism on March 2, but a number of churches have not as yet reported. It is expected that the total will pass the \$900,000 mark.

THE sympathy of many friends goes out to Rev. E. D. Galloway of DeQueen in the loss of his father, Mr. D. A. Galloway, who passed away on April 10 at the home of his daughter in the New Bethel community near Des Arc. The funeral was conducted at 3 o'clock on Good Friday at the New Bethel Church in charge of the pastor, Rev. W. W. Nelson, and Dr. C. M. Reves, district superintendent, Little Rock District. Burial was in Centerpoint near Hazen.

METHODISM'S world-known missionary, Dr. E. Stanley Jones, is to conduct three general ashrams during the summer, offering to Christians in the United States something of the same opportunity to find the benefits of a spiritual retreat that is provided by his famous ashrams in India. The Department of Evangelism of the Federal Council of Churches, of which Dr. C. Jeffares McCombe, pastor of the Methodist Church of St. Paul and St. Andrew, New York City, is chairman, is promoting the movement. From July 18-30 Dr. Jones will be at Occidental College, California, from August 1-15 at Blue Ridge, North Carolina, and from August 15 to 29 at Saugatuck, Michigan.

With Our Readers

From Morrilton:

I wish to take this opportunity to express my appreciation of the ARKANSAS METHODIST. It is a fine paper and I look forward each week to its arrival.
—MRS. EDW. GORDON.

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From Horatio:

You are putting out such a splendid paper, so full of good reading that no Methodist family can afford not to take it.

—MRS. E. B. MILLARD.

From El Dorado:

The ARKANSAS METHODIST is the best paper of its kind anywhere. I have obtained strength and courage from reading it each week. It is so good for various church activities. I would not be without it.
—MRS. R. S. BLACKWELL.

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From Board of Education, Nashville:

You are issuing an excellent paper.

—J. FISHER SIMPSON.

THE CHURCH WORKSHOP

H. MELLENIKES, Editor

RURAL LIFE SUNDAY

(Fifth Sunday after Easter, May 18)

For the best observance and results on Rural Life Sunday, you will want that your church shall begin at once to complete its arrangement details to this end. The best possible material for this day's use is now available to every church desiring it by the Federal Council, New York City. Write them for whatever of assistance you may require.

HOW TO USE RURAL LIFE SUNDAY

Both rural and city churches observe Rural Life Sunday, May 13, 1941. The usual way is to set aside the Sunday morning hour for a worship service and sermon or address that is centered about the spiritual realities of rural life. This custom is now widespread.

Sometimes spiritually-minded agricultural leaders are invited as guest speakers. Local agricultural organizations, such as the 4-H, Future Farmers, Farm Bureau, Grange and Farmers' Union, are happy to cooperate not only in attending but in taking part in such an observance. The Extension Service of the United States Department of Agriculture, Washington, is issuing a bulletin on "The Rural Family and Home Beautification," which will be helpful.

City churches may invite town and country ministers to speak on an appropriate theme. City and country ministers may "exchange pulpits" on this day.

One minister has sponsored a simultaneous Rural Life Sunday observance in twenty churches, followed by a Rural Life dinner and program in which all participated.

Pageants, plays, forums, or formal services may also be arranged for the evening. A discussion group may be organized. The particular form of service to be arranged will depend upon local needs and conditions. But the importance of each church making some recognition of the day cannot be overemphasized.

Affability, mildness, tenderness and a word which I would fain bring back to its original significance of virtue—I mean good nature—are of daily use; they are the bread of mankind and the staff of life.—Dryden.

I WILL USE MY PULPIT

—to interpret the eternal truths of God though the world go insane.

—to keep the church free from blood guiltiness in the midst of human slaughter,

—to offer forgiveness to a generation that has lost its way,

—to nurture faith and hope in the midst of cynicism and despair,

—to offer love and brotherhood as a solution of the world's ailments.

ALTAR FLOWERS

Grace Church, New York City, has a card printed with a drawing of its altar and beneath it this message to be sent with flowers from the altar for those who are ill: "These flowers are from the altar of our church and are sent to you with the hope that they may bring a measure of good cheer, and with the assurance of our best wishes and prayers for your spiritual and physical welfare."

I NEVER GO

Someone has offered the non-churchgoer the following little letter to think about:

"I never go to the movies nowadays because my parents made me go too often when I was a boy. Also, no one at the movies ever spoke to me, and every time I go someone asks me for money. The manager never calls on me, and people who attend are not all they should be."—The Watchman-Examiner.

THE SACRAMENT

By DAVID PATON

*Into those hands unpreaching,
Like suppliants beseeching,
I place the symbols of Christ's ageless love.
Deep feelings stir my heart
My eyes with tears upstart
And from all doubt and fear my soul doth move.*

*Hands young and soft and fair,
Hands old and strong—all there;
They, reaching, seek for more, indeed, than wine.
They reach through life's confusions,
They reach from sin's delusions,
They reach for Grace that's sure beyond decline.*

*Then dawns a mystic light,
Mere symbols pass from sight,
And lo! unveiled His wondrous presence stands!
He stoops in tenderness,
He holds in strong caress,
Responding to those reaching, seeking hands.*

*Those eager, needy hands!
Hear, Lord, their mute demands!
Symbolic they of multitudes untold,
Who crowd earth's fallow field
Good fruit Thy praise to yield—
Some thirty—fifty—e'en a hundredfold.*

A PRAYER

That Comes From China

"Help each one of us, gracious Father, to live in such magnanimity and restraint that the Head of the Church may never have cause to say to any one of us, This is my body, broken by you."

TOWARD A FELLOWSHIP CHURCH

With a two-colored cut of the church, the following poem-greeting is mailed to those who visit one of our churches in Ohio, according to the Methodist Laymen.

*It was fine to have you with us,
We wish to tell you so;
We trust a mutual blessing, too,
From our fellowship may grow;
Another time the chance may come,
And if it should, why then,
O just be sure we'll be so glad
To welcome you again!*

One of the stewards of the church is in charge of the checking and mailing, and the report is that exceedingly encouraging results are being obtained. It would seem well, therefore, that we should make effort to conceive something of the same pattern and purpose for the use of our church.

If a man is growing large in pocketbook, nothing but constant giving can keep him from growing small in soul.

NOT "MISSING THE BUS"

The following item appeared in a recent bulletin of our church at Rock Falls, Illinois: "The Church School officials have decided to keep the bus going each Sunday. No one has to pay anything to ride on the bus, but contributions may be made by those who appreciate the service and who want to keep it going."

What of the outlying (outlying in at least two meanings, of course) members of your church? Could you not institute this service for those of your parish who without its aid will have to remain at home?

VISUAL EDUCATION SUPPLIES

Visual education looming ever larger and larger in importance and possibility to us, as we avail ourselves of its uses, the following information may prove of good guidance to some of us.

The Department of Visual Education, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York City, will supply anyone requesting a complete list of motion pictures, stereopticon lectures, story photo enlargements, phonograph records, and hymn sets, which may be obtained from or through it. Have no hesitancy in calling for the list, and then in making use of this more helpful service for your education and worship.

SEVEN WAYS OF GIVING

1. THE CARELESS WAY—To give something to every cause that is presented without inquiring into its merits.

2. THE IMPULSIVE WAY—To give from impulse, as much and as often as love and pity and sensibility prompt.

3. THE LAZY WAY—To make a special offer to earn money for benevolent objects by fairs, festivals, etc.

4. THE SELF-DENYING WAY—To save cost of luxuries and apply them to purposes of religion and charity.

5. THE SYSTEMATIC WAY—To lay aside as an offering to God a definite portion of our gains, one-tenth, one-fifth, one-third or one-half. This is adapted to all, whether rich or poor, and gifts would be largely increased were it practiced.

6. THE EQUAL WAY—To give to God and the needy just as much as we spend on ourselves, balancing our personal expenditures by our gifts.

7. THE HEROIC WAY—To limit our own expenditures to a certain sum, and give away all the rest of our income. THIS WAS JOHN WESLEY'S WAY.

SAW THE FATHER IN THE SON

John 14:9: "He that hath seen me hath seen the Father."

A lad was asking a man about the father of both. The man was trying to tell the lad what kind of man their father had been. He piled up the noble adjectives, all of them true, in the effort to make the boy see. It was sorry and disappointing. It is not easy to construct a personality out of adjectives or attributes. At last the lad broke in with this burning question, "Are you like him?" And the older one bowed his head and replied, "Friends tell me that I am my father over again." And humanity is so full of younger brothers like this, like Phillip. . . . Do men find it easier to believe in God and understand Him because they know you? —Bishop W. F. McDowell, from "Good Ministers of Christ".

Make yourself an honest man, and then you may be sure that there is one rascal less in the world.—Carlyle.

I WILL NOT USE MY PULPIT

—to promote war in any of its phases,

—to stir up hatred of any kind,

—to say anything to mitigate the evil of war that will come back to haunt me in the future as being unworthy of the Christian Gospel,

—to spread hostility toward minority groups (including the conscientious objectors whom the church has taught during the past two decades),

—to agitate against America's ancient liberties of speech, assembly, religion and press.

Our Duty To Our Inactive Members

By KENNETH SPORE

(This address, delivered at a Prescott ministers' meeting, is printed at the request of the ministers who heard it.—The Editor.)

Text: I Cor. 12:27: "Ye are the body of Christ and members in particular."

I WANT to talk to you about one of the most important problems facing the Christian church today, if not the world. The fact that so many of our church members are inactive is one of the appalling problems of our times. The church in every community is handicapped, sometimes even paralyzed by this inactivity.

4-24-41



REV. KENNETH SPORE, Pastor
Hope Church

Of the membership of this church, one-third do not even live in this community. They do not even belong to the church in the community in which they live, of course, they are inactive. Another one-third of our membership live in this community but have no real relationship with the work of the church. Hence only one-third of the membership of this church are in any real sense active in its work. Less than that, probably not more than one-tenth of the members are willing to assume and perform any real responsibility of leadership in any special phase of the church's program.

Now, let no one get the impres-

sion that this church is any worse off than the average church of today. It is not. On the contrary, it is probably better off than most. Those who have studied this problem from a national view point, have placed the figure for active membership at one-fourth instead of one-third.

Why do I raise this question?

1. First, as indicated in the very beginning it is an appalling problem. One that is fast paralyzing the church and destroying its influence in the community and the world.

2. Because I am optimistic and have faith in that active one-third or one-fourth that there is something that they can do about it.

Now, let it be understood that I do not approach this question with any attitude of criticism of the inactive member. Most of us here today are active members, some of us are not. But most of us who are active today in the church have at some time or other, over a long period or short, been inactive. And there is no earthly reason why inactivity may not overtake us again. But besides all this there is usually nothing to be gained by criticism. Instead of criticism let us explore the subject and see if there is anything we can do to help.

1. WHY DO PEOPLE BECOME INACTIVE?

There are many reasons.

1. People move. We are living in an age of transients. I know one family in this town who have moved in and out of this community seven times since I came a little over two years ago. I know several others who have lived in from three to ten communities in the past three years. People move. In the old Church they knew everyone and felt at home. In the church where their membership is at present, this, or some other, they just do not "feel at home." That is a very natural feeling, a person misses the familiar faces and familiar scenes about the old church. That they ought to pitch right in and get familiar with the new surroundings and get acquainted with the new people and work in the new church like they did in the old, is no doubt true. But our saying so and doing nothing to help bring it about does not help. Among these inactive members are former Sunday school superintendents, former stewards, former Ep-

worth League officials, former W. M. S. officers, many people of real ability and real leadership.

2. With some inactive members, financial reverses and other economic difficulties have brought about this inactivity. They are embarrassed to attend the church and work in it when they cannot contribute to its support as they once did.

3. Some others are inactive because of illness. I have known a brief illness, which interrupted church activities for a few months or weeks cause an active member to become an inactive member, never able again somehow to take up the work again. Maybe the old job in the church was gone, because someone else had to be found to do the work while the member was sick. And no new job is found.

4. Sometimes bereavement causes this inactivity. A loved one is lost and the bereaved one loses all interest in the church, which is one's greatest friend in a time like that.

5. Sometimes it is a desire to be "it," an inability to work with other people that has soured some people and made them inactive church members. If they can't be boss, they won't play.

6. Sometimes people are too busy with other things, important maybe in themselves, but not so important as this.

Whatever the reason is you never or rarely ever, get it clearly stated, the reasons people give for their inactivity are rarely ever the real reasons, but clever alibis.

1. They say they do not like the minister. Ministers have changed but there is little or no change in their activity.

2. They say they are too busy but they do other things and go other places.

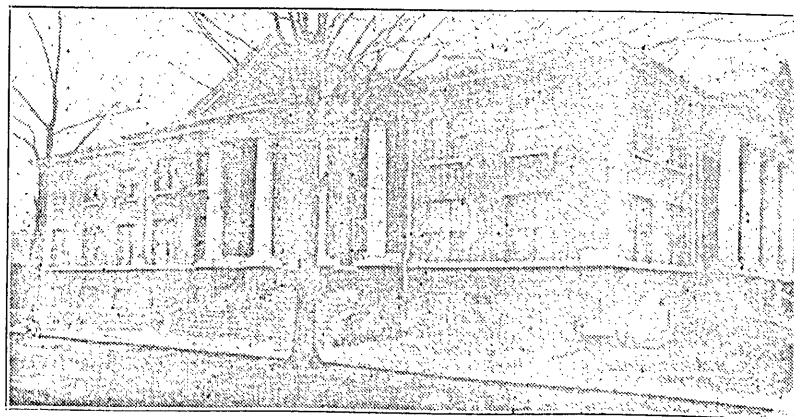
3. They don't like the way things are run, but they are unwilling to help run things themselves.

4. There are too many hypocrites in the church, but they never let hypocrites in other organizations bother them.

II. And so on and on it goes, these excuses. I grant you that sometimes these excuses are so endless and so silly and so futile that one is aggravated almost to the point of giving up and saying, "O well what is the use of bothering more with these inactive members."

But then there comes the thought after all these people are as much those for whom Christ died as we. They, too, have received the great commission. We need them in our great work of establishing God's Kingdom on earth and they need the church to make their lives more meaningful and more happy.

Let us, as always (though with no claim of being perfect in ourselves) go, and go again, to these our inactive friends and fellow members with a call to service, a service which they can render to the Kingdom of God and to their own souls. Let us go to them as messengers to inform them of the widespread work of the church; and to open up to them the opportunity to invest their lives, their talents, their leadership, their money, the greatest of all undertakings, the work of the Church of Christ in this earth. Let us set before them the open door, the door to sacrificial service for the Christ in whose name they have dared to have faith.



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NEWS FROM HENDRIX

A choir of more than 250 voices participated in a hymn festival in the Conway Methodist church Saturday evening, April 19. The festival was held in connection with the annual convention of the Arkansas chapter of the American Guild of Organists. Hendrix College was host to the convention.

The Hendrix Choristers, the Arkansas State Teachers College and Central College choruses, and the churches of the Methodist, Baptist, and Presbyterian churches, made up the choir for the hymn festival, which was directed by Henry W. Sander-son, organist of Trinity Cathedral, Little Rock.

Jointly sponsored by the Student Association and the Alumni Association, Hendrix College held its

first Vocational Guidance Day, Tuesday, April 22. Thirteen outstanding business and professional women of the state were on the campus to discuss with interested students the opportunities in various vocations. The vocations to be represented were selected by means of a student poll.

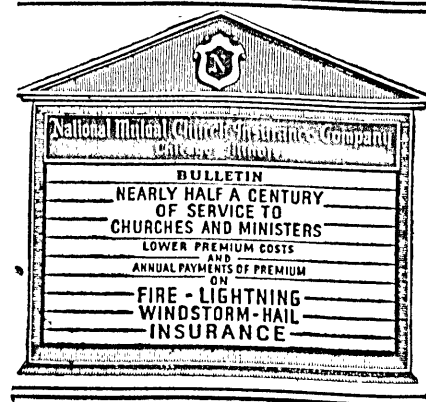
M. J. Lippman, assistant professor of music and director of the Hendrix band, is one of the judges in the annual Arkansas state high school band contest, to be held in Hot Springs, April 25 and 26. This is the second year that Mr. Lippman has judged this contest. To judge this contest is considered an honor, for state men are rarely asked to judge a contest in their own state.

Nat R. Griswold, associate profes-

sor of religion at Hendrix, left Saturday for Chicago, Ill., to represent Hendrix in an inter-college committee on philosophy and religion. The work of the committee is part of the activities of the cooperative study in general education being made by 22 colleges and universities. The work of the committee center around the problem of bringing college offerings in philosophy and religion closer to student needs.

The Hendrix Board of Trustees held its annual meeting at the college last week. Reports were heard from Dr. J. H. Reynolds, Hendrix president, and E. W. Martin, treasurer and business manager. The central theme of the meeting was "Hendrix College as an agency of National Defense." Harvey

Couch, president of the board, was unable to attend because of illness. Rev. G. G. Davidson of Eureka Springs, first vice-president, presided. Fifteen members of the board were present.—Glenn Black.



THE DEVOTIONAL PAGE

ROY BAGLEY, Editor

PUNGENT PARAGRAPHS

Beauty is like a glance of love from a friend in the midst of a hostile crowd; a hand-pressure, a caress to those weighted down with the traffic of the market place; a word of appreciation to a man discouraged.

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When Andrew Melville was threatened by the Earl of Morton with violent death, he said, "Tush, my Lord, make these threats to your courtiers. It is all one to me whether I rot in the earth or in the air. It is not in your power to hang or exile the truth."

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All through the world no persecution, no repression, no force, no materialism, no ways have been able to get out of man that terrific urge of purposefulness toward the spiritual goal. Russia has not become pagan, she has only thrown over a quack religion; Germany is passing through a pagan stage. But no power can eradicate from man's heart that tremendous purposefulness which is spiritual.

THE CHRISTIAN'S HOLY HABITS

By BISHOP RALPH S. CUSHMAN

I believe in Habits; I believe habits make or break us; I believe habits send us to heaven or to hell. Therefore, I believe in Holy Habits.

Indeed, so sure am I that a happy Christian life depends upon some four or five habits that if some person should come to me and say, "Prescribe what I must do to have glad fellowship with Jesus Christ, here and hereafter," I would say:

First, form the habit of keeping holy some portion of each day for Bible reading and for prayer. Make this your first business.

Second, form the habit of giving, every week, a definite proportion of your time in special service to your fellow men, in the name of Christ and of his Church.

Third, make attendance at public worship the fixed habit of your life. Allow yourself no excuse for non-attendance that you would not give to your associates in business.

Fourth, form the habit of accepting every opportunity of receiving the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Christ will meet you in the Communion. Jesus says, "I am the bread of life."

Fifth, form the holy habit of setting apart a definite proportion of your money for the work of the Kingdom. Make it the first draft upon your income; set it aside with prayer; use it carefully as unto God; have faith to begin with "at least the tenth."

These, my friends, are the holy habits I recommend. Others will follow on. Behind them all, of course, must be the hunger after God; but with these habits formed we have the certain helps that God has sent to bless our days; and more than this, to make of us faithful stewards of the Church of Christ.

POEM OF THE WEEK

PRAYER

By ELEANOR GERRARD

I stretched out empty hands
That Thou hast filled;
I raised a pleading voice
That Thou hast stilled;
And to my soul athirst,
Too spent to live,
A clear and brimming cup
Thou, Lord, didst give.
I could not see the way,
And would not go
Where Thou, too didst not walk—
This Thou didst know!

To Thee, my heart and soul,
For Light renewed,
In joy now offer up
Deep gratitude!

Thinking Aloud In War Time

By LESLIE D. WEATHERHEAD

"Thinking Aloud In War Time" is written primarily for Dr. Weatherhead's native land, England, but it has a message for every man and every nation that is called on to face the question, "Shall we fight?" It is both provocative and inspiring.

Dr. Weatherhead relates that after witnessing the horrors of the first World War, he went over to Pacifism, but by 1936 he had left that position because it is sometimes more right to do wrong than to do nothing at all. Even so, the choice is difficult. To wage war is wrong, but to accept both the protection of the state and the soldiers who must suffer and die without accepting the consequent responsibilities, is equally wrong. Wrong must sometimes be done to prevent a greater evil.

Nevertheless, if the Christian is called on to fight, Dr. Weatherhead urges that he does so without bitterness and with complete faith in life's eternal verities. God is still at the helm. Life is not without purpose.

Whatever the outcome, God will not be defeated. Beauty, truth, and goodness cannot be permanently crushed. God can put the broken pieces together to fulfill His eternal purposes.

In the early chapters, the thoughtful reader may take issue with the author's arguments regarding the fallacy of pacifism and his assertion that the pacifist has refused to think things through. Certainly there is doubt that the waging of this war is the lesser of two great evils. No doubt, the writer's thinking is colored by the falling of bombs, but when one had finished reading the latter chapters, he is moved to agree with Dr. Weatherhead that though the darkness of evil seems to be blotting out the light of beauty, goodness and truth, still God hath sounded forth the trumpet that shall never call retreat. He is sifting out the hearts of men before His judgment seat. O, be swift, my soul, to answer Him, be jubilant, my feet, for God is marching on.—Carl E. Keightley.

A Child's Creed

F. P. FLETCHER

I believe in God, my Heavenly Father, who loves me and cares for and helps me day by day.

I believe in Jesus, my Saviour, who was once a child Himself, and who loves little children and took them in His arms and blessed them. I shall try to grow up to be like Him.

I believe in my church, and love to come to its services and to help in every way I can.

I believe there is a difference between right and wrong, and that happiness is on the side of right and God.

I believe if I do wrong I ought not to think it smart; but to be sorry and ask to be forgiven, and to try hard to do right next time.

I believe that in prayer I may talk

with God and He with me. That God speaks to me through the Bible also; so I shall love it and read it.

I believe in being happy and in making others happy, too.

I believe this is God's world. Sometimes when I watch the stars or the mountains, or walk among the flowers I am sure God is near; and I am glad.

I believe in my home, in father and mother that I may trust their love and care and guidance; that I have a share in making my home a happy one.

I believe in growing up by and by into a good and true man or woman.

Dear God, help me every day to live what I believe. Amen.—Zion's Herald.

SENTENCE SERMONS

Without us, God will not; without God, we cannot.

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If I give you a rose, you won't doubt God any more.—Tertullian.

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No darkness is so gross that it can blot out light.

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The heart has eyes that the brain knows nothing of.—Parkhurst.

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To see what is right and not do it, is want of courage, or of principle.—Confucius.

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The virtue lies in the struggle, not in the prize.—Milnes.

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By gnawing through a dyke, even a rat may drown a nation.—Burke.

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There is no royal road to anything.

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He who runs from God in the morning will scarcely find Him the rest of the day.—Bunyan.

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To ease another's heartache is to forget one's own.—Lincoln.

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Practice in life whatever you pray for and God will give it to you more abundantly.—Pusey.

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Good will, like a good name, is the result of many acts, and can be lost by one.—George F. Hoffman.

STEWARDSHIP AN ESSENTIAL

By BISHOP IVAN LEE HOLT

These are days when Europe's Dictators seem to dispute even God's control. They cannot really push Him from his throne, but they seem to disregard any claims of any other interests than their own.

In such a time of selfishness there is all the more reason for Christian men and women to think of their obligations to one another, to those whom they can help, and to God.

The sense of stewardship of life is an attitude we must cultivate not only for the advancement of God's Kingdom but for the peace and happiness of human beings everywhere. That which was once regarded as a Christian virtue, seldom met, has now become an essential for the preservation of all that we hold dear in our Christian civilization.

WHICH BOAT ARE YOU IN?

There are three kinds of people in all organizations, and ours is no exception—which may be but new labels for that which has been here from the beginning.

There are the rowboat people, the sailboat people, and the steamboat people.

The rowboat people always need to be pushed or shoved along.

The sailboat people move along when a favorable wind is blowing.

The steamboat people move along continuously, through calm or storm. They are the masters of themselves and their surroundings.—Religious Telescope.

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L. R. CONFERENCE YOUTH CARAVAN SCHEDULE

At a well attended conference held at First Church, Little Rock, April 14, plans were completed for the Youth Caravan in the Little Rock Conference this summer. There will be two teams working from June 28 to August 16 and one team working an additional two weeks. The schedule for Caravan No. 1, with Miss Elizabeth Goodman, Malvern, as counsellor, is as follows:

June 28-July 5, Pine Bluff at Lakeside; July 5-12, Benton; July 12-19, Camden; July 19-26, Bauxite; July 26-August 2, Stuttgart at Grand Avenue; August 2-9, Locksburg; August 9-16, Texarkana at Fairview.

The schedule for Caravan No. 2, with Miss Cora Reed, Nashville, Arkansas, as counselor is as follows:

June 28-July 5, Lonoke; July 5-12, Warren; July 12-19, McGehee; July 19-26, Magnolia; July 26-August 2, Malvern; August 2-9, Hope; August 9-16, Nashville; August 16-23, Blevins.

FACULTY SELECTED

Rev. Clem Baker, the dean, announces the selection of the following as instructors and leaders of activities for the Senior Section, ages 1-17) of the Young People's Assembly to be held at Hendrix College, June 16-20:

Dean of Men, Rev. Otto W. Teague, Texarkana; Dean of Women, Mrs. Fred R. Harrison, Little Rock; Associate Dean of Women, Mrs. C. R. Hozendorf, Mena; Registrar, Miss Annabelle Beauchamp, Nashville; Director of Recreation, Rev. Roland E. Darrow, Stuttgart; Business Manager, Rev. R. O. Beck, Junction City; Auditor, Rev. Charles H. Giesse, Blevins; Nurse, Mrs. C. W. Boyer, Conway; Director of Guilds and Interest Groups, Mrs. C. B. Nelson, Little Rock; Guild Leaders: Richard Perdue, Louann; J. E. Cooper, Arkadelphia; Elizabeth Goodman, Malvern; C. R. Hozendorf, Mena, and Fred R. Harrison, Carolyn Wilkerson, Mrs. Russell Henderson, Little Rock.

The following will be Class Instructors:

Fred G. Roebuck, John B. Hefley, W. Neill Hart, Alfred E. Doss, Geo. G. Meyer, Roland E. Darrow, Charles H. Giesse, C. R. Hozendorf, Fred R. Harrison, and J. E. Cooper.

The student officers are: President, Ralph Randle, Gundon; Vice-President, Francis Christie, Junction City; Secretary, Myrtle Catherine Avera, Stuttgart; Treasurer, Mrs. R. A. Thomas, Little Rock.

Rev. Arthur Terry, Nashville, Ark., is director of the Young People's work for the Conference and will be the inspirational speaker.—Clem Baker.

Material things take their worth from man. They rise in value as he rises in intelligence and moral power. The only thing of real worth in the world is the human soul.—D. M. Pratt.

CHURCH SCHOOL DAY OBSERVANCE

Last Sunday was the day set for observance of Rally Day in the Conference. From past records we are sure that many schools observed this day, but as this report is written early Monday morning we cannot give an account of the offerings taken. Next week we will publish offering that come in this week. The following churches sent their offering in before Sunday:

Blevins	\$ 15.00
McCaskill	4.00
Sweet Home	.50
Macedonia	.50
Forester	10.00
Monticello	25.00
Kelso	5.00
Watson	5.00
McGehee	30.00
Crossett	45.00
Hunter's Chapel	1.50
Mabelvale	10.00
Traskwood	5.00
First Church, Little Rock	165.00

We sincerely thank these pastors and churches. Most of these pastors sent their offering in full and their name go on the Honor Roll which will be published next week.—Clem Baker.

CHURCH SCHOOL DAY OFFERING

The Conference Board of Education is making a special appeal for early observance of Church School Day and payments in full on apportionments. As a Service Institution, the Board of Education has helped to promote other special causes Conference, but this is the first and only offering taken throughout the year to help carry on the program of the Board. In other years the Board of Education has had 40% of the Fourth Sunday offerings for program use. This year all the Fourth Sunday offerings go to Mr. Hayes and are credited to Conference Claims. Our Board has a policy of paying cash for everything. We try to keep enough reserve to carry on our work until May 1st, but from then on throughout the spring and summer we are dependent upon Church School Day. We urge our friends to see that this day is observed and the offering sent in at the earliest date possible. We still have plenty of program and shall be glad to send them free.—Clem Baker.

REV. A. C. CARRAWAY'S MOTHER DIES

The brethren of the Little Rock Conference will sympathize with Rev. A. C. Carraway, whose mother passed away and was buried at Corsicana, Texas, two weeks ago. Mrs. Carraway was the wife of a fine minister belonging to the Texas Conferences and had rendered great service to the Kingdom through her parsonage administration. It was her joy to see an honored son taking his father's place in the ministry. Brother Carraway is a member of our Board of Education and is in the midst of a fine pastorate at Dumas.—Clem Baker.

Honor is worth its danger and its cost, and life is worthless without honor.—G. B. Shaw.

POPE-YELL COUNTY UNION

The Atkins church was host to about 100 young people of the Union at a banquet Monday evening, April 14. Young people from Atkins, Pottsville, Dover, Lamar, Dardanelle, Ola, Plainview and Russellville attended. This was the third meeting after the consolidation of unions in Pope and Yell counties and a report from a nominating committee for officers was received. Officers elected were: President, Bill Strickland, Plainview; Vice-President, Mary Jeanette Hudson, Ola; Secretary, Mary Lucille McCauley, Russellville; Treasurer, Florence Kaylor, Lamar; Superintendent of Publicity, Alfred Vance, Russellville; Adult Counselor, Rev. Ethan Dodgen, Dardanelle.

Bro. Dodgen was toastmaster for a program featuring a talk by Coach Grove of Hendrix on "Christian Youth in American Facing a World Crisis." Group singing was led by Rev. Irl Bridenthal of Pottsville. The invocation was given by Emma Lillian of Dardanelle, the welcome address by Rev. Kenneth Shamblin of the host church and the response by Mrs. H. M. Lewis of Russellville. Music was furnished by the Atkins Swing Ensemble, playing "Star-dust," and the Bridenthal twins, Doris and Delores, playing "Lieber-straum." An announcement concerning summer assemblies was made by Rev. I. A. Brumley of Conway. A patriotic note was carried out in the decorations by the Atkins young people. The May meeting will be held in Russellville.—Alfred Vance, Publicity Chairman.

I would rather be beaten in the right than succeed in the wrong.—Garfield.

VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL INSTITUTE

The Fort Smith District conducted a vacation church school institute at Charleston, May 4th. The meeting was in session from 10 a. m. until 3 p. m.

General plans of conducting vacation schools were discussed in the morning session.

A co-operative luncheon was served and the afternoon group was broken up into three departmental groups, the beginner, primary and junior, with a well chosen person leading each group with special emphasis on a particular course or unit.

A large number of children's workers attended this meeting. Seventeen charges were represented. There were also several preachers present.

Our goal is a vacation church school in every charge in the Fort Smith District.—Mrs. J. T. Byrd, District Director of Children's work.

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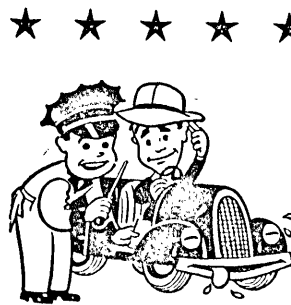
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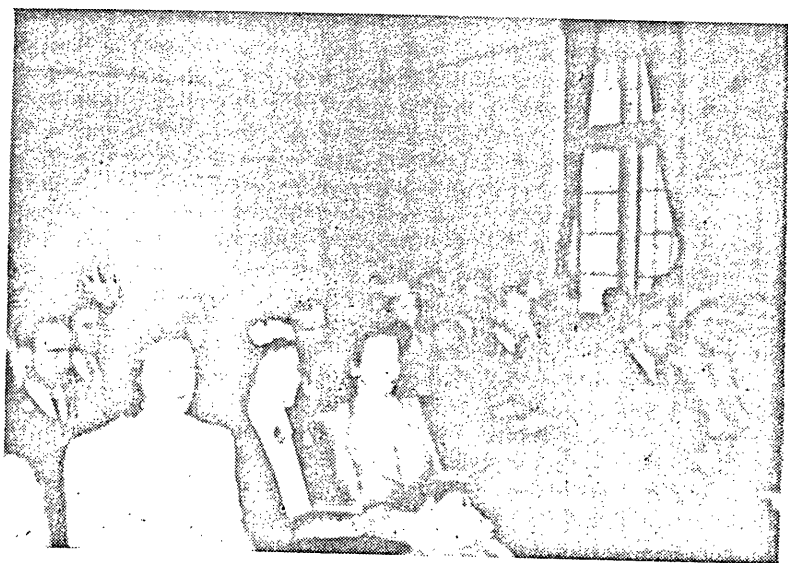
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THE WORSHIP HOUR AT WINFIELD CHURCH

NOT to be ministered unto but to minister, this is and must always be the attitude and spirit of the Church of God with regard to her numerous phases of service. Surely this has been the spirit of the Methodist Churches of Greater Little Rock in ministering unto the soldiers at Camp Robinson.

Little Rock Methodism recognizes that the 25,000 boys stationed in this camp face many perplexing personal, social, and religious problems growing out of this abnormal situation. As Jesus sought to meet the apparent needs of the people of his day so Methodism stands ready to help all men, whether they

civilian life to carrying a gun all week." The boys have opportunities for recreation in camp but they say that it is good to get away from camp for a few hours a week and drop back into civilian life with all its usual beautiful surroundings. First Methodist Church and Winfield Methodist Church provide "open house" for the soldier boys on Saturdays from 2 until 10 p. m. Members from the young people's departments and from the young adult departments act as hostesses while representatives from the adult classes of the Church school are always present as counselors. Here the boys can come and engage in play activities which are of the less strenuous type such as ping-pong, badminton, volley ball, shuffleboard, checkers, dominoes, card baseball, and others.

On Sunday afternoons and also after the evening services directed recreation, along with the informal games, is provided for the soldiers, young people and young adults. The continuous attendance of the soldiers from week to week, along with their words of praise, is proof enough that the recreation provided by the churches is pleasing and beneficial to them.

FELLOWSHIP

The soldier's program is a strenuous one and devoid of much fellowship of which the average individual has need. It is interesting to note that many of the boys who come to the churches like to engage in friendly games of ping-pong, checkers, and badminton with their girl friends or acquaintances. Around the piano the soldiers like to gather with boys and girls their age and sing old familiar songs. Sometimes it is "Home Sweet Home," or "My Old Kentucky Home," occasionally it is "Dixie," but again it is "Yankee Doodle Dandy," "My Wild Irish Rose," or any one of a hundred others. Here is a type of fellowship that it most enriching to the personalities involved and it is a type that the camp does not and cannot provide with the wholesome atmosphere that is possible in the church.

When it comes to eating, the boys may be able to do justice to a meal wherever they find one, but certainly to partake of food in company with other boys and girls brings out some of the finer qualities in each. At "open house" there is usually candy, peanuts, or simi-

lar foods to be munched. The "Fellowship Suppers" served each Sunday at 6 p. m. afford an unusual opportunity for the boys and girls to get better acquainted and to share their experiences. On Sundays, after the morning worship, many of the members of the Methodist Churches invite the boys out to their homes for dinner. Seeing that the boys receive their invitations is one of the duties of the Knife and Fork Clubs. On several occasions members of Pulaski Heights, Asbury and Hunter Memorial churches have invited groups of 50 or more to share in a special "fellowship dinner" or to go in small groups to different homes. To say that the boys in camp, who week after week sit on hard benches and eat their food from uncovered wooden tables, appreciate these invitations is to put it mildly. It may appear as a small thing to the person entertaining, but to soldiers it is indeed a glorious privilege.

WORSHIP

It was Plutarch who wrote, "If you traverse the earth you may find cities without walls or literature or laws or fixed habitation or coin. But a city destitute of temples and gods, that offereth no sacrifice, no one has ever seen or ever shall see." Camp Robinson is a city three miles long and one mile wide housing better than 25,000 soldiers. Herein provisions for worship have been made. Many, however, prefer to worship in the down-town or suburban churches wherein the music from the choirs, the inspirational structures all combine to produce an atmosphere conducive to worship.

Welcoming committees of the different churches help the boys to get acquainted and to find their places in Church School classes. A record of each boy's address, attendance, and gifts is kept, and notifications of special services are sent from time to time. Quite frequently groups from the churches go to Camp Robinson, to aid in worship services; sometimes it is a group of speakers from the Leagues or Church Schools.

Each Sunday morning in the Methodist Churches of Greater Little Rock the uniform clad boys are seen scattered throughout the congregations. The "Fellowship Suppers," League and evening worship services are also well attended by the soldiers. Every opportunity is

given them to have an active and contributing part in these services. It is not unusual to find these boys making speeches, offering prayers, leading in the singing or helping in some other way.

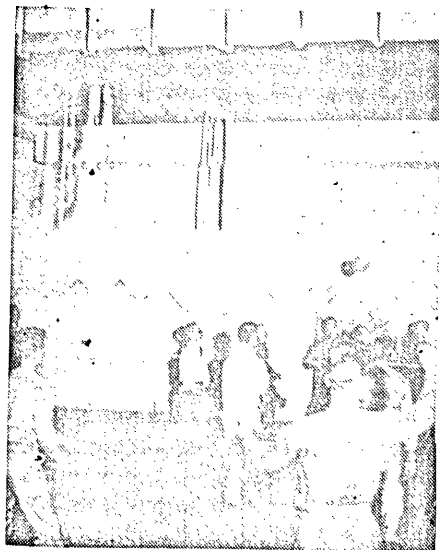
It is hard to ascertain the total number of boys reached by the Methodist Churches. A recent check revealed that over one weekend First Church had a total of 300-325 boys in the services. During the same period Winfield had a total of 250-300. (These figures do not present an accurate picture for in adding the total number of boys in the different services one or any number of boys may have been counted twice depending upon the number of services he attended.)



INFORMAL GROUP SINGING AT FIRST CHURCH

Fulaski Heights, Hunter Memorial, Asbury, First Methodist North Little Rock, Capitol View, and other Methodist Churches in this city minister to a large number of boys each week through the Church School and preaching services. The regular attendance of the soldiers at the worship services indicates that the church has held a high place in their life and that they are eager for the church to continue in this capacity.

It is an inspirational sight to see boys away from home amidst surroundings that are far from normal remaining true to the church and the things for which the church stands. In serving the soldiers the ideals of love, peace, brotherhood.



PLAYING VOLLEY BALL AT WINFIELD METHODIST

are stationed in a military camp or carrying forth the professional duties of civilian life, to meet their needs and to solve their problems.

There are at least three basic needs because every normal individual experiences them. In trying to meet the needs for recreation, fellowship, and worship the church is not implying that the personnel of the camp is unaware of these needs or failing to fill them, but rather that the church is doing what it can to supplement this program and aid particularly in the spiritual development of these boys while they are in camp.

RECREATION

Every individual needs some recreation, some diversion from his main work. In the words of one soldier boy, "It is a long jump from



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JUNE 17-21

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Epworth Training Camp

JUNE 17-21

For Youths, Ages 15-17

Information regarding Camps, June 17-
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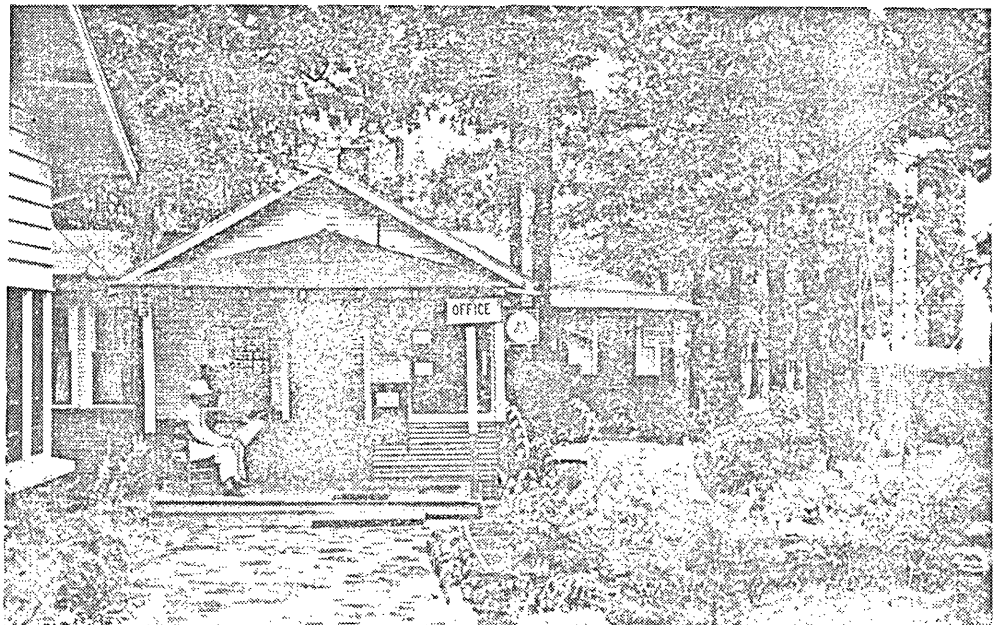
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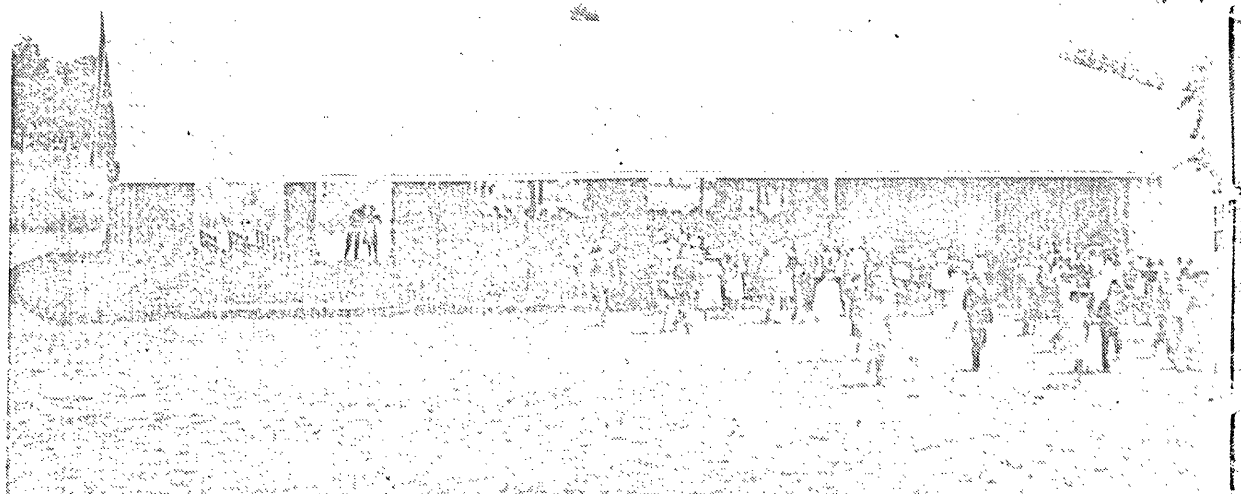
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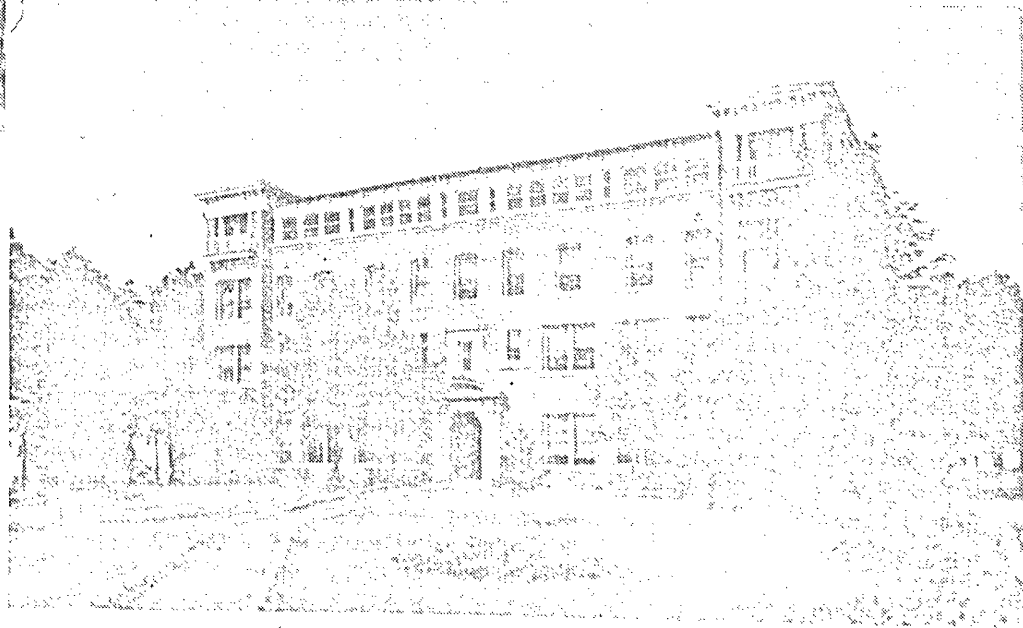
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AUGUST 15-17

Dean, Dr. J. Fisher Simpson
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AUGUST 15-17

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THE BOY WHO WON OUT

"I want one thousand newspapers." The circulation man of the Detroit Free Press looked in amazement at the freckled-faced lad who made this astonishing request.

"Got the money?" he asked.

"No, sir."

"Get out!"

The boy got out. He went directly upstairs to the office of the publisher, where big men could not enter without an appointment.

"I want fifteen hundred papers, Mr. Storey," said the boy. Then he explained that the people along the line of the railway where he ran as train newsboy would be eager to get the news of the battle of Pittsburg Landing.

"Can you pay for them?" asked Mr. Storey.

"Soon as I sell them," answered the boy. Mr. Storey wrote something on a slip of paper, and the boy took it down to the circulation man.

"Fifteen hundred!" growled the man. "Thought you only wanted a thousand?"

"Oh, I thought I might as well be refused fifteen hundred as a thousand," grinned the boy. And that is one of the things that helped Thomas Edison to success.

He had learned of this battle. He knew the people along the line would be anxious to hear the news. He had no money, but he had courage and, what is better, he had the habit of thinking ahead. Usually, he sold about sixty papers along this train route. How could he sell fifteen hundred? He had thought that all out in advance, and he went to a telegraph operator, whom he knew was fond of reading.

"If you wire ahead to every stop that there's a big battle, and I am coming with papers telling the story and with a list of the dead and wounded, I'll give you a daily paper and two magazines a month for six months," bargained Edison.

"I'll do it," agreed the operator.

When Edison reached his first stop, at Utica, there was a mob waiting for the papers.

"I thought it was an excursion at first," said Mr. Edison. "I sold more than half my papers there, charging ten cents each. At Mt. Clemens there was another big crowd, and at Port Huron I sold out, getting twenty-five cents each for all I sold at the last two places."

Not long after that young Edison noticed how eager the railway men were for news. They would sit and gossip about railway affairs like a lot of women at a quilting party. He got an old hand press, some type and set it up in one end of the baggage car, where he kept his papers.

It wasn't long before three boys were helping him, and he was printing 400 copies a week. If brakeman Jones broke a leg or Locomotive Number 9928 blew out a cylinder, he put it in his paper and the men liked it.

At that time he was experimenting with chemicals and tipped over a bottle of phosphorus, which set the car afire. There was a lot of smoke, but he got the fire out. The conductor, who disliked him, threw off his printing plant, chemicals and papers at the next stop and boxed his ears so violently that it led to his permanent deafness.

The railway people let him go back on his promise not to mess things up with his chemicals any more. There had been many complaints about that "Edison boy who messes everything up with his fool chemicals."

Not long after that the little two-year-old son of the station master and telegraph operator at Mt. Clemens sat in the middle of the track as a string of cars were being shunted down. Young Edison saw him. Instead of shouting and frightening the baby he jumped from the baggage car door where he was standing, threw the baby off the track and managed to get up so that the car actually bumped him out of the way.

"I'm a poor man," said the station master, "but you can have the few hundred dollars I have saved up, and welcome."

"Don't want your money, but will you teach me how to send telegraph messages," begged Edison.

In two months time he was a capable telegraph operator.

He invented the duplex telegraph and nearly starved before he could get it adopted. He landed in New York City with a dollar in his pocket looking for work. Three nights he slept on park benches. One day he went without food. As he was passing a broker's office, he saw the stock ticker stop, and there was great excitement inside. He stepped in while they were yelling for someone to go here and someone there and have it fixed.

"I think I can fix it for you," he said.

They let him try. He opened the ticker, lifted a loose contact spring that had fallen between the wheels, and it started up again.

Just as he did this the man who had a big interest in the ticker server saw him. "We're having trouble with this service. If you can keep it going for us we'll give you \$300 a month," he said.

"I nearly fainted when I heard this," says Edison, "but I remained calm and agreed to do it, demanding 'good faith.' I really didn't want it for 'good faith,' but for pork and beans. I hadn't eaten for nearly thirty hours. Nothing ever tasted quite so good as that dish of pork and beans."

Edison kept using his brains while holding down this job. He learned why the tickers would not work well and he improved them, securing a patent. When the company asked him to make an offer he wanted \$5,000. He was about to ask for it in fear and trembling when he used his brains again. "I'll let

them do the offering," he thought.

They gave him \$40,000.

He made exactly \$35,000 by using his brains.

All the world knows of his rapid rise after that. This money enabled him to build a laboratory and experiment. Everyone knows how he invented the incandescent light, the phonograph, moving pictures, quadruplex telegraph, speaking parts of the telephone, electric railways, storage batteries, and scores of other great things. And practically all the schooling he got was at his mother's knee!

But he used his brains about the newspaper, the railway men's paper, the little boy on the track—everything.

And if brains are not to be used, why do we have them?—American Boy. By Judson D. Stuart.

possessed him and on Christmas he and Dan went back to the home he left eight months before.

The story of his return to his parents ends a tale no child will lay down unfinished.

This book is valuable for character development.—Blanche Chénault Junkin.

JUST FOR FUN

"My dear," exclaimed the husband when he arrived home late and found his wife waiting for him, "you'd never guess where I've been tonight."

"Oh, yes, I can," replied his wife, "but go on with your story, anyway."

Policeman: "How did you knock this pedestrian down?"

Motorist: "I didn't knock him down. I stopped my car just before reaching him and signaled politely for him to pass. He stared at me sort of incredulously for a moment or two and then fainted."

Wife: "No, I did not sew the button on your trousers; I was just too tired. Anyway, which is more important—your trousers or your wife?"

Husband: "Well, the fact is, there are places I can go without a wife."

"So your name is George Washington," the old lady asked the small negro boy.

"Yassum."

"And you are to be as nearly like him as possible?"

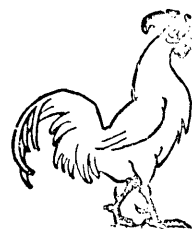
"Like who?"

"Why like George Washington?"

"Ah kaint he'p bein' lak George Washington, 'cause cat's who ah is."

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Of duck feathers light,
With dainty new slips
All lacy and white;
It's a bed fit to make
Any dolly's eyes gleam—
What a wonderful place
To sleep and dream!

—Author Unknown.

WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

MRS. J. R. HENDERSON, Editor

NEW SOCIETIES ORGANIZED

FULTON—On Wednesday, April 9, Mrs. H. W. Timberlake, District Secretary of Prescott District, met with the women of the Fulton church to organize a Woman's Society. Eighteen members were enrolled and the following officers were elected: President, Mrs. H. B. Davis; Vice-President, Mrs. W. G. Weaver; Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. J. C. Brasher; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Jessie Seymour; Secretary of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities, Mrs. Gus Davis; Secretary of Missionary Education and Service, Mrs. W. A. Campbell; Chairman of Spiritual Life Group, Mrs. W. G. Weaver.

HUMNOKE—Mrs. D. L. Mattison is the enthusiastic president of a new society at Humnoke. The Woman's Society of Keo church, Mrs. W. L. Beard, president, met with the ladies of the Humnoke church recently and helped to organize a society there. Rev. Mark Vaught, pastor of the church, was in charge of the meeting and presented Mrs. J. R. Henderson, District Secretary, who had charge of the organization of the society. Mrs. Beard spoke on "What the Woman's Society Means To Me," and Mrs. A. S. Fox, President of the Little Rock District, talked to the group about the scope of work of the Woman's Society. Other officers elected were: Mrs. Edith Bayne, vice-president; Mrs. C. N. Walker, chairman of Spiritual Life Committee; Mrs. O. G. Baker, corresponding secretary, and Mrs. George Smith, recording secretary and treasurer.

NEW BETHEL, Des Arc Circuit—The W. S. C. S. of Des Arc met recently with the ladies of New Bethel church. Under the direction of Mrs. Ira Dixon, president, the Des Arc Society presented a program and business session showing what the work of the Woman's Society is and what it tries to do. Mrs. Jeff Smith, former missionary to China, Mrs. A. S. Fox, president of the Little Rock District, and Mrs. J. R. Henderson, district secretary, spoke on the missionary work carried on by the women of the church. Mrs. H. B. Wray was elected president; Mrs. Della Stallings, vice-president; Mrs. Bettie Morton, recording secretary; Mrs. Dale DeVork, treasurer; Mrs. Robert Isbell, corresponding secretary; and Mrs. Eva Childers, chairman of Spiritual Life Committee.

SUNSHINE, Humphrey Circuit—Mrs. T. S. Lovett, Grady, and Mrs. A. M. Hart, Pine Bluff, District Secretary and President respectively, of the Pine Bluff District met with the ladies of Sunshine Church on the Humphrey Circuit on April 11 and organized a new society. Mrs. Lovett led the opening devotional and conducted the business session at which time the following officers were elected: President, Mrs. J. R. Black; Vice-President, Mrs. Stewart; Secretary, Miss Henderson; Treasurer, Mrs. W. A. Randolph. There were ten members present and the pastor, Rev. L. D. Wilson. The next meeting was set for April 16.

FROM OUR SOCIETIES

WASHINGTON AVENUE, N. LITTLE ROCK—The W. S. C. S. held the monthly program and business meeting at the church with 15 members present. Mrs. H. M. Stinson was leader of the program on "Investing our Heritage for Christian Education." Others taking part on the program were: Mrs. Wm. Thebus, Mrs. Roy Bagley, Mrs. Floyd Howell, Mrs. Rollo Miller, Mrs. Wm. Woodsmall, and Mrs. Earl Walters. The President, Mrs. Floyd Rowell, was in charge of the business session. Delegates elected to the Conference of North Arkansas Society were: Mrs. W. O. Sybert, Mrs. H. M. Stinson, and Mrs. Rollo Miller. The Corresponding Secretary reported that \$25.00 had been sent to the Conference Treasurer.

GRADY—The W. S. C. S. of Grady Church held a Good Friday Meditation and Worship Service at the church under the direction of the Spiritual Life Chairman, Mrs. Earl Barnett. Mrs. H. R. Wood was the leader for the service and was assisted by Mrs. W. C. Tindall, Mrs. J. H. Hellums, Mrs. B. I. Harvey and Mrs. T. S. Lovett. The Lenten Meditation from the Methodist Woman was used and a special Lenten Offering was taken.

AUSTIN CIRCUIT—The Society of South Bend church was hostess for the quarterly meeting of the Austin Circuit Society. Twenty-nine members of four of the five societies on the circuit were present. The meeting was called to order by the president, Mrs. Jennie Powell of Mt. Tabor Society. Mrs. E. R. Chambers, president of the hostess society brought a beautiful opening devotional. The pastor, Bro. Sewell, gave the address of the morning. Reports were then heard from the different societies. Mrs. J. R. Henderson, District Secretary, was present and spoke briefly. After the luncheon a program on "What Is the Purpose of the Church?" was presented with representatives from each society taking part on the program. Mrs. A. S. Fox, District President, then spoke to the group. The Society voted to have the next meeting at Smyrna.—Mrs. R. J. Kinley.

CARLISLE—W.S.C.S. met March 6 for the monthly business meeting with Mrs. Earl Perkins, President, in charge. Mrs. J. M. Workman led the devotional on "Seeing God." Mrs. Workman reported the Spiritual Life Group was meeting regularly. Mrs. Gail Kinzey was elected Secretary of Children's Work. Our group joined with other denominations in the observance of the World Day of Prayer. The social and program meeting was held March 20, with Mrs. A. H. Hunt as leader. Mrs. C. C. Saunders and Mrs. Truman Jennings assisted in presenting the program.—Reporter.

CORRECTION

In the letter from Mrs. Anderson which we published last week it was reported that "the cost of furnishing a room at Scarritt College is \$15.00, which figure should have been \$150.00."

CONFERENCE SOCIETY MEETS IN FT. SMITH

"United in Prayer for a Broken World" was the theme for the First Annual Session of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the North Arkansas Conference held in Fort Smith, April 15, 16 and 17. The Conference opened Tuesday afternoon with Rev. W. V. Womack leading the worship service. Mayor Chester Holland of Fort Smith and Mrs. James G. Williams, President of the hostess society extended a genuine welcome to the group. On Tuesday evening the President of the Conference Society, Mrs. Henkel Pewett of Jonesboro, delivered the president's message and Mrs. E. T. Wayland, of Conway, vice-president, addressed the group. Dr. L. L. Evans, pastor of First Church, Fort Smith, spoke on: "The World Moves; Don't Try to Stop It."

The worship service on Wednesday morning was in charge of Mrs. J. L. Deaman of Forrest City, and the following Conference officers made their reports: Mrs. D. G. Hindman, Spiritual Life; Mrs. W. E. Smith, Recording Secretary; Mrs. Peter Kittel, Missionary Education and Service; Mrs. John T. Patton, Children's Work; and Mrs. Clifford Blackburn, Literature and Publications. Mrs. A. P. Patton, Conference Corresponding Secretary, made her report and presented the following District Secretaries who reported on the work in the various districts: Miss Lavinia Jelks, Mrs. T. A. Hillis, Mrs. Clifford Smith, Mrs. J. B. Randolph, Mrs. Homer Williamson, Mrs. Robert Bearcen, Mrs. Ben DeVoll, and Mrs. G. W. Pyles. Rev. A. W. Martin brought the closing message of the morning, speaking on "The Board of Missions and Church Extension." At the afternoon session on Wednesday the following made their annual reports: Mrs. F. A. Lark, Supplies; Mrs. W. T. Bacon, Treasurer; Misses Juanita Hill and Ellen Jensen, Rural Work; Mrs. E. F. Ellis, Scarritt College. Rev. G. C. Johnson spoke on Town and Country work and Rev. I. A. Brumley on Christian Education. Mrs. James Short of Little Rock and Dr. L. L. Evans spoke in the interest of The Arkansas Methodist. Reports were also heard from Miss Myrtle Charles, Conference Secretary of Wesleyan Service Guilds and Miss Ethel Millar, Hendrix College. The work of the W. C. T. U. was presented by Mrs. May Crouse of Little Rock, State President of W. C. T. U. The hostess W. S. C. S. entertained the visiting delegates and guests at a tea Wednesday afternoons at the lovely home of Dr. and Mrs. Evans. The feature of the session on Wednesday evening was an address by Miss Laura Edwards of Waco, Texas, a returned missionary to Korea.

The opening worship Thursday morning was led by Mrs. Hindman, and this was followed by the annual Service of Remembrance, in charge of Mrs. O. W. Rollwage. A report of the department of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities was presented by Mrs. R. E. Connell of Searcy, and the annual pledge service was in charge of Mrs. W. T. Bacon. The W. S. C. S. of Batesville invited the

ZONE MEETING AT DERMOTT

A Zone meeting was held at Dermott Methodist Church on April 10 with the Society from Eudora in charge of the program. Mrs. Simpson, Zone Chairman, was in charge of the meeting. Bro. Thompson of Eudora led the opening devotional. The Christian Movement in China today was discussed by Mrs. Wall, Mrs. Cochran, Mrs. Simpson, and Mrs. Schwendimann. Special prayers were offered for the family of Miss Ralph Whitlow of Hamburg, missionary to China, who recently passed away. Reports were heard from the various societies and Mrs. V. O. Buck, District President discussed various phases of our work. The next meeting will be at Arkansas City in July with the Dermott Society in charge of the program.—Mrs. Ben Rice, chairman of publicity.

WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD ORGANIZED AT STUTTGART, FIRST

A Wesleyan Service Guild was organized at Stuttgart First Church March 17th, when thirty-one business and professional young women met for a covered dish supper at the parsonage. The dining table was lovely with a floral centerpiece of white and green and the St. Patrick colors were also effectively carried out in the dishes served. Individual tables centered with tiny vases of japonica were placed for the guests.

Immediately after the supper, Mrs. Van Harrell, the pastor's wife, called the meeting to order and gave a short devotional. Mrs. Roy Pullig, president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, gave a short talk on the purpose and work of the Guild and presided over the election of the following officers: President, Mrs. John Matthews; Vice-President, Mrs. Jim Sladen; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Patricia Crowe; Recording Secretary, Miss Lois Mac Brain; sponsor, Mrs. Van Harrell.

The Guild will meet every third Monday evening in the homes of members. At the close of the meeting twenty-seven registered as charter members of the Wesleyan Service Guild.

Mrs. Van Harrell was assisted in arrangements for the supper by Mrs. Roy Pullig, Miss Patricia Crowe, Mrs. Jack Wright and Mrs. Jim Sladen.

1942 Conference to be held in their church, which invitation was accepted. Miss Edwards delivered the closing address of the Conference Thursday morning.

The women of Fort Smith were gracious in their entertainment of all delegates and guests, and the new educational building provided a perfect setting for the meeting. Special music was provided by Mrs. J. E. Leming, Mrs. J. C. Barton, Miss Irene DuBois, and by the choir and the organist, Mrs. C. H. Miller, of the hostess church. The meeting was well attended and a fine sense of spiritual unity was felt by all throughout the meeting.—Mrs. James D. Short.

SERVICES AT MELBOURNE

We began our Pre-Easter services the first Sunday in April. Brother J. M. Hughes of Newark came to us on Monday, 7th, and preached until Wednesday at eleven o'clock. Brother J. L. Shelby of Mountain View helped us until Thursday night. They both did fine work in the pulpit, the public school and with the young people. You can depend on these men in a revival meeting. Brother Morehead, our district superintendent, came to us on Friday and remained until Sunday at eleven o'clock. He brought us some fine messages. We certainly do appreciate him as our general superintendent. He always makes us want to do more for the Lord.

At the Sunday morning services we took eleven into the church, seven on profession of faith and baptism, and four by certificate. We feel that much good has been done in these services. Pray for us that the good work may go on.—R. A. Robertson, Pastor.

HORATIO

We reached a high point here on Easter. At our sunrise service we received ten into the church, five by baptism. The house was filled at that early hour. At Horatio and Walnut Springs we raised our Benevolences in full, including Bishop and Conference claimants. Every department of our church is advancing and our Church School attendance is increasing each Sunday. We are serving a loyal people and we are happy in our work. Our District Brotherhood meets with us on April 29, and we expect to have plenty of strawberries and cream. We have a bumper crop of strawberries and at present it seems we will also have a bumper crop of peaches.—W. C. Lewis, Pastor.

The more we love, the better we are; and the greater our friendships are, the dearer we are to God.—Jeremy Taylor.

PRE-EASTER CAMPAIGN AT PRAIRIE GROVE

We closed our Pre-Easter revival campaign with the Easter services. Rev. Sam B. Wiggins, our district superintendent, preached twice daily and was very busy with the pastor and laymen between services visiting the unsaved and unchurched. We have received nine into the church on profession of faith, and two by certificate. We are expecting to receive several others next Sunday.

We are having a good year. Our finances are in splendid condition, salaries paid monthly and all benevolences more than up to date. A program to remodel the church building will be started soon.—J. M. Harrison, Pastor.

MANSFIELD REVIVAL

Our revival services conducted from March 16 to 30, were well attended, and the results were very satisfactory so far as the membership of the church is concerned. Not many sinners or non-members attended. One man in his late seventies joined the church on profession of faith and was baptized at the altar. One fine middle-aged professional man made a definite decision, and we are expecting him to unite with the church soon. Others seemed much helped. The preaching was done by Rev. Allen D. Stewart, our pastor at First Church, Batesville, and former pastor here. You may be sure this was well done. The people here are very fond of Brother Stewart and his family. Mrs. Stewart and daughter, Margaret, were with us in a few of the services.—W. J. Faust, Pastor.

Few things are impossible to diligence and skill.—Johnson.

With The Churches

MT. IDA

Easter Sunday was a red letter day in our church at Mount Ida and the congregation at both the morning and evening services were the largest of this Conference year. The church was attractively decorated with flowers.

A duet sung by Mrs. Amos Horn and Mrs. Lonnie Radford and a vocal solo by Captain Stuart E. Johnson were rendered with exceptional ability and were enjoyed by all. They added much to the spirit of worship at the morning services.

At the evening hour a large group of juniors preceded the sermon with a program consisting of solos, readings, duets, choruses and piano music, and the large audience surely received a great spiritual uplift. They were inspired by the earnestness and religious zeal of this fine group. God bless our young people who, like Samuel, are ready to serve in His Temple and do His bidding in working out His program.

We had services at both the morning and evening hour at Norman Sunday, April 20th. The Mission Study class, being taught by the pastor, finished "Methodism's World Mission" there April 13. This group, consisting largely of members of the W. S. C. S. is making progress with its plans for refurbishing and additional repairs to the church building. There is a noticeable growth in the Sunday school and increased interest in every phase of church activity.—W. S. Cazort, Pastor.

ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING ASSEMBLIES

Young people planning to attend an assembly this summer will be glad to know in advance that the assembly theme for this year is "We Follow Thee." The assembly hymn chosen for this year is "O Master Workman of the Race," (Methodist Hymnal 118.)

The Senior Assembly (ages 15-17) for the Little Rock Conference will be held at Hendrix College, June 16-20. The Young People's Assembly (ages 18-23) will be held at the same place July 7-11.—Arthur Terry, Conference Director, Youth Work, Little Rock Conference.

OZARK REVIVAL

Along with other churches in the Fort Smith District, we began a meeting on March 16, and closed on March 30. Rev. Roy Bagley, pastor of Washington Avenue Church, North Little Rock, was with us and gave us very fine service.

The meeting resulted in great good to the church, quite a number of professions, and up to date 33 have joined the church, 21 on profession of faith.

The Lord is greatly blessing us this year. Every department of the church work is in good condition.—William Sherman, Pastor.

EASTER TO PENTECOST REVIVAL AT PULASKI HEIGHTS CHURCH

The Pulaski Heights Methodist Church has launched an Easter to Pentecost Revival, according to the pastor, Rev. Fred R. Harrison, "to make the most of the spiritual opportunities offered by the period between Easter and Pentecost." The first service was last Wednesday night, when 62 persons were present for the mid-week service.

This revival will be carried on in the regular services, with emphasis upon attendance by the membership at these services. No extra meetings are planned, other than on Ascension Day in May. During the three Wednesday nights in April after Easter seventy members of the Church will form visitation teams in homes of prospective and inactive members. These teams will attend the mid-week service and visit during the rest of the week.

The reading of the books of Acts during this revival period is another goal of the membership.

During May, "Upper Room" prayer meetings will be held each Wednesday evening. The attendance goal for these meetings will be 120,

the approximate number of disciples who tarried in the Upper Room prior to the first Pentecost.

On June first, Pentecost Sunday, it is expected that every resident of Pulaski Heights be present for the morning preaching service. A goal of 700 for Church School attendance has been set for that day.

The ignorant man takes counsel of the stars, but the wise man takes counsel of God, who made the stars.—Jaafar.

In Appreciation of the Western Methodist Assembly

Much of the credit for the continued development of the physical facilities and the improved services of our Western Methodist Assembly is due Rev. Sam Yancey, Superintendent.

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THE LAYMAN'S PAGE

A. J. SHIREY, Editor

A LAYMAN REPLIES

Editor The Layman's Page:

Your able presentation in last week's issue of the METHODIST of the responsibility of the Church in pioneering for a better social and economic order should have the thoughtful consideration of all Laymen. The question arises after reading your article, IS IT NOT NOW TOO LATE to do anything about the conditions to which you refer? The great outlay of money for defense preparations is bound to have a stimulating effect upon business of all kinds. We all know that with money in his pockets and prospects of another payday next Saturday, the average brother is more worried over the prospects of the day stopping than he is over what caused it to start.

False Hopes the Cause of Crisis

Today we are informed that there is no alternative to giving all possible aid to Britain, else the cause of democracy is hopeless, and we shall sooner or later feel the iron heel of the "master" of Europe. Already, considerable agitation is being made to convoy merchant ships with our naval units, and we are warned that if we do our ships will be sunk by Axis bombers and submarines. One ship flying the United States flag, sunk and American lives lost can mean only one thing—WAR. "All out" defense becomes "all out" war. It takes money to fight wars, and that money can be raised in no other way than by taxation. The great "peace fever" that swept over this country a few years ago disrupted the normal program of preparedness and replacement of our fighting ships and brought forth the Briand-Kellogg treaty outlawing war among the signatory nations as a national policy. But we have seen, as someone said recently, "Governments lying and calling it diplomacy; stealing and calling it annexation; bearing false witness under the name of a state paper; coveting and calling it manifest destiny; killing and call it war," in all of this causing faith to be replaced by fear and hysteria. The bankruptcy of world leadership and a false sense of security has brought us to the brink of another war, a war that ordinary vigilance could have prevented. France, today, is a living example of this false security, betrayed by her faith in the power of a Maginot line to forever prevent an invasion, and forgetful of the axiom, "Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty."

Military Preparedness the Hope of Freedom

Common sense teaches us that preparedness is necessary in a world of anarchy and disorder, and if our cherished liberties are to be preserved it (military preparedness) cannot be neglected. Preparedness is paid for with taxes, and everybody pays the taxes. The mistakes and shortsightedness of our policy-makers of the past few years forces a feverish preparation and an enormous outlay of money now. Whose fault is it? Is not the "decadence" of our social and economic system so closely related to our political system that it, too, should be included in the effort of the church to find a solution? Can

the church now in this crisis demand that taxes be reduced, thereby curtailing and delaying the program of defense that is so vitally necessary as insurance against the threat of war? No! I believe the golden opportunity for action in the social and economic fields has been passed, at least until a new "armistice" causes a lull between World Wars.

Hold the President to His Promise

On September 11th the President said: "I hate war now more than ever. I have one supreme determination—to do all I can to keep war away from these shores for all time. I stand upon the platform adopted at Chicago: 'We will not participate in foreign wars, and we will not send our army, naval or air forces to fight in foreign lands outside the Americas, except in case of attack.'"

War Will Change Things

If we are drawn into this war the social and economic system as we know it now will be so changed through necessity, and on account of its terrible cost, the Church will have to await the end of the conflict to determine a course of action; unless, we have inflation and retire the national debt by that means. Some of us are hoping that our "sins will not be washed away" in that manner.

How enthusiastically are the churches and organized religion standing behind the President's promise and the Chicago platform? If we get into this World War II, it will be because public opinion assents to it and the Christian people as a whole desire it or make no protest. By their silence "ye shall know them."—Earl L. Oliver.

Editor's Comment

First, let it be said the article by Brother Oliver in reply to last week's proposal is genuinely appreciated. It shows he at least reads THE LAYMAN'S PAGE and is thinking on the great problems confronting our nation and consequently the Church.

Secondly, in fairness to Brother Oliver it must be stated that the divisional headings are the editor's.

Thirdly, the editor disagrees with the writer when he says, in answer to his question, "Is it not now too late to do anything about the conditions to which you refer?"; "The golden day of opportunity for action in the social and economic fields has been passed."

The very thing for which the editor was and is contending is: THE CONDITIONS DUE TO THE PRESENT CRISIS MAKE IT IMPERATIVE THAT THE CHURCH BEGIN AN "ALL OUT" EFFORT TO RE-CONSTRUCT THE ECONOMIC BASIS OF OUR SOCIAL ORDER. If the Church fails to meet the needs of the masses NOW, by failure to do the pioneer work for the new social order that is bound to come out of the turmoil of our age, the order that arises may bow the Church out of the picture as it has in Russia and Germany.

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.—M. W. Beecher.

FUNDAMENTAL DEFENSES

By H. M. GAGE

It has been said that during the school days children spend more waking hours in school than in the church and home together. When parents have difficulty with children they look for relief to church and school. When police officers have difficulty arising from juvenile delinquency and crime they almost always say that the trouble begins at home. When parents transfer responsibility to the church the teachers of religion say that they have only one hour a week with a very small fraction of the population. Public school teachers in turn say that difficulties which distress them arise from general social conditions for which citizenship generally and the police in particular are responsible. Police in turn fix responsibility on homes. So the wheel goes in full circle. Responsibility for children is neither fixed nor discharged as it should be.

While responsibility for children begins and ends in the home it is nevertheless true that parents must make use of schools for children who are on the way to independent life in the world at large. The school is a sort of half-way station which facilitates the transfer of children from the responsibility and spirit of the home to the duties of citizenship.

In the home there is the question of ownership of property. Property in the home is largely held in common. In the business world the system of private property prevails. Love and sympathy and sentiment govern property in the home. In the world at large the race is to the swift and the battle to the bold.

An important function of the school is preparation for citizenship. The home in the discharge of its

duties to children has; of course, many points of weakness and strength. Its greatest weakness is in discharge of the duties of fathers. Fatherhood is in many respects a neglected occupation. Many men are parents but not fathers. Parenthood is a physical or biological fact. Fatherhood is a spiritual fact. In the literature of rebellion against tradition and convention there would be less insistence on the right of motherhood without marriage if the spiritual possibilities of fatherhood were realized. A child certainly has a right to benefit by the unique contribution which a father is able to make.

Many men use their homes only as places of rest and refreshment. Every American home has one easy chair. Most homes only one. That chair always belongs to father. It is a physical symbol of the use to which a man puts his home and of his failure to make any positive contribution to its welfare. Many mothers seeing how successfully their husbands are using their talents in business become very jealous of business and long for the use of some of that talent for the success of the home.

In spite of their failure to exercise the full responsibility of fatherhood men are in a position to make a unique contribution to the success of their homes. While the fixed standards of the business world cannot be applied to the children it is nevertheless true that men are in a position to tell children what the hard demands of the business world are. Children who are failures are very dear to a mother's heart. A father after he has become a real father is in a position to tell his child that a competitive world will not tolerate failure.

Men by reason of their wide con-
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To Enter Malaya School System

By W. W. REID

For more than half a century, the Methodist Church has pioneered in the field of education on the Malay Peninsula, both in the Straits Settlement and in the Federated Malay States. Beginning with the historic Anglo-Chinese School in Singapore, founded by William F. Old-



DUDLEY INGERTSON

ham (later Bishop), the church has extended its service, largely to the Chinese, but also to Tamils, Malays, Bataks, and some other in the population, along the whole Peninsula. Enter any major community, and many smaller ones, and you will find one or more Methodist schools: In Singapore and its suburbs, in Malacca, Banting, Kapar, Klang, Kuala Lumpur, Sentul, Port Swettenham, Serambam, Sepang, Bedang, Penang, Ipoh, Kampar, Sitiawan, Taiping, Parit Buntar, Teluk Ausan—to mention only the outstanding ones. Methodism has in all 136 schools, with 62 white and 788 Asiatic teachers. The enrollment is about 21,000 students, of whom 1500 are in classes preparing for Cambridge examinations—senior high school grades, we would call them in America.

So long and so well have these schools done their jobs that leaders in business and the professions are proud to say "I am an A. C. S. boy from such and such a city." The graduates have helped shape the life of this thriving business and industrial center in the Orient. And the schools themselves have pioneered in many educational developments afterward taken up by the governments in their schools. For example, the first science laboratories and science courses in secondary schools were those established in two or three Anglo-Chinese schools of Methodism.

But these schools teach more than the three r's. They are centers, as well, for the development of Christian leaders, for the teaching of the Gospel. The leaders of the large number of well-filled Methodist Churches—"a church beside every school"—are graduates of these schools. The teachers are active not only in the classroom but in extra-curricular Christian activities, in clubs, Bible classes, Sunday schools, and by their everyday Christian-living. Some of them are also pastors of churches.

That is why the church-school leaders are eager to secure American teachers who are motivated by the missionary spirit. One such young man is now ready and expects to sail for Singapore early this summer: he is Dudley Ingerson of Oak Lawn, Rhode Island, and of Whitestone, Long Island.

Born in Hopedala, Mass., Mr. Ingerson was educated in Morris High School, New York City, at Brothers College of Drew University, and at Columbia University where he is now working for an M. A. degree in education. For a year he taught art at Brothers College on a fellowship.

Mr. Ingerson is unusually well-qualified for the educational-evangelistic task in Malaya. He is equipped to supervise education, and to teach Bible, literature, English, sociology, philosophy, and the appreciation of art and music. He is a trained organist with three years actual experience; was in business several years; is a local preacher in the Methodist church; is a trained and experienced scout leader; has conducted Epworth League institutes and teacher-training courses. He took a year out of high school for a trip around the world—and there he first had the thought of devoting his life to Christian missions.

Teacher and preacher, musician and artist and business man, Mr. Ingerson gives promises of being an ideal Christian missionary-educator to boys in the Malay Peninsula.

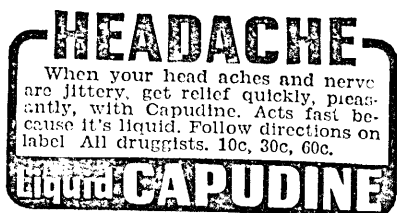
ARKANSAS METHODIST ORPHANAGE

Nothing is more disappointing to our writer than our inability to care for children who do not come under our rule. How my heart goes out for these children, yet we are full and have many applications which cannot be accepted under our rule.

I thank God that our preachers are usually level-headed and undertake to stop people who are trying to do things that are contrary to the rules that we have set up for admission.

We are all well at the Home and the children are happy and the evidence of concern on the part of our constituency is gratifying.

Continue to pray for us and help us whenever you can. With much love for all, I am, your brother.—James Thomas, Executive Sec'y.



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tacts with life, their social, economic, and political experience are especially able to tell children what life is on its dark and seamy sides as well as those aspects which are brighter and better. Many a father has been able to tell his daughter what men think of women and why they estimate and talk about them as they do. If a boy is ever going to learn a proper attitude toward women he will probably learn it from his father, for every day he sees exactly how this man, who is his hero, treats his mother whom he loves most of all.

The exercise of the duties of fatherhood are quite essential to the development of the manhood of a man who is a parent. A man who plays Indian with his boy is not going to be a savage in real life.

(Dr. Gage, president of Lindenwood College, near St. Louis, last week addressed members of the Arkansas Congress of Parents and Teachers in Little Rock.—J. L. V.)

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SHALL WE PRAY?

By W. T. MARTIN, SR.

Saul was a Jewish boy in Tarsus of Cilicia. He was brought up in Jerusalem under the tuition of Gamaliel. He became versed in the Jewish religion as interpreted at that day, and became a zealous religionist, the ablest church man of his time, the most learned philosopher, a very polished linguist. He became a bitter persecutor of the Christians, hailing both men and women to jail and to death. He solicited and received writs for the arrest of worshippers of Christianity in Damascus and for their trial and punishment. On the trip to Damascus he saw the wondrous light on the road, heard the voice that spoke with it, obeyed the voice, was regenerated into a new life, became the ablest expositor of the religion of Christ, the most enthusiastic evangelist, the most tireless missionary of the Christian religion since the time of Christ.

In Austria there was a boy named Hitler, who gained some proficiency with paint and brush, went into politics, won some preferment as a politician, became intrigued with the idea of conquering the whole world and reducing it to vassalage to the German race, with himself as Feuhrer of the world. I suspect that it would be glad news to most people to hear of his death in the campaign he is waging against civilization. His death may be the only way to stop the present world war of subjugation.

I want Hitler to be saved whole under certain conditions. I want him regenerated into righteousness as was Saul. He could become a valuable world asset, but not as he is. —He is a heavy world liability,

but no heavier than was Saul. Would it be too much for the Christian world to pray for his conversion from the world's royal arch hater to the world's lover in Christ's name as was Saul? The thought is borne in on me with a force that I can not resist.—Conway, Ark.

They will call us fools. They will want us to stand for our own rights, to curse them that despitely use us, to hate them that hate us, to seek first the kingdom of earth.

Hope can see a star even on a cloudy night.—Religious Telescope.

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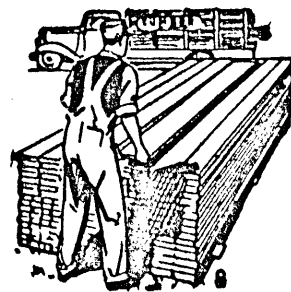
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INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

THE EARLY CHURCH MEETING HUMAN NEEDS

LESSON FOR APRIL 27

GOLDEN TEXT—And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul.—Acts 4:32.

Machinery without power is useless—that is why in the lesson of last Sunday the power of the Holy Spirit was recognized as being indispensable in the church. One sometimes wonders whether we do not now have more machinery than power, and thus fail in our high calling.

Power, on the other hand, reaches its greatest usefulness through the organization of well-planned machinery. The church soon found that its activities, simple at the beginning, had become more complex, calling for suitable organization, if it was to best serve the needs of its own people and of those round about it. In so organizing they did not forget this fundamental purpose of the church, nor did they forsake the true source of power.

I. Sharing with the Brethren. (4:32-35).

Love for one another prompted the Christian brethren to meet each other's need by sharing, by holding all they owned for the common good. This was not (as some would have us believe) a type of communism. It was purely voluntary (see Acts 5:4), temporary, and local. It was practiced only in Jerusalem and only for a short time. It was an expression of Christian brotherhood and liberality which is worthy of our consideration.

The duty and privilege of sharing material as well as spiritual blessings is a part of Christian fellowship. Those in the church who have should willingly share with those who have not. Some churches have so effectively carried out this plan today that none of the members are on relief. Not every church can do that, but much more could be done if we had the considerate spirit of the early Christian church, which was indeed the spirit of Christ.

II. Caring for the Unfortunate. (6:1, 3, 5, 6.)

The church had come through its first real persecution (Acts 5:12-42) with real victory and assurance (5:42), only to face an internal difficulty. Wherever the Lord blesses, the enemy comes to destroy. Whenever a door of service opens, there are many adversaries. (I Cor. 16:9).

There were two groups in the church—the Hebrew Christians and those with a Greek background. Among the poor to whom daily distribution of help must be made were many widows. Suddenly the Grecian group began to note (or think they noted, which was just as disturbing) that their widows were being neglected.

Notice that men of good character and spirituality were chosen to serve, and that all of them bore Greek names. The Greeks, who were doubtless in the minority in the Jerusalem church, had a complaint, so those who were appointed to serve were their own people. We might have been tempted to appoint a committee made up of half from each side (and thus to continue the dissension), but not so here where grace and wisdom from above controlled.

Do not fail to observe that there

was here a well-ordered plan to care for the weak and unfortunate. No Christian church should fail in that important ministry.

III. Preaching the Word. (vv. 2:4, 7.)

Social service is necessary—the church should make intelligent provision for its poor and its widows—but it makes a fatal mistake when such service becomes more important than the preaching and teaching of God's Word. Let those appointed to that blessed ministry find joy in sanctified social service, but never let it pre-empt the place of evangelism.

Certainly such service must not become the all-absorbing task of the one who has been set by God as the messenger to the church—the spiritual shepherd of the flock. Many a preacher has lost himself in such work, and failed to study and pray so that he might be prepared to preach the Word in power and with conviction. Too many preachers are attempting to shake a sermon out of their coat sleeves on Saturday night (as Joseph Parker put it) only to find that their ministry grows leaner and leaner until, reaching the years when there should be a matured richness and sweetness in their ministry of the Word, they find their message dead, dull and dry.

Such folly ill befits the Christian church of its ministers. Perhaps some minister who reads these lines should change his ways, and perchance many a church officer who reads them should realize that he has been driving his preacher into work which, while important, should be (for him, at least) secondary. First things first, in God's own order—that is the road of power and blessing.

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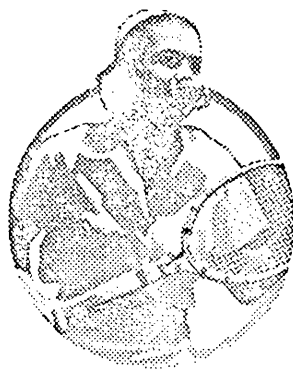
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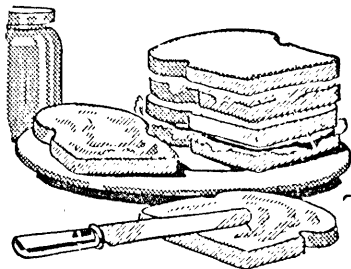
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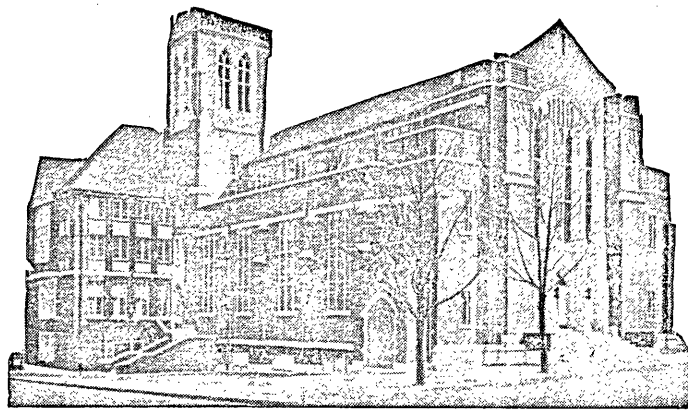
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VISIT OUR NEW MEMBERS

Each week the names and addresses of the new members of Winfield church are published on this page. Why don't YOU visit these new members and extend to them a personal welcome into your church? Some of these new members undoubtedly live near you. At least make a personal visit to them and make them feel welcome.



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Next Sunday At Winfield

10:00 A. M. CHURCH SCHOOL—Attendance Goal, 800.

11:00 A. M. "FORESIGHT"—Sermon by Pastor.

6:00 P. M. Jr-High, Senior, Young People's Leagues and Sunday Evening Club. (Recreation, Refreshments, Devotions.)

7:30 P. M. "HEALTHY HATRED"—Sermon by Pastor.

8:45 P. M. Informal Recreation in Fellowship Hall.

THE PASTOR'S MESSAGE

By GASTON FOOTE

Attend Wednesday Evening Meetings

Do you want to know more about the history, growth, policy, and distinctive beliefs of the Methodist Church? Then come to the Wednesday evening Fellowship Dinners at 6:30 p. m. (25c). The second address on "Methodism" will be given next Wednesday at 7:15 p. m. A splendid group was present last Wednesday. Each address is complete in itself, so come next Wednesday at 6:30 for the fellowship dinner and learn more of the history of your church. New members are especially invited.

On Being Up to Date

During the Easter season the church treasurer received enough money to pay two-thirds of our annual world service benevolence item. Because of the dire need of mission funds, because of the condition of our mission territories as a result of the war, the whole of this amount should be paid as soon as possible. There is a balance of \$1,200 yet due and much needed. Bishop Selcman has asked that every church in Arkansas pay all or as much as possible of the Benevolences before May 15th, the close of the fiscal year of the Board of Missions. YOU CAN HELP WINFIELD do what she ought to do by paying YOUR PLEDGE up to date as soon as possible. Please try to catch up NEXT SUNDAY—if impossible to do this, make a desperate effort by the first Sunday in May. If you do what you can, Winfield will do what she "MUST"—pay her benevolences in full by May 15th. Thank you.

Want To Teach?

In our Church School of more than a hundred teachers and assistants there is a constant need for new teachers. A training class designed to teach people how to teach will begin next Sunday morning, 10 a. m., and succeeding sessions will be at the regular Sunday School Hour. Dean Brothers of Little Rock Junior College will teach the introductory course on "Training." Phone the Church office, 2-1990, and say "I want to enroll in the teachers' training class."

METHODIST CHURCH

Christian Education

By HAL H. PINNELL

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Last Sunday 761
A Year Ago 670

Department Reports

	Pres.	On Time	Cont.	Stay
Jr. Hi	68	59	37	40
Sr. Hi	63	48	51	47
Y. P.	94	75	28	72

Adult Report

Hinton Class	56
Couples Class	46
Men's Class	45
Friendship Class	40
Jenkins Class	38
Fidelity Class	31
Wedding Ring Class	26
Ashby Class	20
Bullington Memorial Class	17
Young Men's Class	12

Total.....340

League Reports

Jr. Hi	6:30—26	Church 15
Sr. Hi	6:30—43	Church 31
Y. P.	6:30—96	Church 62
SUN. Eve. Club	6:30—22	Church 22

EVENING PROGRAMS—6:45 P. M.

Junior High Department: Leader, Dorothy Lee Mabrey; subject, "Ways of Worship."

Senior High Department: Leader, Miss Betty Jo Kinsolving; subject, "What Does The Cross Mean?"

Young People's Dept.: Leader, Mr. Roger Howard; subject, "Serving Our Community"—an open forum discussion on ways and means of serving our community through Christian methods.

Sunday Evening Club: Rev. S. F. Bryant, pastor of Pulaski Heights Presbyterian Church, speaker. Subject, "Is Prayer Subjective Or Objective, Or Both?"

TEACHER TRAINING CLASS

Our Teacher Training Class, taught by Dean E. Q. Brothers, will begin Sunday morning, 10:00 a. m. Enrollees will register with their own class or department and throughout the six weeks' period their attendance will be kept with their group. Enroll in this class for more effective service to your church.

YOUNG ADULT ASSEMBLY SUNDAY MORNING, 10:00 A. M.

All young adults of the church are asked to meet in the sanctuary Sunday morning for our first Young Adult Department Assembly. Mr. J. R. Henderson, our general superintendent, will direct the program, and matters of vital interest to this group of our Church School, will be presented.

GENERAL WORKERS COUNCIL, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30, 7:45 P. M.

All officers of adult classes, officers of departments and general officers of the Church School are expected to attend the Workers' Council Wednesday evening. Plans and activities for our Church School summer program will be considered.

Will YOU be one to RESOLVE TO BE PRESENT NEXT SUNDAY and BRING A FRIEND WITH YOU?